

# 2020 Annual Impact Report



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## Summit Medical Group Foundation's Mission

Summit Medical Group Foundation is committed to improving access to healthcare for the underserved in our communities, educating and inspiring future healthcare providers and promoting the courage, confidence and emotional well-being of individuals and their families facing cancer.

This report gratefully acknowledges gifts received between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the listings in this report. We regret any errors. Please notify Gail Pester, Director of Development and Communications, at [GPester@SMG-Foundation.org](mailto:GPester@SMG-Foundation.org) of any inaccuracies or omissions. Thank you!

*This year's SMGF Annual Impact Report celebrates the sacrifices, dedication and optimism of thousands of individuals who made 2020 bearable. Each spread of the report is printed with an uplifting background color with a white glow of hope emanating from the top.*



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## Dear Friends,

It seems an understatement to say 2020 was QUITE a year! But I think it's fair to say that no one could have anticipated the turmoil, heartache and sadness that would fill the spaces during those 365 days.

For all the unrest that 2020 brought, I'm proud to say that Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) supplied hope, comfort, healing and encouragement. We are not an organization that simply has a mission. We are an organization that lives our mission. Everyone deserves a healthy tomorrow and this year, we worked harder than ever to ensure we could help deliver that.

Rolling out our flagship programs was challenging during a pandemic, but with the support of our brave volunteers, generous community partners and the kindness of all of you, we were able to carry on - safely - despite COVID-19. Our Healthy Tomorrows programs were more critical this year than ever before. In addition to offering free health screenings and education, working to change diets and lifestyle behaviors, we were also providing free COVID-19 tests, along with counseling, health and safety education, personal protective equipment and more.

Through our Comfort Project, we continued to find creative ways to support our cancer patients and families. Virtual activities took the place of in-person ones, but we never lost sight of the care, comfort and compassion that our participants have come to rely on.

Thank you for being a part of the SMGF family. We hope that as you read through the articles in this report, you will truly feel the positive impact of your support. We couldn't do any of this without you.

Be well. Stay safe.

**Joe Finocchiaro**

Executive Director, Summit Medical Group Foundation







# THANKS TO THE COVID-19 WARRIORS!

## From the President:

2020 was certainly a year like no other. We all faced times of great stress, fear of the unknown, worry about our health and the health of our family and friends. For many of us, it was also a time to reflect on what we are grateful for in our own lives.

I am especially grateful to the staff of Summit Medical Group Foundation and all of our volunteers, who were there, and continue to be there, to help those in our community who truly need our help the most. While many of us were frustrated with stay at home orders, unable to attend celebrations and other life events, to travel or to dine out, there were so many others who were faced with working jobs that put them at risk, or worse, losing their jobs, contending with sub-optimal living conditions, with deep concerns about their access to food and healthcare. It quickly became apparent that the disparities in healthcare that have long existed were amplified by the pandemic – evidenced by the significant higher mortality rates from COVID-19 among the Black/African American and Latino population in the communities we serve.

When the pandemic first became widespread, SMGF collected personal protective equipment, including thousands of handmade, donated masks, and personal hygiene products to deliver to people in our communities who did not have access to these basic items. Foundation staff created info cards explaining use of masks, social distancing and handwashing. We used our mobile unit to deliver food to those who were not able to safely make it to food pantries. We continued our Food, Health, Hope Program, by first reaching out to our participants through telephone calls and video calls to offer encouragement and advice, and then as soon as restrictions were lifted, resuming in person screenings for diabetes and hypertension as well as education to ensure our participants stayed on track with their health goals. Many participants expressed their gratitude that we did not give up on this program despite the pandemic, especially as it highlighted how important it is to maintain good health. This year, our health screenings and health education were more important than ever.

In addition, through the help of a generous grant we were able to offer free COVID-19 tests in a trusted environment where access to testing might otherwise not have been accessed. Our SMGF staff and volunteers were boots on the ground offering testing, education, safety information and, most importantly, a message that we care.

On behalf of SMGF, we are so very grateful for your support whether it was through your donations or through the time you took to volunteer. We demonstrated to the community that SMGF will be there when they need us the most.

Thank you for helping us create a healthier tomorrow for all of our neighbors. Our commitment to you, and to the community, is that we will continue to make a positive impact in 2021 and beyond.

In good health,

  
**Rebecca Levy, Esq.**  
President, Summit Medical Group Foundation

## #WeAreAllInThisTogether

From making face masks and shields, to donating socks and meals, Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) has been overwhelmed by the strength and support shown by the local community. Your donations have had an enormous impact, keeping spirits up, keeping people safe and reminding everyone #WeAreAllInThisTogether.

And together, we will beat this virus! A HUGE heartfelt THANK YOU to all the individuals and organizations who have contributed to SMGF's COVID-19 Community Relief Fund and to those who have donated their time and energy to helping SMGF help so many in need.

### SMGF'S ARMY OF TIRELESS MASK MAKERS AND PPE PROVIDERS:

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	Kathleen Hands	Linda Monetti		Watchung Residents

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During a global pandemic, every effort, every donation, every kind word helps.  
Thank you to all the COVID-19 Warriors!





# 2020 was an Unusual Year A GLOBAL PANDEMIC CHANGED EVERYTHING

Shortly after the start to the new year, a global pandemic swept across the world, changing everything. 2020 was destined to be an unusual year.

Summit Medical Group Foundation was faced with a challenge: How do you continue to help the underserved during a pandemic, while also keeping everyone safe from contracting the virus? SMGF's Healthy Tomorrows Community Outreach programs serve predominantly low-income, food insecure Black/African American and Latino adults, living with diabetes, pre-diabetes, hypertension and obesity. More than one-third are over 60 years old. These characteristics match the demographics identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as being at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. In fact, COVID-19 has

been killing diabetes patients at alarming rates (*Reuters*). SMGF recognized the need to spring into action, and with the help of incredibly generous Summit Medical Group (SMG) healthcare providers, that's precisely what happened. "We knew it was critical to continue being in our most vulnerable communities to help our neighbors," explained **Pamela Singer, SMGF Director of Community Engagement.**

SMGF started by collecting desperately needed personal protective equipment (PPE) and hygiene materials and delivering them to food pantries so they could stay open. Keeping food pantry leaders protected was critical so that the food distribution channels they operated could continue in a time when people needed them more than ever. SMGF created and distributed educational information about the importance of social distancing, directions for proper hand washing,

tips for managing stress through personal calls and flyers in three languages, and helped clients determine which food pantries near them were open and when.

Because of the strong correlation between mental health and physical health, SMGF began using phone calls to help strengthen participants' resolve, encouraging them to stay on track with their health goals,



properly manage existing diabetes and hypertension and offer hope when it was nowhere to be found. One client expressed her gratitude, "... you have an excellent program. I appreciate that under COVID-19 you kept in contact... I personally appreciate that you have someone to explain it in our own language because even at some doctor's offices they don't take their time and talk



to us like you do." SMGF volunteers were even able to help provide healthcare referrals via phone, when needed.

In a creative pivot, SMGF used the mobile medical unit to help deliver food to people who couldn't safely come to the food pantries. And not to forget SMG staff and volunteers, SMGF also delivered meals, snacks and PPE to the frontline workers who needed it, giving them a boost (safely) so that they could continue helping people in the community.

SMGF didn't stop there. As soon as it was legally permitted, staff and volunteers were out at food pantries across the community conducting health screenings, in full PPE and socially distanced from each other, providing healthcare access to people who may not otherwise have received it. For people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, hypertension and obesity, managing their chronic disease is critical in order to help prevent severe complications from COVID-19. And, in part from a generous grant from the **Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey**, SMGF was able to conduct COVID-19 testing at partner food pantries free of charge.

"Chronic conditions such as diabetes, obesity and heart disease increase the risk for COVID complications as well as mortality," said **Dr. Ashish Parikh, Chief Quality Officer at Summit Medical Group-City MD.** "Conversely, because of fear of con-

tracting COVID, many folks have delayed care for their chronic conditions, increasing risk of poor control and complications from the conditions. And the prevalence of both COVID and many chronic conditions is higher in the underserved population. Thus the work of SMGF in identifying and managing diabetes as well as screening for COVID have taken on great importance during this crisis."

