

“ From Our Board Chair

As I sat to compose my Chair letter for this Newsletter (thank you for reading it), I reviewed old SJCF newsletters for inspiration. I was surprised that in our first newsletter in 2014, I was the Board Chair at that time as well. We had just transitioned to the Texas Underwriters Ball from our yearly Gala, and other than that big change, much is still the same. The St. Joseph Community Foundation remains an organization of volunteer community board members dedicated to improving the health of our community. More than ever, our educational grants are needed to support health careers and encourage our recipients to return home to care for this community. With costs on the rise, and health often neglected, our community grants help fund services to provide health care to those most in need. Thank you to all of our donors who have contributed to our over 90 year mission to improve the availability and effectiveness of medical care in the Red River Valley with a special emphasis on the underserved. I appreciate our outgoing Chair Jill Cobb, our wonderful Executive Director Louisa Kessel (who was also with SJCF in 2014), Vice Chair Tracy Dougherty, our board members, and our many supporters and grant recipients over the years. It has been a busy 10 years of service and care, and I look forward to many more with you by our side!

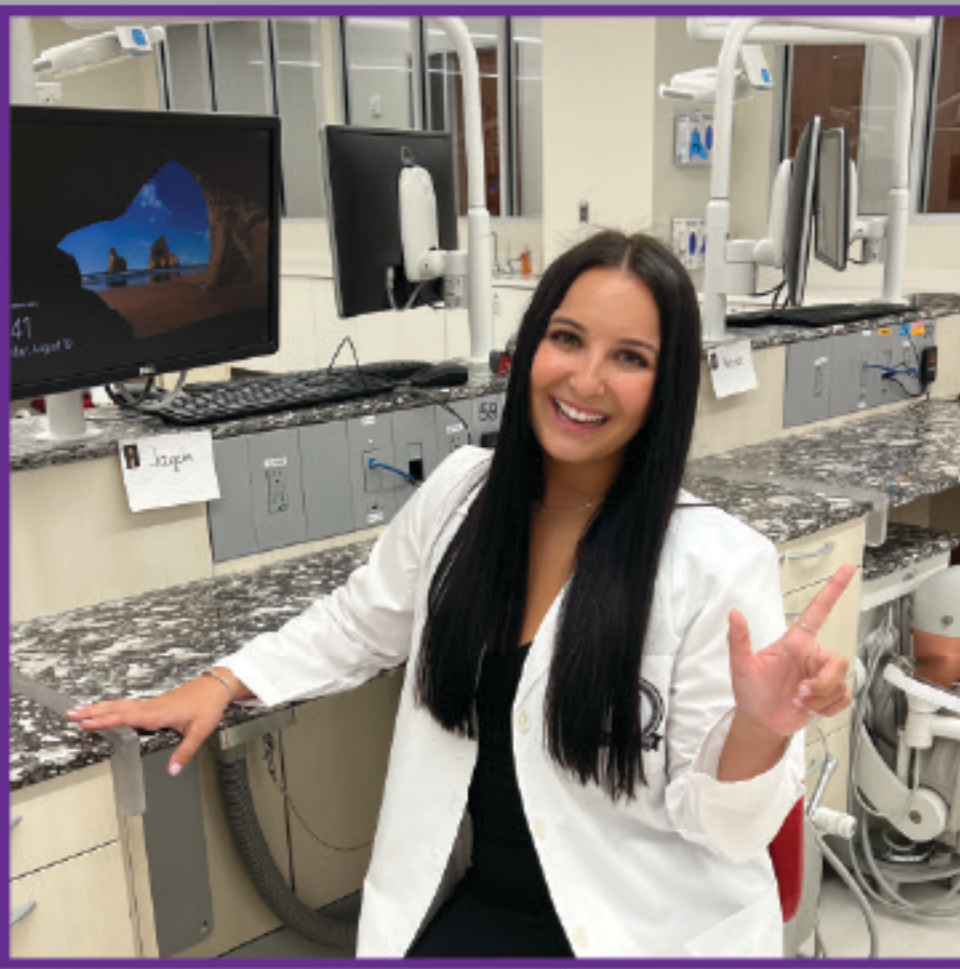
Amanda Green, M.D. ”

Welcome
New Board Members



Dr. Bandana Bista, Kristi Head,
Rochelle Bass & Tamera Lewis

Students You're Helping!



I am a first year, almost second year, dental student at the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso, Texas.

I was born and raised in Paris, and I have always wanted to come back to serve the Paris community. Without the support of the foundation, I would not be able to pursue my dream of becoming a dentist. Going to dental school far away from home can be expensive, but the St. Joseph's Community Foundation has allowed me to pursue my dreams with a reduced student debt. The support from the foundation is very much appreciated, and I am so lucky to be supported by such an amazing foundation.

Thank you,
Jaycie Proctor

Student Educational Grants
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Amanda Green, M.D
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The Raymond
Armstrong and
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Presented to Chad Helberg
for sustained and significant
contributions to help meet
critical healthcare needs in
our community.



