

Friends of Sumner Regional Medical Center, Inc.



General Information

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Mission & Impact

Statements

Mission

To meet healthcare needs through (1) assistance to patients and families, (2) involvement in community health initiatives, and (3) provision for medical education.

Background

Formerly operating as Sumner Regional Volunteer Auxiliary since 1972, Friends of SRMC, Inc. became a nonprofit 501c3 charitable organization in 2010 and is composed of over 100 community volunteers who support the patients of Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin, TN. Through service and fundraising efforts in the hospital and at Sumner Station, volunteers advocate for mission-related projects that impact patients and families, community health initiatives and Sumner County residents seeking a medical career at Volunteer State Community College, Welch College, and Union University. Services for patients and their families are priority efforts of the volunteer unit, and the organization allocates 100% of its annual budget to mission-related projects.

Impact

In 2022, 90 food bags were given to patients (which impacted 208 individuals including family members) who needed food assistance upon discharge. Of those, majority of the recipients claim disability, unemployed, or retired; the majority also claims to be in the SNAP program, Medicare/Medicaid, or SSI program. Our Transportation Assistance Program is available to patients of the hospital that need transportation home or other location upon discharged from Sumner Regional Medical Center. In 2022, Friends has assisted 101 patients with rides home through Uber or Lyft. 500 Halo Sleep Sacks were given to newborns at SRMC to promote 'Back is Best' to help prevent SIDS. Hospitality Cart Volunteers visited more than 3,400 patients and families providing items such as reading material or puzzle books to pass the time, dolls or bears to children. Volunteer cancer survivors meet the first and third Tuesday of every month with patients who have a cancer diagnosis, currently going through treatments, completed treatments, and individuals who have survived cancer to share stories to encourage. One patient stated, ' this program means the world to me it is so helpful to hear from someone else who has experienced

the journey that I am going through. I have encouraged other cancer patients that I have met to take advantage of this wonderful program'. In 2022 Compression Garment Assistance Program, which is available for patients' receiving treatment from either HighPoint Therapy Lymphedema Services or Sumner Wound Care to purchase compression garments due to insurance not covering in most cases. Friends of SRMC have helped 86 patients in 2022 receive the garments they need to help improve their health and treatment. Most of the patients receiving help are on Medicare or TNCare. This was another program that we had to pause because of budgeted funding not available.

Needs

\$4,500 annually to purchase SleepSacks for SRMC newborns for safe sleep habits for infants for the possible prevention of Sudden Death Syndrome and to facilitate nursing staff to conduct Safe Sleep for Baby educational classes for new parents to have best sleeping practices. \$4,000 Food Pantry for nutritionally and economically compromised patients. \$300 Clothes Closet for patients in need of clothing. \$3,000 Transportation Assistance Program for economically challenged patients in rural areas to be able to travel to the hospital for necessary health treatments. \$2,000 Still Fabulous & My Cancer Journey at Sumner Station. \$9,500 Compression Garment Assistance Program to assist with purchasing compression garments due to insurance not covering in most cases. \$1500 Hospitality Cart to purchase items such as coloring books or puzzle books for patients and family.

Statement from CEO/Executive Director

Friends of Sumner Regional Medical Center, Inc. is a small and unique organization dedicated to its mission of supporting the patients of the hospital, involvement in community healthcare initiative and providing a medical scholarship at Volunteer State Community College. In my professional circles, I know of no other hospitals where volunteers provide a full food pantry for patients, clothing for patients, gas vouchers for patients evaluated on needs-based, SleepSacks for newborns to help prevent SIDS, and a two Cancer Support Group for patients and their families. It is a distinct honor and privilege for me to be the director of this organization that impacts the community in such a significant manner.

Statement from Board Chair

Service Categories

Primary Category
Secondary Category
Tertiary Category

Health Care - Health Support

Areas Served

HighPoint Health System of Gallatin, TN includes four hospitals: Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin; Trousdale Medical Center in Hartsville; Riverview Regional Medical Center in Carthage; and Livingston Regional Medical Center in Livingston.

TN - Macon, TN - Sumner, TN - Smith, TN - Trousdale

Programs

Medical Scholarships

Description

Most volunteer organizations serving the medical profession donate medical scholarships to the community for the purpose of attracting young medical professionals to their hospitals as a form of workforce advocacy. The scholarship program sponsored by volunteers at Sumner Regional Medical Center started almost immediately after the Volunteer Auxiliary was formed

in 1972. Since that time, thousands of dollars have helped local students achieve their academic goals and several have returned to SRMC to practice in their fields of expertise. Since 2008, the volunteers have been donating one medical scholarship to the Foundation Office at Volunteer State Community College's Allied Health Program for any Sumner County resident. The scholarship covers one year's tuition. To keep the selection process objective, the college selects the recipient each year from applicants.