2020 has been trying for everyone! Parents have become teachers. Teachers have become technology wizards. And all of us are doing the very best we can to help one another. SMGF will continue to do its part, helping the underserved communities return to a state of good health. Whether through virus or antibody testing, contact tracing, education or additional health interventions yet to be determined, SMGF pledges to meet the needs of the community and ensure a healthier tomorrow.

**SMGF extends a heartfelt thank you to all of the amazing SMG volunteers who have risked their lives to make a positive impact in the community. Without them, none of this would have been possible.**





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: DR. SARAH SHELL: MASKS, MAKERS AND MEDICINE

When New Jersey residents were first ordered to shelter-in-place due to the rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus, **Dr. Sarah Shell** found it hard to stay put, even though she knew it was the right thing to do to keep her family and the community safe. Staying put paid off. She soon found herself fighting the spread of COVID-19 right from her kitchen table.

As a dentist with an extensive fashion design background, Shell quickly realized she was in the unique position of both wearing a mask professionally and being able to construct a mask on her own. *"Early on in the pandemic there was a fear that there would be a shortage of N95 and surgical masks for hospitals and frontline workers,"* said Shell, *"and through my design network I heard of sewers coming together to make 'masks for masks' to wear over N95 masks to allow for reuse."*



**Civil Air Patrol**  
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

She quickly connected with the **New York City Face Mask Initiative** (NYCFMI) of **alternew** (a sustainable fashion company) that was distributing mask materials and supplies to sewers throughout the New York metro area. While waiting for her first set of materials to arrive, Shell posted on her hometown Watchung NJ Facebook group to see if anyone nearby was interested in helping.

The response was overwhelming! Within 24 hours, Shell received hundreds of comments on her post and acquired a small army of mask-makers right in her neighborhood. They got to work and with the help of NYCFMI, they soon had sewn hundreds of masks to distribute to frontline healthcare workers and the Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF). Word spread and soon the **Civil Air Patrol U.S. Air Force Auxiliary** teamed up with Shell and her group, helping create masks for high-risk Summit Medical Group patients.

Once the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began recommending that everyone wear a mask, the need for Shell's hand-sewn masks grew tremendously. SMGF quickly learned that many of their food pantry partners desperately needed masks to continue operating safely – for both the people handing out food and the people receiving it. Shell didn't miss a beat in meeting that

need, immediately committing to supply pantry workers and clients with hand sewn masks that could be washed and reused again and again.

Shell's tireless efforts in perfecting mask patterns, organizing supply chains and sewers and connecting organizations resulted in the donation of more than 2,000 masks to SMGF. The masks have been distributed to frontline healthcare workers, vulnerable patients and to local food pantries. Shell estimated that it took a team of about seven people to get a mask to someone who needed it, but the masks helped so many more than just those who ultimately wore them. *"In the end it's not just the mask wearer who is helped through this effort,"* reflected Shell. *"Keeping hands and minds busy throughout this crisis has really been medicine for the mask makers as well as the recipients."*



## GRANT FROM HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDES COVID-19 TESTING IN ESSEX COUNTY

Peace of mind. That's what the **Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey** offered by providing a grant for COVID-19 testing in Essex County. Armed with the grant, Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) immediately went into action, working with Summit Medical Group to secure rapid antigen tests to use with the underserved populations who were participating in the Food, Health, Hope program (FHH) and frequenting local food pantries. FHH partners with the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and local food pantries to help change behaviors and lifestyles, improve health and save lives for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, hypertension and obesity.

*"We kept hearing from our FHH clients that they couldn't get tested and at the time, the rate of COVID-19 infection was relatively high,"* explained **Anna Trautwein, RN, Clinical Director of Programs and Community Wellness at SMGF**. *"We knew we needed the rapid antigen tests because we wanted to be able to communicate the results right away to the clients we work with, providing them counseling and information on the spot."* SMGF started COVID-19 testing

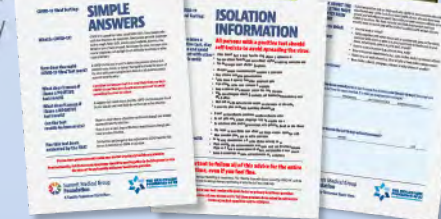
at food pantries in Essex County where there were strong relationships with both the food pantry leadership and the participants. The trust that had been built over the years was critical to this community effort.



**THE HEALTHCARE  
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*founded by the Jewish community*

In addition to the people who were enrolled in FHH, SMGF began noticing new faces at the food pantries where the program was taking place. Due to the pandemic, people who had not needed a food pantry before, were now needing one. SMGF was there to help.

With safety top of mind, SMGF immediately implemented rigorous health and safety protocols at each screening to keep the community safe. Participants could see the extra efforts being made to keep them safe – all staff was in full personal protective equipment for the duration of the outdoor screenings, social distancing was in effect for all clients and an intense disinfecting protocol took place for each folding chair and table-top between clients. Participants continuously expressed their appreciation.



*"Thank you for cleaning for us. Thank you for risking your life to come out and take care of us."* Though FHH participants had always been extremely grateful for their care, Trautwein said, *"it just bubbled out of them during this experience and it made me realize the impact we were making, providing support and education, as well as health screenings."*

Everyone who was tested for COVID-19 received a slew of helpful information and materials, including:

- **Informative results, describing the type of test that was performed and the result;**
- **Counseling on the results, with encouragement to share them with a healthcare provider - this also allowed SMGF to confirm that participants had a healthcare provider and to provide them with a list of local resources, if they did not;**
- **Infection prevention guidelines, including how to wear a mask and take it off properly;**
- **A washable cloth face mask; and**
- **Tips for healthy stress management during a pandemic, with information on access to additional outlets for assistance.**

For people who tested positive, SMGF also provided safety instructions on next steps/proper isolation, information on potential symptoms, preparation on contact tracing so that they could begin writing down anyone they had been in contact with and additional encouragement to contact their healthcare provider.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: ANYONE CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE – ESPECIALLY KIDS!

During a global pandemic, it can be very difficult to find good news. **Dr. Sheila Nadiminti** and her family decided to change that. Over dinner one night, Dr. Nadiminti and her husband, **Dr. Hari Nadiminti**, who is on the board of Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF), were brainstorming ideas with their three children about what they could do to help people being impacted by COVID-19. **Ajay** (a second grader) and **Priya** (a first grader) had an idea – what about a chess tournament? From there, the wheels were in motion.

The family, realizing that most extracurricular activities had been cancelled for the foreseeable future, decided to create an online chess tournament to raise money for a charitable cause. “Both kids love chess and have been playing it for the past two years,” explained Dr. Nadiminti. “Chess is one activity that they could still do online amid other

activities getting cancelled.” They contacted the children’s chess teacher, **Seun Bisiriyu**, from Do Re Mi School of Arts and Music in Livingston, who loved the idea.

The online chess tournament took place this spring, where children in kindergarten through sixth grade competed for \$20/child. They worked with principals at nearby public and private schools to help get the word out to students. Since it was an online tournament, it wasn’t limited by numbers. The family was thrilled to have over 60 participants, from local towns including Livingston, Summit, Short Hills and Chatham.

“We donated the money to SMGF,” said Dr. Nadiminti, whose family is treated at Summit Medical Group and volunteers frequently with the Foundation. “It’s a cause that we really believe in. Over the past few years, we’ve seen the impact the Foundation has had on the community with our own eyes,”

she shared. Ajay and Priya wanted the money to be used to buy protective equipment for those working to fight COVID-19. “Healthcare workers are at the forefront of fighting this pandemic,” explained Dr. Nadiminti. “The whole staff – nurses, janitors, urgent care workers, EMS, doctors – they are true heroes risking their own lives to help others every day. Given the situation, we felt this was a natural cause to donate to.”

The top three winners of the tournament received a trophy (via mail). But even beyond the trophy, all of the kids who participated were winners. Dr. Nadiminti reminded us of a quote from Mahātmā Gandhi that her family holds dear, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” All of these children are actively working together to make a positive change. And that is something we can all be proud about, regardless of the evolving landscape we find ourselves in each day.



## SMGF COVID-19 COMMUNITY RELIEF FUND: HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Last spring, the rapid spread of COVID-19 brought community challenges that were unimaginable. Many frontline workers did not have the option to stay home or social distance. In order to provide for their families, they were putting themselves at risk each and every day, often working two and three service industry jobs.

