Children's Care-a-Van One Heartbeat | SETON FOUNDATIONS



For a rapidly accelerating number of Texas kids, Children's Care-a-Van is the only medical option.

When Seton Edgar B. Davis initiated the Children's Care-a-Van 15 years ago it was meant to serve the immediate medical needs of children in the community and to connect them to a medical home. We quickly realized that 90% of our patient population was on subsidized insurance or no insurance at all and had no primary care home. The Children's Care-a-Van is the only medical home for many families who need accessible, affordable, quality care. Over and over we see that our care for children allows our families to feel confident that their children are receiving the best care available, keeping them happy and healthy. At the Children's Care-a-Van, no child is ever turned away for inability to pay.

Because of the rising cost of living in Austin, there has been a huge migration of people (mostly low income families) to rural areas, specifically Caldwell County. Children's Care-a-Van is a vital safety net. We seek to create an endowment that will both stabilize the

program and increase the overall robustness of our services.

22.3

PERCENT

of children in Caldwell Country live under the poverty rate. More than twice the national average. 30

PERCENT

of people in Caldwell County have no health insurance. 14

PERCENT

growth in Caldwell County between 2010 and 2018 is double the national average.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Create a \$1.5M endowment which will fortify the long-term financial health of Children's Care-a-Van.

Increase the financial resilience of Children's Care-a-Van in order to meet the growing current, and projected future, demands for supporting our children's health.

A Care-a-Van Story

Saving Maribel. At the age of 15, Maribel was a happy, healthy teenager who



loved playing sports. On a routine exam through the Children's Care-A-Van—a service she used regularly— Tiffany, the lead Children's Care-A-Van provider, noticed a lump in Maribel's neck. She was sent for tests and the improbable happened—Maribel was diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

It was a shock to everyone—to Maribel, her pregnant mother, and to Tiffany. Maribel's endocrinologist recommended a thyroidectomy. While the surgery went smoothly, recovery was challenging. Her cancer and treatment caused nausea, fatigue and weight loss. Maribel was afraid she would never feel healthy again. Tiffany went above and beyond to address all of

Maribel's symptoms and fears, giving her hope and a sense of peace for a healthy future.

Today Maribel is 19, works in pharmacy, and has plans to become a radiology tech so she can help others touched by cancer. While she still experiences health effects and must take medication indefinitely, she's healthy and going after her dreams.

An endowment with heart. The Children's Healthcare Endowment at Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis will be established to ensure children in the Caldwell County area will continue to receive the highest level of medical care now, and for generations to come. This endowment is the primary source of long-term funding for programs including the Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis Care-a-Van.

Your gift will be invested into a pooled fund, and the original gift amount protected while distributions support the endowment's purpose. Investment earnings above distribution help the endowment value grow over time, to keep pace with inflation and maintain your endowment's spending power. Seton grants 4% of each endowment annually to support the purpose of the endowment while reinvesting the remaining earnings to grow the endowment.

The Children's Healthcare Endowment at Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis

- > The primary purpose will be to support operations and capital expenses for the Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis Children's Care-a-Van.
- > Will allow the use of corpus (principle funds) to purchase or replace a mobile unit (capital).

If this program no longer needs financial support these funds will be used for pediatric healthcare for patients in Caldwell County and the surrounding rural communities.