Budget \$6,500.00

Gas Vouchers

Description

Eligible patients living 40 miles away or more from SRMC and who have to meet consecutive appointment in Wound Care, Outpatient Rehab, and Radiation Oncology experience difficulty meeting those appointments due to transportation needs. Friends of SRMC, Inc. earn funds through vendor sales to provide gas vouchers for these patients.

Budget \$2,400.00

Compression Garment Assistance Program

Description

Eligible patients receiving treatment from either HighPoint Therapy Services Lymphedema or Sumner Wound Care need assistance with purchasing compression garments due to insurance not covering in most cases based on approved budget line item. By wearing compression garments, Lymphedema patients can see relief in early-stage fluid retention before it worsens. Compression garments can also aid in keeping patients active, which is a necessity, and keeping fluid from returning to affected limbs in more advanced cases. Patients undergoing Wound Care treatment who wear compression garments can see an increase in the pressure in the tissue under the skin. This reduces swelling by moving the excess fluid that builds up in the legs back into the blood vessels. The pressure on the legs also reduces the ability of the veins to expand. This keeps the blood flowing evenly, stopping it from flowing backward and causing congestion. Improving venous flow speeds up wound healing and assists in preventing infection.

Budget \$2,500.00

Cancer Support Groups

Description

My Cancer Journey-is offered to patients with a cancer diagnosis, currently going through treatments, patients who have completed treatments or those individuals who have survived cancer. Participants can make reservations at 615-328-5517 or online at <http://www.mysumnermedical.com/our-services/cancer-center/support> Support Group Meetings are the first and third Tuesday of every month. A Cancer Group Reunion Luncheon will be held. The purpose of the luncheon is for cancer group participants to get to know one another better, to share their stories of survival, and to encourage those still going through treatments. Still Fabulous-A luncheon is offered one every quarter. The guest program is typically for ladies. The women receive a make-up kit from Danyel Cosmetics. Professional cosmetologists/aestheticians offer their services in the class free of charge

Budget \$3,000.00

SleepSacks for Infants

Description

To support the "Back is Best" theory of safe sleep for infants, Friends of SRMC, Inc. use funds earned to purchase sleepsack wearable blanket

swaddles for each newborn in the Women's Center. All infants and their parents are eligible to receive a SleepSack Wearable Blanket. SRMC Pediatricians approved the cotton, mint green, Friends logoed gifts for infants

Budget \$6,500.00

Food Pantry Program

Description

Eligible patients need a helping hand to provide food to take with their medicines upon discharge from SRMC. Friends of SRMC, Inc. use funds earned through vendor fundraising to purchase food from Second Harvest Food Bank in Nashville, food drives or other means. The food is packed in designated bags and distributed by volunteers to eligible patients identified by SRMC Nursing Staff on the clinical floors, Pediatrics, Wound Care and Radiation Oncology

Budget \$5,000.00

Transportation Assistance Program

Description

Available to eligible patients needing assistance with transportation to return home or other approved location (such as shelter) upon discharge from SRMC. Friends of SRMC, Inc. use funds earned through vendor sales and other fundraising efforts to pay for Uber rides or cab rides (if Uber unavailable) up to \$50 per ride.

Budget \$2,500.00

CEO/Executive Director/Board Comments

The increased need of patients for assistance with food, clothes, transportation, SleepSacks for infants, cancer support groups and scholarships challenges Friends of Sumner Regional Medical Center, Inc. to be tirelessly creative in fundraising efforts to provide for these needs. For less than \$45,000 per year, the volunteer non-profit meets these and other assistance for patients at Sumner Regional in addition to the organization's administrative costs. Hundred percent of the annual budget is earmarked for the Mission of Friends of SRMC, Inc. with hopes to increase that percentage in the future.

Governance

Board Chair

Company Affiliation

Term

Email

Loretta Visser-Brady

N/A

January 2018 to December 2024

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Board of Directors

Name

Mr. Joseph Assad

Mr. George Austin

Ms. Loretta Brady-Visser

Ms. Lisa Estes

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Linda Murphy

Ms. Brenda Reed

Ms. Pam Strong

Ms. Grace Tomkins

Mrs. Judi Wright

Affiliation

Retired

Community Volunteer

St. Thomas Medical Partner

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Board Demographics - Ethnicity

African American/Black	1
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0
Caucasian	7
Hispanic/Latino	0
Native American/American Indian	0
Other	0

Board Demographics - Gender

Male	3
Female	7
Unspecified	0

Governance

Board Term Lengths	2.00
Board Term Limits	2
Board Meeting Attendance	100%
Does the Organization have written Board Selection Criteria?	Yes
Does the Organization have a Written Conflict of Interest Policy?	Yes
Percentage Making Monetary Contributions	100%
Percentage Of Board Members Making In Kind Contributions	100%
Does the Board include Client Representation?	
Number of Full Board Meetings Annually	4

