

2025 Impact Report

World-Class Care, Right Here at Home



Ascension Seton
Hays Foundation

Dear friends and supporters,

As the new Executive Director of the Ascension Seton Hays Foundation and as the incoming Board Chair, we are filled with immense gratitude and admiration for all those who have dedicated a part of their lives to fulfill the vision of Ascension—to answer God’s call to bring health, healing, and hope to all.

Thank you for your unwavering support for the Ascension Seton Hays Foundation, supporting Ascension Seton Hays, Ascension Seton Southwest, Ascension Seton Bastrop, Ascension Seton Smithville, and Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis. Your partnership has been instrumental in allowing us to diligently pursue our mission of providing compassionate, world-class care to our communities right here at home.

We are incredibly excited about the future and the continued opportunity to grow and innovate, ensuring that Ascension Seton remains a beacon of health, healing, and hope for all.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings to you and yours,



Julie Barschow
Executive Director
Ascension Seton Hays Foundation

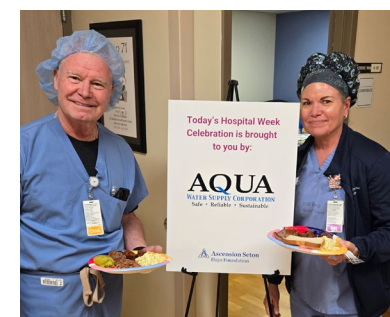


Michelle M. López, PhD
Board Chair
Ascension Seton Hays Foundation

Your gifts to Ascension Seton Hays Foundation improve healthcare across Hays, Caldwell, Bastrop, and Travis Counties.

For 16 years, Ascension Seton Hays has grown alongside our community, serving as both safety net and innovation hub – pioneering Hays County’s first open heart and brain surgeries. As the needs of our community change, philanthropy enables us to respond swiftly. **As patient visits have surged 25% over five years, your support ensures that our hospital is not just good, but great.**

Your generosity brings healing closer to home for our rural neighbors. Our **Children’s Care-A-Van** has provided pediatric care to Caldwell County’s most underserved areas for 22 years. **Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis** provides critical healthcare access as the sole hospital serving Caldwell County. In Bastrop County, your gifts provide **Ascension Seton Smithville and Bastrop** with advanced equipment. Philanthropy ensures residents in rural areas can receive sophisticated care without lengthy travel.



Funds also support our dedicated caregivers. The **Caring for the Caregiver** program provides snacks, meals and heartfelt appreciation to those who pour their energy into healing others. Together, we’re building healthier communities, one patient, one family, one caregiver at a time.



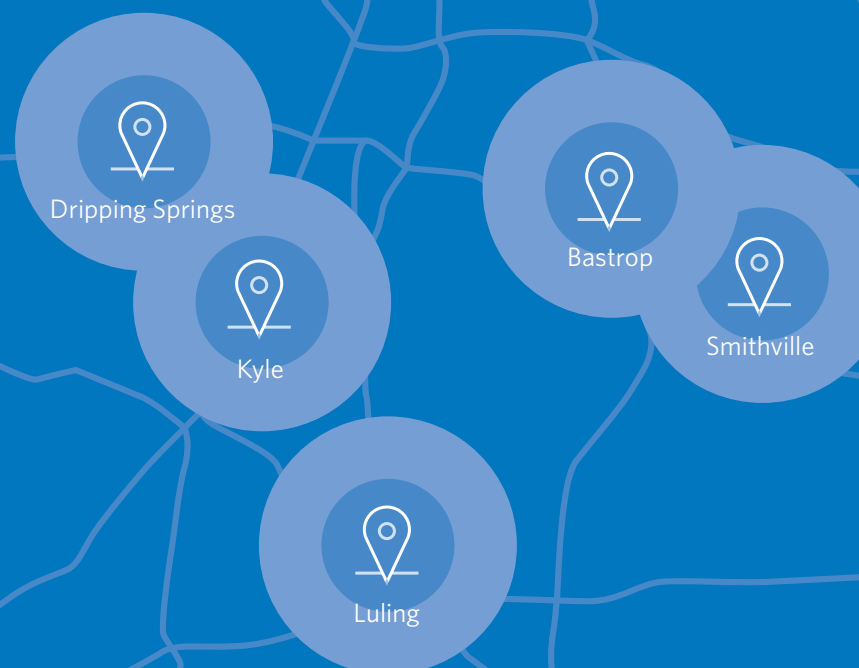
“They were very straightforward and didn’t just fix my heart—they made sure I understood my health and how to take care of myself moving forward. I liked that they were on a mission to help cure people.”

—Frank Ayala, heart attack patient



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With Donor Support, We Deliver High-Quality Care to the Community



As the only Level II Trauma Center between Austin and San Antonio, Ascension Seton Hays has seen a 20% surge in ED visits. To meet this demand, the **Ascension Seton Hays Foundation provided more than \$280,000 in generous donations to support a renovation project**, which is optimizing patient flow and safety. This enhanced environment ensures our clinical teams can perform at their best during high-acuity emergencies—like the one that saved 35-year-old Nick.

After collapsing from cardiac arrest at home, Nick was rushed to the Hays ED while his wife began CPR. Because the team had planned and trained for advanced emergencies, they were able to determine the issue with Nick’s heart and prepare him for life-saving ECMO treatment as a specialized team traveled from Austin. Those critical minutes mattered. Nick survived and returned home to his wife and child.

Nick’s story reflects the impact of donor support—helping the Emergency Department keep pace with growth and deliver timely, high-quality care when our community needs it most.



Together, we deliver award-winning care

Ascension Seton Hays

**Best Hospitals for Maternity Care,
Heart Attack and Heart Failure**

by U.S. News & World Report

5-Star Designation

*from CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services), placing it in the top 10%*

Top 100 Hospitals in the Nation

by Premier, Inc.

Ascension Seton Smithville

Critical Access Hospital

*from CMS, strengthening the future of rural healthcare
in our community*

Ascension Seton Edgar B. Davis

Pathway to Excellence

*from the American Nurses Credentialing, honoring
hospitals that support nurses in delivering better care
for patients*



**“I believe that I have been deeply
blessed in my life and with those
blessings comes a responsibility,
a calling, to give back. Giving back
is not just an act of service; for me
it’s a way to express gratitude for
all I’ve received.”**

—Stacey Lynch, Ascension Seton Hays Foundation
Board Member and Hospital Volunteer

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of your impact**



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