Thanks to the support of the community, Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) was able to start the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund to help those in need. The fund has provided personal protective equipment (including masks, eye protectors, and gloves), soap and sanitizers to food pantry workers and clientele, and others in the community in need. In addition, SMGF was able to go to underserved communities and test people for COVID, making sure they stayed healthy. “It’s been so inspiring to see how the community has rallied around this issue,” exclaimed **Joe Finocchiaro, Executive Director, SMGF**. “This pandemic has really highlighted the health disparities in the community. We’re glad we could do something to help.”

SMGF is grateful to everyone who contributed to the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund, banding together to help those in need during a crisis. Thank you! There’s one thing this pandemic has taught us – we’re all in this together.

## BROADWAY STARS COME TOGETHER FOR HILARIOUS HYGIENE VIDEO: *Omigod You Guys!* SANITIZE!

Ever sing the ABC song while washing your hands to ensure you’ve sanitized for long enough? The original cast of Broadway’s *Legally Blonde - The Musical* created a better ditty to sing in their PSA reminding people how to properly sanitize during COVID-19! In the peppy YouTube video, Elle uses a FaceTime call to remind her Delta Nu sisters to sanitize during the pandemic – providing a great reason to see this amazing original cast reunite.

The video commemorated the show’s opening night, 13 years ago, and helped raise funds for SMGF’s COVID-19 Relief Fund. Bravo to our Broadway friends!

To see the video:  
[www.smgf-foundation.org/omg-you-guys-sanitize](http://www.smgf-foundation.org/omg-you-guys-sanitize)





# HEALTHY TOMORROWS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY DURING A PANDEMIC

Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) has been working with the community as part of the Healthy Tomorrows Community Outreach program for several years. The program is essential to SMGF's mission of improving access to healthcare for the underserved in the community and has brought positive results throughout northern New Jersey.

At times this year, SMGF could not operate some of the Healthy Tomorrows Community Outreach programs due to the pandemic. However, rising to the challenge of COVID-19, SMGF found new ways to help clients continue to manage their diabetes and high blood pressure during stressful times.

When lockdowns prevented SMGF from visiting the food pantry partners in the

Healthy Tomorrows programs, including Food, Health, Hope (FHH), SMGF healthcare providers checked in on clients via phone to ensure they were ok. They used the mobile medical unit to help distribute food to those in need during a time when getting out to the grocery store seemed unsafe. And as soon as it was legal to do so, SMGF was out in the community in full personal protective equipment, ensuring people who may otherwise not have access to healthcare were getting it. Finally, with a grant from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, SMGF began COVID-19 testing at food pantries in Essex County.

This year, the healthcare volunteers from SMGF put their lives at risk to donate

their time to these incredible programs. SMGF is so grateful for their dedication, service and care.

In addition, SMGF thanks our community partners for their enduring support of these programs. For Healthy Tomorrows, gratitude to: **BD, Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, Margaret A. Darrin Charitable Trust** and **The Provident Bank Foundation**; and for FHH, our appreciation goes out to: **American Medical Association Foundation, Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation** and **The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey**.

SMGF is working hard to create a healthier tomorrow for the community. With your support, we'll continue looking after each other year after year.



# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: A ONE STOP SHOP TO NURTURE THE ENTIRE FAMILY

When you think of the word "grace," you may think of kindness, elegance and even a blessing. In Summit, New Jersey, GRACE is a food pantry. It stands for Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials. In a sense, it is the exact definition of grace. The blessings it provides to its clients are pronounced. "We offer nutrient-dense fresh foods each week (even during the pandemic), but we're also really proud to offer financial assistance clinics, tenants' rights seminars, nutrition classes and of course, regular health screenings through the partnership with the Summit Medical Group Foundation," explained **Amanda Parrish Block, Founder and Director of GRACE**.

GRACE works hard to reach people, fulfilling all aspects of their needs. Though their focus is on providing healthy food - Block says the food offerings at GRACE mirror what she feeds her own family - they realize communities need so much more than that. They offer puzzles, family-

board games, Halloween costumes, socially distanced "Sunday Fun Day" with free art, music and science experiments. Before the pandemic, they even provided piano lessons and childcare.

**"We can lift the burden from people's shoulders so they don't have to make difficult choices each week. They can feed their family - well - and have money for prescriptions, light bills, all those important things. That helps people's overall stress, which is also a health issue."**

**AMANDA PARRISH BLOCK**  
FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF GRACE

Recently, GRACE has seen their numbers soar. They started serving around 100, then 125, then 175 and 250 families. Within six weeks of the pandemic, they were up to serving 500 families a week. And it makes sense. Block shared that four out of every 10 food bank recipients are new to food insecurity. The pandemic is wreaking havoc on people's livelihood and therefore, their lives. "People are malnourished," Block explained. "They don't have food that enhances their health." What's more, she said, is that "adequate, affordable, medical care is still a luxury in

our community." That's where Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) comes in.

Through this partnership, SMGF is able to offer free health screenings and education with a focus on detecting pre-diabetes, diabetes, hypertension and obesity. "SMGF comes and empowers people," Block said with a smile. "The clinicians allow people to be more proactive in their health outlook and personal choices. SMGF understands the culture. They know how to relate to people." And right now, that makes all the difference.

SMGF has also been able to provide COVID-19 testing during the pandemic. Block declared, "The relief from the COVID testing is a game changer. It allows people to go to work safely. It allows people to know that help is here." And after all, isn't that what "grace" is all about?



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# FOOD, HEALTH, HOPE 3.0 - NOW MORE THAN EVER. CHANGING LIVES. SAVING LIVES.

When Food, Health, Hope (FHH) was created to screen low-income, food insecure adults at local food pantries for chronic conditions of diabetes and hypertension, we could not have anticipated the threats these diseases would bring with the arrival of COVID-19. We did anticipate that we would identify high rates of diabetes, and that we could make a difference by bringing together the expertise of Summit Medical Group (SMG) and the outreach capacity of Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF).

Nearly three years later, we have documented the high rates of diabetes, pre-diabetes, hypertension and obesity among pantry participants at 9 pantries in Essex, Passaic and Union counties—including nearly half who were not aware that they had these conditions. Many lacked access to resources to empower them to better understand and manage their health. Now, over 80% of those meeting eligibility requirements have chosen to enroll in FHH.

FHH evolved based on experiences, independent evaluation, and, in 2020, the impact of the pandemic. In keeping with SMGF's mission "to improve access to healthcare for the underserved in our communities," FHH has continued screening and rescreening under challenging conditions: outdoors, in all sorts of weather, observing pandemic guidelines to ensure safety of participants, staff and volunteers. And our participation has never been higher. Results of screening, monitoring of health goals, encouragement and coping in order to make appropriate referrals are provided either in person, or by telephone follow-up.

As recently as December, 2020, the CDC posted "We do know that older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like obesity, diabetes, or heart or lung disease are at higher risk for developing more serious complications when they have COVID-19."



## PARTICIPANTS IN FHH RECEIVE BENEFITS TO CHANGE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIORS IN ORDER TO TAKE CONTROL OF IMPROVING THEIR HEALTH:

- ✓ Quarterly health screenings
- ✓ Development of individual health goals
- ✓ Multi-specialty screening of feet and eyes, areas which can be impacted by complications from diabetes
- ✓ Nutrition, disease prevention and management and healthy lifestyle education
- ✓ Twice monthly supplements of diabetes-appropriate foods in addition to normal food pantry distribution

This year, a significant change was made in the FHH eligibility criteria. In addition to individuals with prediabetes or diabetes, the program was expanded to include those with hypertension or a Body Mass Index over 30, who are also at risk for diabetes based on a CDC risk test. According to the American Heart Association, almost 80% of Black/African American adults living with high blood pressure do not have it controlled to goal, placing them at increased risk of heart attack and stroke. "We simply could not ignore this group because they do not have diabetes" noted **Anna Trautwein, RN, SMGF's Clinical Director of Programs and Community Wellness.** Over the past 2 years, numerous individuals with levels of hypertension requiring urgent care have been identified. Most have required new medications prescribed or adjustments to their medication regimen made. Several have been admitted for inpatient care, further validating the significance of the screening in having life-saving impact.

"There are so many people in our own very close community that we work and live in that have a lot of needs," expressed **Dr. Marco Ucciferri, SMG Podiatric Surgeon and FHH volunteer.** "FHH allows us to give back to the community." FHH has also allowed SMGF clinical staff and SMG volunteers to become a trusted and regular presence at food pantries throughout the year. Since the

pandemic has eliminated in-person group education, one-on-one coaching, encouragement, support and referrals have been provided by telephone this year.