Standing Committees

Development / Fund Development / Fund Raising / Grant Writing / Major Gifts Executive

Risk Provisions

Directors and Officers Policy

Management

Executive Director	Ms. Judi Wright
Email	Judi.Wright@LPNT.net
Term Start	February 2023
Judi's Experience:	

Staff

Number of Full Time Staff	0
Number of Part Time Staff	0
Volunteers	60
Contractors	0
Staff Retention Rate	0%

Plans & Policies

Fundraising Plan?	Yes
Strategic Plan?	Yes
Years Strategic Plan Considers	1
When Strategic Plan Adopted?	January 2023
Management Succession Plan?	No
Policy and Procedures Plan?	Yes
Nondiscrimination Policy?	Yes
Whistle Blower Policy?	Yes
Document Destruction Policy?	Yes

Formal Evaluations

Is there a formal evaluation for...		Frequency
CEO/Executive Director	Yes	Annually
Senior Management	Yes	Annually
Non-Management	Yes	Annually

Affiliations

Affiliation	Year
Association of Volunteer Administrators	2004
Center for Nonprofit Management CEO Network	2010
Gallatin Chamber of Commerce	2015
Second Harvest Food Bank	2014
Tennessee Hospital Association	2002

Awards

Award/Recognition	Organization	Year
Meritorius Service Award	Tennessee Hospital Association	2013
Grace Tomkins Volunteer of the Year John Christopher	Tennessee Hospital Association	2010

CEO/Executive Director/Board Comments

Currently, no salaries are paid by the organization.

Financials

Financials

Fiscal Year Start
01/01/2024
Fiscal Year End
12/31/2024
Projected Revenue
\$24,500.00
Projected Expenses
\$27,548.00

Detailed Financials

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year	2024	2023	2022
Total Revenue		\$31,563.00	\$15,028.00
Total Expenses		\$23,040.00	\$22,832.00

Revenue	(\$-0.00)	\$8,523.00	(\$7,804.00)
Less Expense			

Revenue Sources

Fiscal Year	2024	2023	2022
Foundation and Corporation Contributions		\$0.00	\$0.00
Government - Federal		\$0.00	\$0.00
Government - State		\$0.00	\$0.00
Government - Local		\$0.00	\$0.00
Government - Unspecified		\$0.00	\$0.00
Individual Contributions		\$29,694.00	\$14,901.00
Indirect Public Support		\$0.00	\$0.00
Earned Revenue		\$0.00	\$0.00
Investment Income, Net of Losses		\$1,869.00	\$127.00
Membership Dues		\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Events		\$0.00	\$0.00
Revenue In-Kind		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00

Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2024	2023	2022
Program Expense		\$23,040.00	\$20,111.00
Administrative Expense		\$2,369.00	\$2,721.00
Fundraising Expense		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue/Total Expenses		124%	66%
Program Expense/Total Expenses		91%	88%

Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue		0%	0%
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Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2024	2023	2022
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	\$0.00	Contributions, Gifts, & Grants - \$29,694.00	Contributions, Gifts, and Grants - \$14,901.00
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	\$0.00	Investment Income - \$1,869.00	Investment Income - \$127.00
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year	2024	2023	2022
Total Assets		\$61,579.00	\$53,056.00
Current Assets		\$56,509.00	\$51,936.00
Long-Term Liabilities		\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Liabilities		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Net Assets		\$61,579.00	\$53,056.00

Endowment Info

Do you have an endowment?

No

Capital Campaign Info

Currently in a Capital Campaign?

No

Solicitation Permit Info

State Charitable Solicitations Permit

Yes

CEO/Executive Director/Board Comments

Friends of SRMC's annual financials are documented by Davis, Brown CPAs of Hendersonville. Differences in revenues and expenses were a challenge in

2010 and 2011 due to the organization's having to operate and pay salaries for the hospital's gift and coffee shop. In early 2014, the hospital purchased the reduced assets of the gift shop which relieved the Friends organization of daily operation and financial responsibility. As a result, the non-profit began dedicating its fundraising efforts to benefit 5 patient-centered projects--Food Pantry, Gas Vouchers, Clothes Closet, SleepSacks for SRMC newborns, and Cancer Support in addition to providing a medical scholarship at the local community college.

2024 Update - Lisa Millman, CPA now handles year audit of financial statements. We continue to have five main programs at the hospital that Friends of Sumner Regional Medical Center provides support for. They are food pantry, transportation aide, compression garments, infant sleep sacks, and clothing bank. We continue to work with the public to raise fund for programs through grants and donations.