CitySquare Paris received
the Gerald Bawcum Award
for Community Service
for their dedicated
work meeting the
needs of the homeless
population.

From Our
Executive Director

Did you hear about the Total Eclipse that took place on Monday, April 8, 2024? If you were not aware of its going on, I am sorry you missed it. I recall a conversation a good friend and I had a year and a half before the Eclipse’s actual arrival date and the excitement that was felt. The Eclipse was the hot topic of news and social media every day for months. So much planning to anticipate the moment the sun disappeared behind the moon. I had friends coming in from New Orleans, there was an Eclipse Party to plan, so much work seemed involved to get to this four-minute period of total darkness that I was not sure how to react. Would it all be worth it?



The friends arrived, the party was a hit ... AND THEN the moment came. It was as if all the planning and work it took to get to this point were forgotten. I simply sat back to enjoy the beauty and wonder of the moment. It was miraculous and awe-inspiring.

In many ways the Eclipse reminds me of the work of St. Joseph’s Community Foundation. Just like the Eclipse, St. Joseph’s creates miracles and awe-inspiring moments. Throughout the years we have helped students who saw a medical career in their future but were not sure how to get there, nor did they understand how much work and preparation would be involved. And then finally the moment comes, and with the Foundation’s help, they reach that end goal. The moment is real and beautiful, and much like the Eclipse, inspiring.

While the eclipse is a rare occurrence, the Foundation helping others through Community and Educational Grants is an annual occurrence. I am blessed to serve as the Executive Director.

Best Wishes,
Louisa

2.5 Million & Still Giving

CASA for KIDS:	Nine Months Plus Program (12-week course covering topics focused on improving medical care for developing infants & newborns)	\$5,000
CitySquare Paris:	Partially Fund Part-Time Kitchen Coordinator	\$10,000
Children’s Advocacy Center:	SANE Coordinator Part-Time Salary/Retainer Fee, SANE Coordinator Training, and Assist in New SANE Nurse Training & Certification Costs	\$10,500
United Way of Lamar County:	Rent & Utility Assistance	\$10,000
King’s Daughters:	Provide Funds for Prescription Voucher Program	\$5,000
Tailored Rides Equine Assisted Therapy, Inc:	Cost of Equine Care, Portable Wheelchair Ramp, First Aid & Sanitation Supplies, and Scholarship & Financial Aid Fund	\$6,000
Salvation Army:	Personal Hygiene Supplies & Janitorial Supplies for Disinfecting Facilities	\$5,038
Paris Wesley Center:	48 Counseling Sessions for PJC Students for Services of Therapy Program Coordinator	\$4,689
Texas Ramp Project:	Support Ramp Building Activities (Materials & Tools for up to 13 Ramps)	\$10,000
North Lamar ISD:	Help Train Students to Enter Medical Careers (Includes Cost of Exam Application, Study Guide/Practice Tests & Scrubs)	\$5,000
Boys & Girls Club:	Four Portable Automated External Defibrillators	\$6,569
Educational Grants:	Grants to Assist Students in a Variety of Health Occupations Fields	\$73,000

Total Awarded: \$150,796



Every year St. Joseph’s Community Foundation takes time to bless the graves of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and honor their legacy of providing health care services to those in need.





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Extends A Sincere Thank You to Our Generous Donors
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Medicine

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Big County	Jewelry	Nutrition	Paris Bakery	Rosewood Local Eatery	United Ag & Turf
Bratcher's Nursery &	Downtown Coffee	Jimmie & John	Paris Chiropractic Center	Soho	VP Racing Fuels
Botanical Boutique	EC's Natural Soap	Krontorad	Paris Coffee Company	Spanglers	Wildflour Bakery
C3 Salsa			Paris Florist		Willow & Birch - KMiller
			Paris Grocery		Wilson Live Edge

Student Grants Continued ...



I would like to thank everybody at the St. Joseph's Community Foundation for making such a huge positive impact on my education. This help not just helps me but also has been beneficial for my family as well. Without the help from this wonderful organization, I may not have been able to continue to pursue my career in nursing as an RN. Because of the additional funding from SJCF I have been able to purchase

more supplies for clinicals, more money for books and other supplies to assist in providing a better learning experience. Once again from the bottom of my heart I truly pray God bless you to continue blessing others and helping us as students pursue our goals and dreams.

Krystal Jones



My name is John Moore, and I am currently in the Paris Junior College Radiology Program. I just finished my first semester, and within that short time I have learned so much about the human body, while having the opportunity to learn from Certified Radiology Technologists. I am so grateful to have received an educational grant from the St. Joseph's Community Foundation

so that I can continue to learn in this program without the worry of financial burden. In my career, I look forward to traveling, earning additional certifications, and helping people along the way.

John Moore

Mission Statement

“The Mission of the Foundation is to perpetuate the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and their over 92-year tradition of improving the availability and effectiveness of medical care in the Red River Valley with a special emphasis on persons who are under-served or in financial need.”

TEXAS UNDER WRITERS BALL

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the
Date!

September
28 2024

ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Your gift through the ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION will help change our community!

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