The program's partner, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, brings an important component to FHH's success: providing supplemental diabetes appropriate foods in addition to normal food pantry distribution. One participant described how the program was helping with positive life changes: "...[FHH] taught me a lot of

what is good for me. How to better monitor blood sugar and blood pressure. [It's] taught me to supplement with fruits and veggies and how to have better portion control."

Each year of FHH, SMGF has contracted with independent evaluators to analyze outcomes of interventions. The results demonstrate the success of the program. Eighty-four percent of participants improved in one or more measured health indicator values (HbA1c, blood pressure, BMI) and 95% reported making positive behavior changes as a result of the program. What's more, even though nearly 46% said COVID-19 made it harder to properly take care of themselves due to their fears about the pandemic, the overall percentage who improved was sustained - even after the onset of the pandemic.

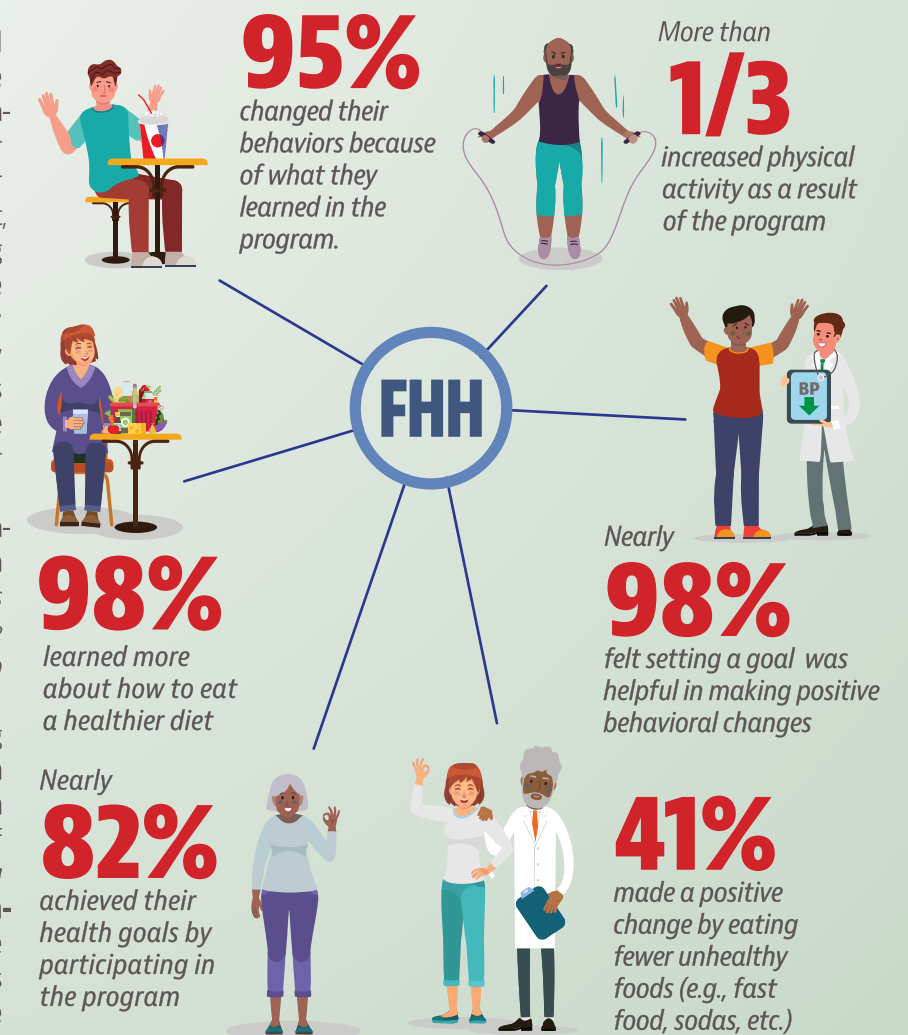
Participants were grateful for the additional care and motivated to continue their own success: "What I really appreciate the most is how well they took care of me during the pandemic, with food delivery and the check-up calls. The program was fantastic."

FHH is made possible by grant funding from the **American Medical Association Foundation, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey**, the philanthropic arm of **Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation**, and through the generous support of SMGF's individual and corporate donors. Our work is also

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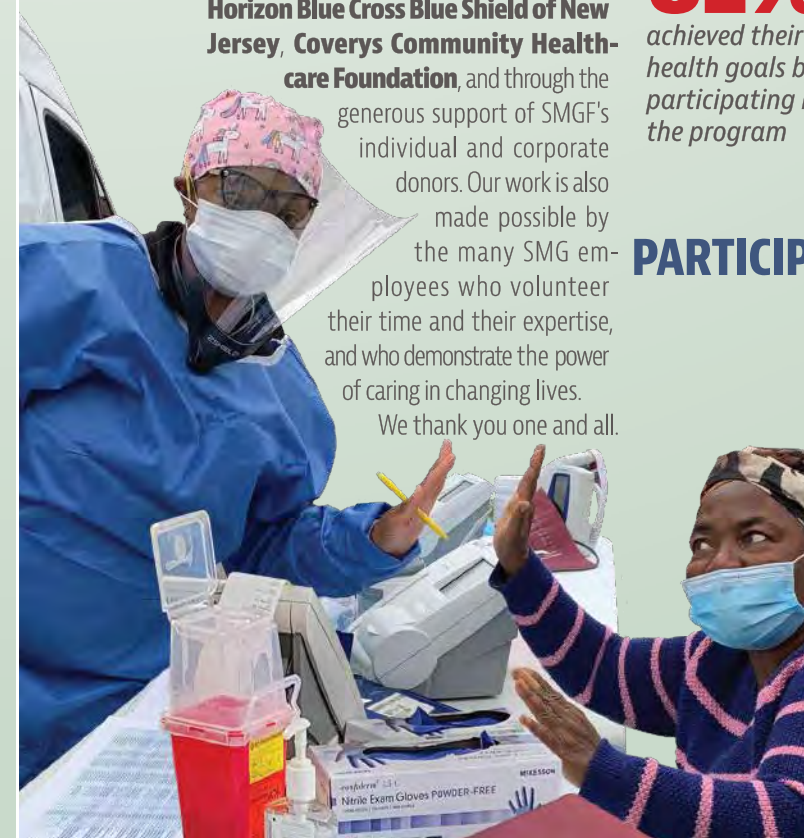
## STRONG SUCCESS: FHH IN 2020



## PARTICIPATING FHH FOOD PANTRIES:

St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth  
Solid Rock Baptist Food Pantry in Irvington  
Deeper Life Bible Church in Irvington  
Canaan Baptist Church in Newark  
Eben-Ezer Food Pantry in Newark

Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges in Orange  
SDA Church of the Oranges in Orange  
Father English Community Center in Paterson  
Greater Refuge Church Food Pantry in Plainfield





## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: HORIZON FOUNDATION FOR NEW JERSEY WORKS TIRELESSLY TO MAKE NEW JERSEY A HEALTHIER PLACE

In 2004, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey created a foundation – The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey – to improve the health and quality of life of New Jersey residents by supporting nonprofit organizations that align with this mission. “We aim to improve our neighbors’ health, inform their health decisions and empower them to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives,” clarified **Filomena Machleder, Senior Program Officer** at the Foundation.

Perhaps this is why The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey has invested **more than \$62 million** in grants that support the health and wellbeing of New Jersey residents, since 2004. Community is a word that truly means something to the organization. In fact, embedded in their mission is a mandate to increase access to quality healthcare for all New Jersey residents. For close to 20 years, they’ve been working tirelessly to achieve health equity in the community where they live and work.

In 2021, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey will focus on two new areas: mental and behavioral health (e.g., anxiety, depression and suicide prevention) and social determinants of health (e.g., socioeconomic and employment status, education and social



support networks). The pandemic has magnified the need for true commitment in these areas and the Foundation is determined to help make a positive impact. They provide grants to other nonprofits who are developing evidence-based programs to help combat these issues as well as obesity and opioid prevention and education. And that’s where the partnership with Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) fits like a puzzle piece.

Machleder explained, “Like us, SMGF strives to serve the communities they live and work in.

*“Their support is so much more than financial; they’re like family to us. They’re a partner we can call on to seek advice. Their employees come out to volunteer at FHH events. They go above and beyond in every aspect.”*

**JOE FINOCCHIARO**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SMGF

*They know how to forge strong community partnerships that are needed to support the programs they are implementing and achieve positive outcomes. SMGF is a great example of a strong community partner.”*

The partnership between the two organizations is long-standing. The Foundation supported SMGF’s Go! Asthma Action Program in 2016 to help reduce the impact of undiagnosed and/or untreated asthma in low-income children in northern New Jersey, as well as the current Food, Health, Hope (FHH) program. FHH works to identify food pantry clients who have pre-diabetes, diabetes, hypertension or obesity, providing them access to healthcare they may not otherwise have.

And because of their dedication to the community, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey has been laser focused on making a positive impact through their generous grants to other nonprofits and incredible employee volunteer efforts.

**Joe Finocchiaro, Executive Director of SMGF** added, “The Foundation is deeply committed to the state of New Jersey. We are so grateful for their continued support, but more importantly, New Jersey is fortunate to have their help.”

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION BUOYING THOSE IN NEED FOR 70 YEARS AND COUNTING

The American Medical Association Foundation (AMAF) has been around for 70 years. In that time, they’ve been uber focused on bringing together physicians and communities to improve the nation’s health. Not only do they provide grants to organizations fulfilling similar missions on the ground, but they also support tomorrow’s healthcare leaders with scholarships and leadership development. They live and breathe health equity, working hard to buoy those people who fall through the cracks to ensure they, too, have their fundamental health needs met.

“Everybody deserves good healthcare and shouldn’t be left behind,” expressed **Emily Demko, AMAF Program Manager**. This belief is one of the reasons the AMAF has had a long-standing partnership with Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF). The AMAF has supported SMGF’s Food, Health, Hope (FHH) since its inception. Demko went on to say, “SMGF has centered itself as such a trusted



*resource for its community. The connection they have to the community is both inspiring and humbling.”*

The AMAF says these programs are incredibly impactful. Not only are they helping meet people’s basic needs, but they also proactively address clients’ health and provide education on how to live a healthier life. “It ripples out and affects the community at every level,” Demko explained. “The program reduces stress, it improves health by providing a more balanced diet, it helps financially.” The AMAF

*“The program reduces stress, it improves health by providing a more balanced diet, it helps financially.”*

**EMILY DEMKO**  
AMAF PROGRAM MANAGER

also appreciates the fact that FHH meets people where they are. It alleviates the burden of needing to travel to an additional place for health and wellness.

The AMAF funds multiple organizations across the country who work hard to battle similar health challenges in their own communities. Once a month, they assemble all 10 organizations to facilitate a check-in among the groups, with open discussion for best practices. With the AMAF’s leadership, the monthly meetings turned out to provide an incredible opportunity to share resources. Demko added, “We’re creating a resource, an exchange of ideas that extends much beyond grant awarding. It’s been a privilege to connect these people.”

The philosophy of the AMAF is clearly reflected in the way they view their grantees. “Our biggest achievements are when we can highlight the success of those we partner with,” said **Parker Lanigan, AMAF Manager, Advancement**. “It inspires us.”





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: DR. UCCIFERRI PUTS FHH PARTICIPANTS AT EASE, ONE FOOT AT A TIME

When people think about diabetes, they typically think about blood sugar. Foot health is generally not top of mind, but **Dr. Marco Ucciferri, Summit Medical Group Podiatric Surgeon**, works hard to ensure people recognize the connection. He volunteers at Summit Medical Group Foundation's Food, Health, Hope (FHH) program, a collaboration with the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and northern New Jersey food pantries with a common goal: to identify food pantry clients who have pre-diabetes, diabetes, hypertension or obesity to change behaviors and lifestyles, resulting in reduced hospitalizations and lives saved.

Participants in FHH receive health screenings in bodily areas affected by diabetes, including feet and eyes. People with diabetes can develop a variety of foot problems and even simple issues

can quickly get worse and turn into serious issues. About half of people with diabetes experience some sort

of neuropathy, or nerve damage. Neuropathy in legs and feet are the most often affected. *"The connection for feet and diabetes is that diabetics can have problems with their feet where they don't have sensation,"* explained Dr. Ucciferri. *"That can lead to infection, amputation, loss of limbs and honestly - loss of life."*

Dr. Ucciferri says people can be uncomfortable talking about problems with their feet so he works to educate them and ease them into a conversation to divulge the real issues they're experiencing. *"There's a lot of neglect,"* he said. *"A lot of people just deal with foot pain or have problems that they don't even really feel comfortable asking about."* He seems to have a calming effect on patients, ensuring that they understand how common foot ailments are with diabetes patients, then working with them on solutions.

Why would a busy Podiatric Surgeon volunteer at FHH events at local food pantries? Dr. Ucciferri had no trouble answering that question. *"If I can educate one patient, that can go forward to the community itself and grow. Also, I love doing it. I love volunteering. I love giving back!"*

***"Having foot exams at the FHH events is important because the connection between foot health and diabetes can help the patient to be overall healthy."***

**DR. MARCO UCCIFERRI**  
SUMMIT MEDICAL GROUP  
PODIATRIC SURGEON



## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY OF THE ORANGES AN AMAZING COMMUNITY PARTNER

No one imagines themselves needing a food pantry, but unfortunately, many people find themselves in a position to utilize their services. During this pandemic, food pantries have been working overtime to keep up with the unprecedented demand. The Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges (IFPO) is no exception. Beyond the amazing services it offers to the community, IFPO is also a critical partner in Summit Medical Group Foundation's Food, Health, Hope (FHH) program, a collaboration with the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and northern New Jersey food pantries. The program aims to change behaviors and lifestyles, improve health and save lives for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, hypertension and obesity in Essex, Passaic and Union counties, where adults with diabetes account for up to 10.6% of the population.

*"The very critical need to address diabetes in the population we see is tremendous,"* explained **Jodi Cooperman, IFPO Board**

**Member and Treasurer.** By partnering with food pantries, like IFPO, FHH is able to meet people where they are, offering access to free healthcare and education in a community with limited resources. *"People go to a food pantry because they know they can get food,"* said Cooperman. *"But while*

***"The collaboration is tremendous. SMGF couldn't do the work they're doing without our pantry and we wouldn't be able to meet these very specific needs without their expertise and people on the ground. To be able to work so hand in hand, makes me really happy."***

**JODI COOPERMAN**  
IFPO BOARD MEMBER AND TREASURER

*they are there, why not help with other resources - healthcare being one of them. That's what this partnership does. Diabetes can be changed by education and opportunities; by being given the food and the knowledge."*

IFPO is run completely by volunteers and Board Members.

The pantry serves Orange and East Orange residents, along with many people from all over Essex County. IFPO goes above and beyond to provide its clients with anything they need.

In addition to food and basic necessities, they offer diapers, feminine hygiene products and place a huge emphasis on offering a variety of produce items each week. Before COVID hit, IFPO was proud to be a choice pantry, a designation that allowed clients to hand select the food that they needed within specific categories. This approach goes a long way in allowing clients to feel as if they're being treated as individuals.

The partnership with SMGF's FHH program is bearing fruit - positive changes and positive results abound. *"We've been through two cohorts of FHH and the changes in the kinds of behavior and results in measuring diabetes numbers are so much better,"* expressed Cooperman. *"The clients are engaged - they talk to us about making good food choices. They're reaching out to their friends about the program. Word gets out and that's a good thing!"*

*People are talking about a program that will benefit their life and not cost them anything."*





# TREMENDOUS SUPPORT SURROUNDING SUMMIT MEDICAL GROUP FOUNDATION'S 8TH ANNUAL GOLF INVITATIONAL

Playing a round of golf in a gorgeous setting for a good cause sounds like the perfect afternoon. This fall, golfers of all levels came together to do just that at Summit Medical Group Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Invitational on the legendary greens of the Hamilton Farm Golf Club. Participants followed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for a safe and exhilarating day. Golfers had the opportunity to play 27 holes of



golf - 18 on the traditional course and nine on the Hickory Course, which is the only USGA-rated par 3 course in the USA. The main goal was to avoid the duffs and head straight for the birdies, but most importantly, to stay safe.

After reveling in a friendly competition, everyone gathered to celebrate, socially distanced, at the annual reception and awards dinner.

Due to the pandemic, Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) was not able to host its annual gala, the biggest fundraising event of the year. That meant that every dollar raised through the Annual Golf Invitational was even more critical. Proceeds allow SMGF to continue providing access to free

## HOLE IN ONE!



At this year's 8th Annual Golf Invitational on the legendary greens of the Hamilton Farm Golf Club, something very rare happened - a golfer shot a hole in one! Summit Medical Group Foundation congratulates Jason Gavejian on his amazing feat. Not only did Gavejian have the satisfaction of shooting a hole in one, he also walked away with a brand new Volvo S60, courtesy of Smythe Volvo in Summit, NJ.

Thanks again to the volunteers, sponsors, partners and community members who helped make this event a success, and especially to Gavejian for making a hole in one!

medical screenings and health education, including COVID-19 testing in neighborhoods struggling with the pandemic.

*"The pandemic has been hard on everyone, but it's been especially hard on the communities where we provide free medical screenings and education. Those neighborhoods are really struggling right now,"* explained **Gail Pester**, *Director of Development and Communications* at SMGF. *"That's why we are incredibly grateful for the tremendous participation we received during this sold-out event."*

SMGF is especially grateful to the volunteers, sponsors, partners and community members who helped make this event a success. THANK YOU for your generosity.

Last, but not least, congratulations to all of the participants. See you next year on the greens!

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2020 GOLF INVITATIONAL PARTNERS:

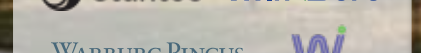
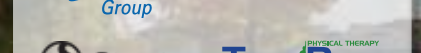
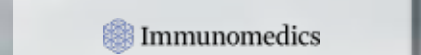
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# THE CANCER COMFORT PROJECT CHANGING THE WAY PATIENTS EXPERIENCE CANCER TREATMENT

When you have cancer, you're fighting hard to win the most important battle of your life. Doctors, treatment plans, infusions - they all swirl around you, working to help you win the battle. Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) dives in to offer the care, comfort and compassion that cancer patients and their families need through The Cancer Comfort Project. The goal is to help patients maintain their emotional, physical and spiritual well-being throughout treatment, increasing quality of life and chances of survival.

This year, SMGF has moved many services online in an effort to continue to reach people during a pandemic with the extra level of support that they need. On Mondays, there's a Pilates class, helping participants decrease their pain while increasing and maintaining their strength; Tuesdays are Jin Shin Jyutsu (the ancient healing art of harmonizing the body through gentle touch); Wednesdays offer a Movement and Mindfulness class; and Thursdays bring soothing music with Bob Egan's virtual

concerts on Facebook. The continuum of care these classes provide, especially during a pandemic, is critical.

This year, we've seen people lose their jobs and budgets tighten. Expenses can get overwhelming. That's why SMGF increased the Patient-in-Need fund to provide one-time grants helping patients with critical, non-medical expenses. *"People have such relief when they find out that we can help offset their extra expenses,"* said **Monica Cotton, SMGF Patient Navigator.**

Though the pandemic kept Cotton and her team of volunteers from going into the infusion rooms to check in on patients, they have spent an enormous amount of time reaching out via phone to assess the needs and how SMGF can help. *"It's a totally different process, but the commitment we have is even stronger,"* said Cotton. Her team follows up with emails, sending electronic resources and helping patients become their own advocates.

And there's more. The tried and true elements of The Cancer Comfort Project for

patients who come into the cancer centers will continue post-pandemic: local art hung along the walls to create a calm atmosphere, pet therapy to reduce stress, free blankets, caps and other comfort items during chemotherapy, and more. Though the pandemic has changed the way people interact, it has not changed SMGF's resolve to stand tall with patients and their families fighting cancer. *"I have started volunteering recently and can see first hand how much patients appreciate the therapy dogs and the comfort cart,"* explained an SMGF volunteer, **Amy.** *"I'm glad the Foundation is able to support these programs and make patients' lives a little easier."*

In the following pages, we invite you to learn more about The Cancer Comfort Project and all SMGF is doing to help these incredible patients.

# THE CANCER COMFORT PROJECT STRENGTHENING MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT VIRTUALLY CRITICAL CLASSES - ESPECIALLY DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

When it became clear that the safest thing to do to prevent COVID-19 was to social distance, the Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) began working on a quick plan to ensure cancer patients and their families could still have access to meaningful holistic treatments. **Jin Shin Jyutsu, Pilates and Movement and Mindfulness** classes all found new homes on Zoom. Patients and their families plugged in their computers and followed along with glee.

With the help and guidance of volunteer, **Debbie Burnet**, SMGF started a new class last year, Jin Shin Jyutsu, the ancient healing art of harmonizing the body through gentle touch. It's been a huge success, so it was no surprise that it had to move online this year, in order to continue. The hands-on application of Jin Shin Jyutsu helps address common ailments like headaches and nausea, how to address side-effects of cancer treatment and offers immune boosting techniques. Jin Shin Jyutsu is beneficial to everyone and the immune boosting techniques are incredibly useful, especially during COVID. *"I've been doing the techniques for my husband since we met the instructor at infusion months ago, and it's changed our life,"* explained one caregiver. Participants receive a self-help booklet prior to class, then learn about the incredible techniques that can be used.

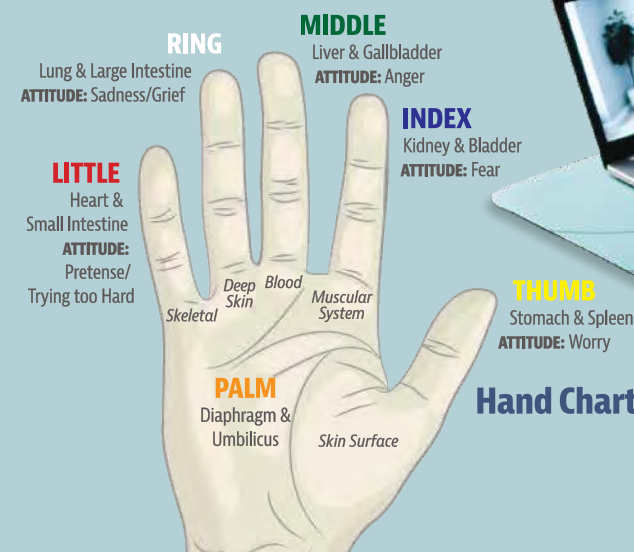
I keep getting stronger. I can't believe what I can do now. This is a sentiment that is heard over and over from participants of SMGF's weekly Pilates class, an incredibly popular offering that's now virtual. Through Pilates, participants can decrease their pain while increasing and maintaining their strength. The instructor leads the class from her studio and observes each person, providing individualized instruction throughout the class. Her ability to explain exactly what she wants participants to do in a way that is easy to understand takes the stress of uncertainty out of the class, leaving participants able to fully focus on their actions, without even having to look at the instructor. This is critical to the success of a virtual mind/body class.

*"We LOVE the Pilates program!"* said **Sheryl**, a patient who joins the classes with her husband **Lynn.** *"It's really helping me recoup my strength, muscle tone etc. lost during my year of chemotherapy and surgeries. My husband/caretaker, who had double knee replacements, has also benefited tremendously from the class."*

And finally, the Movement and Mindfulness class, previously known as Chair Yoga, focuses on moving the spine in different directions to help the body become more flexible. Offered twice a month,

this class allows for variables. Participants can increase the difficulty by standing without a chair or use the chair for more security and ease. But even more than that, the class ends with a soothing meditation, allowing participants to hold on to that peaceful mindset long after the class has quietly ended. It's clear to see the benefits Movement and Mindfulness is having on participants, as they typically leave feeling stronger in both mind and body. One participant, **Bevan**, put it best, *"Thank you! I really needed that today and feel so much better than I did an hour ago."*

SMGF is committed to providing the care, comfort and compassion that all patients and their caregivers deserve. Offering multiple mind and body classes virtually enables patients to continue strengthening their mind, body and spirit, while boosting their immunity and helping them feel grounded. These soothing classes are beneficial for everyone, especially during a stressful, global pandemic.





# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: TARA-LYN NUNZIATA

## STRENGTHENING MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT THROUGH PILATES

Pilates is an exercise that focuses on mind, body and spirit. It's a time carved out in one's day to work hard on building physical and mental strength. But **Tara-Lyn Nunziata**, the Owner of *The Studio - Tara-Lyn Pilates*, feels that Pilates can offer so much more than that. While her mother was in remission from breast cancer, Nunziata noticed the lack of strength and severe weakness her mother continued to have, especially on the side where her mastectomy had taken place. Nunziata started working with her mother through Pilates to help strengthen her left side. The results were promising. Nunziata had plenty of clients who were fighting cancer and she thought that maybe, just



**THE STUDIO**  
TARA-LYN PILATES

maybe, she could come up with a specific program to help them all! And that's precisely what she did.

"Pilates strengthens you in a balanced way. It's about strength, stretch and control," explained Nunziata. "As I was working with these patients, I realized that they needed more so I worked to tailor a program to be safe and effective, and also to offer a positive, empowering experience to help create a physical and mental strength that would benefit them." Nunziata and her Studio Manager, **Amy Bennett**, are incredibly passionate about the program and proud to offer it as part of the Summit Medical Group Foundation's (SMGF) Cancer Comfort Project.



The response to this tailored class has been astounding. Once COVID hit, Nunziata, Bennett and SMGF did not want to lose the momentum. Nunziata offered to teach the class remotely from her studio, allowing students to participate from the comfort and safety of their own homes, without any risk of being exposed to the virus. "They get physically stronger and they can keep building that physical and mental strength until the noise of the cancer is drowned out," Nunziata proclaimed. "The magic happens when they begin seeing how their bodies can adapt in a very positive way, as opposed to focusing

on adapting in a negative and sick way. Their internal voice becomes more about hope and strength and they feel empowered."

The class, supported by Pilates devotee **Linda Wacks** and **The Jeffrey Frank Wacks Memorial Fund**, takes place once a week and has a steadfast following. The "regulars" know they're all in this together and have created a supportive environment for one another. "I have been a regular at the Pilates classes since July and think they are wonderful," gushed **Amy**, a class participant. "I always feel better after one of the classes. Tara-Lyn and Amy are wonderful teachers and are very welcoming and supportive."

Nunziata is constantly amazed by the participants, many of whom are taking extra virtual classes at her studio. "There are people in our class who are battling stage 4 cancer," she said. "Their strength is inspirational."

**"I feel like I have so much to give with this method and it helps people so much that I want to spread it to anyone and everyone who can do it."**

**TARA-LYN NUNZIATA**

OWNER OF THE STUDIO - TARA-LYN PILATES  
AND SMGF PILATES INSTRUCTOR FOR THE COMFORT PROJECT

## MUSIC TO OUR EARS: BOB EGAN

### HOSTS LIVE, VIRTUAL CONCERTS, PROVIDING COMFORT DURING A PANDEMIC

When COVID-19 hit, it meant increasing social distancing and limiting the number of people inside buildings - including Summit Medical Group's Cancer Centers. But Bob Egan, Summit Medical Group Foundation's (SMGF) beloved pianist, was not about to let that silence his music. Egan has been playing the piano and singing for two years to patients and families awaiting appointments at SMGF's Cancer Centers. His mesmerizing music is part of the Cancer Comfort Project's Music in the Atrium at the Park. In a creative turn of events, Egan offered live, virtual concerts on Facebook every Thursday morning, where he even took requests from viewers. The best part - concert participants could stay comfy in pajamas while singing along to their favorite tunes.

Thank you to **The Jeffrey Frank Wacks Memorial Fund** for their continuing support of SMGF's Cancer Comfort Project, including Egan's Music in the Atrium at the Park.





## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: PAYING IT FORWARD THROUGH THE PATIENT-IN-NEED FUND

When **Toni Cieplensky** began volunteering at the JBJ Soul Kitchen (JBJ), a non-profit community restaurant run by the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, she never dreamed that it would one day lead to starting her own non-profit. But when others at JBJ noticed she really knew how to cook, they encouraged her to apply to the Culinary Skills Training Program at Fulfill (formerly the FoodBank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties). Armed with her ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification, Cieplensky began doing what came naturally to her, feeding the homeless, and ultimately founded Plentiful Plates of Ocean County – cooking delicious food and providing it to those in the greatest need.

Brought up in a family of Italian immigrants, giving back was ingrained in Cieplensky from a young age, and she in turn instilled that belief in her children. Like her mom, Cieplensky's daughter Cristina was committed to helping those in need of a helping hand, whether by mentoring inner city students at Rutgers University, sharing her love of dance with local children or



encouraging her own two boys to give away toys each Christmas to children who otherwise might not receive gifts.

When Cristina's fight against breast cancer ended on September 17th, right after her 40th birthday, Cieplensky found herself searching for a fitting way to honor her beloved daughter. Summit Medical Group Oncologist **Dr. Michael Wax** had treated Cristina. But he was so much more than just a doctor for her. Cristina's family noticed right away the personal interest, compassion and caring that Dr. Wax and his entire staff showed her. "Cristina was a light in any room," reflected Cieplensky, "and their love and caring made her shine even brighter."

While visiting the Summit Medical Group Foundation website, Cieplensky read about the Patient-in-Need Fund, a fund that provides one-time grants to help patients and families with critical, non-medical expenses, easing anxiety and allowing them to focus on what's most important – getting healthy. Knowing how meaningful it would have been to Cristina to help other patients fighting cancer while also recognizing Dr. Wax's genuine and compassionate care, Cieplensky and her team at Plentiful Plates organized a fundraiser for the Patient-in-Need Fund in Cristina's honor. On November 7th, family and friends gathered, socially distanced, at the Union Church of Lavallette, and shared stories and memories of Cristina. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to a GoFundMe collection, with proceeds supporting the Patient-in-Need Fund and Plentiful Plates. "When Cristina's father passed away, she and her sister rented out the top of a New York City bar and had a fundraiser for pancreatic cancer research," remembered Cieplensky proudly, "and this ties it all together. We are a family that gives back, and I think this would have made Cristina very happy."



## MAKING SMILES BRIGHTER WITH DAYS OF BEAUTY

*In the fight against cancer, days can be filled with doctor appointments, chemotherapy, blood draws and exhaustion. Sometimes, a small adjustment to how one looks can go a long way in improving how one feels. That's the idea behind Summit Medical Group Foundation's (SMGF) days of beauty, which took place multiple times throughout 2020.*

### FEEL MORE LIKE YOU

SMGF kicked off the year with a **Feel More Like You** campaign, in partnership with Walgreens. Beauty consultants from Walgreens gathered at Florham Park to help cancer patients address common problems they were facing due to side effects of treatment (e.g., dryness of skin and cuticles). Participants brought their make-up bags so the consultants could help them determine which products would be ok to use during chemotherapy and to help them select any additional products that could be useful. Everyone received a goodie bag full of natural, healthy skin care products.

As an added bonus, **Walter Cifuentes**, a Walgreens pharmacist, attended to help patients answer any questions about their medications, assist in getting prescriptions and offer medication discounts, where possible. "I loved every moment!" exclaimed one participant named **Shalu**. "I was sitting there enjoying the conversations. And this helped me with my prescription refill issue."

The program has now gone virtual and SMGF is looking for another date in 2021 for in-person consultations.



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# MORE BRIGHTER DAYS OF BEAUTIFUL SMILES

## Valentine's Day Makeovers

Around Valentine's Day, Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) celebrated patients by offering makeovers in partnership with **Salon Botanique**. The salon is known for their natural and organic products, making it a safe and healthy option for patients undergoing cancer treatment.

Several stylists came to Florham Park with their "A game!" and set up a mini salon in the back of the Gift Shop, offering hair and make-up services for all. Their generosity shone through each and



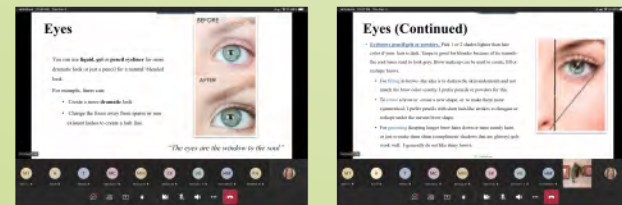
every woman who walked out of the Gift Shop. Not only had their looks transformed, but their demeanor had changed too. "So many of the women came out when they were done and said, 'I don't know where I'm going tonight but I'm making plans because I want to show off my new look,' " explained **Monica Cotton, SMGF Patient Navigator**. Everyone felt rejuvenated by this day of pampering.



## Virtual Day of Beauty

Finally, SMGF capped off the year with a day of beauty, in partnership with **L'Oreal USA**. Due to the pandemic, this event was held virtually, but that didn't stop SMGF and L'Oreal USA from making participants feel gorgeous. Prior to the event, each woman received a goodie bag full of healthy skin care and make-up, including La Roche-Posay products, so that they could use the new products during the virtual session. The group learned about skin care and how to best manage internal and visible side effects from cancer treatment with La Roche-Posay products, whose core mission is to help people recovering from skin-related side effects of cancer treatment. Beauty specialists from L'Oreal showed participants how to apply the cosmetics in their goodie bags, then answered questions to help each participant feel her best.

"Cancer impacts and scars you forever, so we wanted to help make these women not feel as vulnerable and self-conscious," exclaimed **Eva Zion, Assistant Vice President of Product Development, Consumer Product Division – L'Oreal USA**. "By offering education on skin care and make-up, we are hoping to give them tools to get their appearance back so they can feel good about themselves once again. They all deserve a lot more after all they are going through so this is a small token of saying we are here to support you."



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# DONOR SPOTLIGHT: MIKE WOLFSON HELPING OTHERS IN MEMORY OF MINDY

**"There's a demand on families dealing with cancer. Maybe relieving the demand with some financial aid will help take one worry away. If you take enough worries away, you usually feel better no matter what." -Mike Wolfson**

When **Mike Wolfson** lost **Mindy**, his wife of more than 60 years, he wanted to find a way to honor her. Mindy had breast cancer and though it seemed she was in the clear after a rigorous treatment regiment headed by Summit Medical Group's **Dr. Steven Papish**, the cancer came back and she eventually lost her battle. "What cancer can do to a family is terrible," Wolfson explained. "I started to get frustrated. I couldn't do anything. Then I figured, maybe I can make a donation to help someone."

Wolfson said he was incredibly impressed with the care, concern and sympathy he and Mindy received from Dr. Papish and Summit Medical Group (SMG), so he decided to find a way to help other patients there. He found it through Summit Medical Group Foundation's (SMGF) Artful Healing Program. "I know all the waiting rooms at SMG, so I looked around and thought maybe I could honor Mindy and help others too," he said. "I wanted somebody who goes there and who is terribly sad, upset or worried to look at the pictures and feel good for a few minutes." And that's precisely what the Artful Healing program is all about.

Because Mindy had always been active, helping others, Wolfson knew he should do something to help other families who were fighting cancer. Mindy had volunteered for ORT and eventually became the local president. When she was younger, she had helped out at a nursing home in West Orange. She became president of the women's

organization that supported the nursing home. Mindy, the mother of four, was always on the go with a singular mission - helping others!

In keeping with Mindy's positive impact on her community, the funds Wolfson donated to the Artful Healing program could also help support SMGF's mind-body programs (e.g., Jin Shin Jyutsu, Pilates and Movement and Mindfulness) and the Patient-in-Need Fund, a fund that provides one-time grants to help patients and families with critical, non-medical expenses, easing anxiety and allowing them to focus on getting healthy. "When someone gets sick, there are hundreds of things that could go wrong," Wolfson reflected. "The donation is for people who don't have the wherewithal to meet the demands of paying rent, taking care of kids. If you need financial help, the Foundation can help take care of you in this respect with this donation."

The Wolfsons, who had their first date back in the 50's watching a new start-up entertainer (who turned out to be Phyllis Diller!), had an amazing life. They were always together, golfing, enjoying restaurants, taking care of their children and grandchildren. Wolfson hopes this tribute to Mindy will not only help others, but will allow Mindy's memory to live on.

If you're inspired by the Wolfson's story and want to learn more about how you can support others fighting cancer, visit [www.smgf-foundation.org/how-we-help/the-comfort-project](http://www.smgf-foundation.org/how-we-help/the-comfort-project).





# THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

# BROADWAY ROCKS CANCER 2020

## BROADWAY'S FINEST JOIN FORCES FOR VIRTUAL BROADWAY ROCKS CANCER EVENT

Since 2017, Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) has hosted Broadway's finest stars for a must-see benefit performance. 2020 was no different! In the midst of a pandemic, two things were certain: COVID-19 did not stop cancer, and the show must go on. In December, SMGF hosted a free virtual event featuring Broadway stars singing an array of favorite tunes, raising needed funds to help comfort those in our community fighting cancer.

All funds raised during the event will support SMGF's personalized, one-on-one patient navigation program, connecting patients with needed community resources at a time when it is easy to feel isolated; make virtual mind-body programs available for patients and caregivers alike, including yoga, mindful meditation, Jin Shin Jyutsu and Music in the Atrium live on Facebook; and help patients and their families in financial crisis due to cancer through the Patient-in-Need Fund.

"Patients and their families need our support now, more than ever," said **Monica Cotton, SMGF's Patient Navigator**. "We are here to provide services so we can battle this together. Even during a pandemic, we stand strong. Cancer does not discriminate - even during these difficult times. We want our patients and families to know that we are here to support them."

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# MEMORIALIZING AN EXCEPTIONAL DOCTOR WITH A NEW SCHOLARSHIP TO INSPIRE FUTURE MEDICAL STUDENTS:

## The First Annual Dr. Marcia A. Sherman Scholarship is Awarded

Former Summit Medical Group physician **Dr. Marcia A. Sherman** believed that the care doctors provide should meet the needs of all members of the community. Recently, **John O'Neil**, Dr. Sherman's husband, decided to start a scholarship with Summit Medical Group Foundation (SMGF) in loving memory of his wife. The scholarship honors a female medical student of color who shares that belief and embodies Dr. Sherman's determination to overcome the obstacles that many newcomers face.

**Ankitha Radakrishnan** was the first recipient of this brand new scholarship, which she received from SMGF this summer. Radakrishnan had just finished her medical rotation at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine when COVID-19 struck and seemingly overnight, her studies went completely online. Looking for ways to help when there were so many in need, Radakrishnan began volunteering with the medical school's COVID-19 monitoring line, checking in with patients to help them manage their symptoms and understand how to prevent the spread of the disease. It quickly became apparent that while many people were helped by having phone access to a healthcare professional, often those with the greatest needs, particularly those requiring translators, were receiving the least meaningful help. Radakrishnan was witnessing first-hand this disparity in access to healthcare during a crisis. It inspired her

to expand her studies to include an MBA with the Kellogg School of Management.

Armed with her MD/MBA, Radakrishnan is looking forward to using technology to help address many of the inequities inherent in our current medical system. And that is why she was a natural choice for the first annual Dr. Marcia A. Sherman Memorial Scholarship. In her application, Radakrishnan wrote, *"I love medicine because it ties together the abstract and the real, the science and the human. Regardless of the major advances the medicine will surely make, one thing will always be present in medicine: compassion."* Upon reading this passage, O'Neil knew Radakrishnan embodied what Dr. Sherman so treasured about her chosen profession – the way it engages both the mind and the heart.

This fall, O'Neil and SMGF hosted a tree dedication ceremony and garden stroll in the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum in Short Hills, NJ. The tree was planted in the perfect spot – one that Dr. Sherman would have seen from her SMG office window every day. Funds raised at the event will provide future scholarships, sure to help the next generation of dedicated medical students of color fulfill their dreams of providing care to everyone in the community.



# SMGF DIAPER & FEMININE HYGIENE DRIVE

Food drives, coat drives, even toy drives are top of mind for many people, especially during the holiday season. But sometimes, personal necessities get overlooked. Both diapers and feminine hygiene products, which can be quite expensive, can fall into that category – but two Summit Medical Group doctors decided to do something about that!

**Dr. Christine Masterson, OB/GYN**, and **Dr. Marnie Dardanello, Pediatrics/Adolescent Medicine**, set up a drive to collect diapers and feminine hygiene supplies from Summit Medical Group locations. *"These basic health needs that many of us take for granted can become unaffordable for families struggling with the financial impact of COVID-19,"* explained Dr. Masterson. *"Many young girls miss school due to lack of pads, and that's a choice no one should have to make."* **Pamela Singer, Director of Community Engagement** at SMGF also noted that *"When families are struggling to make ends meet, a baby can be in a single diaper for many hours, increasing the risk of skin infections."* Products were donated to each of the food pantries that Summit Medical Group Foundation partners with through its Healthy Tomorrows program, making sure that necessary hygiene products were available to those who needed them.



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