LIFESOUTH COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTERS' FIVE POINTS OF LIFE FOUNDATION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT







## MISSION

The Five Points of Life Foundation commits to increasing lifesaving donations through leadership in education, partnerships, awareness and advocacy on the five ways to share life: blood, apheresis, bone marrow, umbilical cord blood and organs and tissues.

## VALUES

We believe in:

#### Passion

We know we can change the world and will never give up.

#### Integrity

We are honest, ethical, quality-driven and transparent. We demand the best from ourselves and our partners.

#### Vision

We lead, breaking through barriers, discovering innovative solutions and continuously learning and evolving.

#### Teamwork

We succeed when our partners, volunteers, employees and stakeholders succeed.

#### Philanthropy

We save lives and pledge our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

#### Stewardship

We know our resources are priceless.

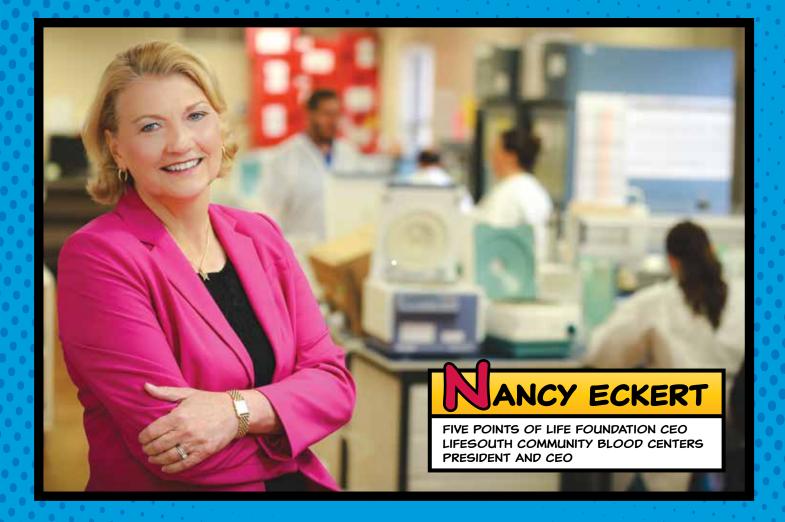
#### Sustainability

We know the mission will never end.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The Five Points of Life Foundation supports education and initiatives for LifeSouth Community Blood Centers. Donating blood, platelets, bone marrow, umbilical cord blood and organs and tissues benefits the human race. Unfortunately, we never have enough lifesaving donations because people rarely understand the value of donation until they are touched by the gift of donation or lack thereof. The foundation funds education focused on the power of donation and initiatives to expand the availability of lifesaving blood products for patients in need. We work to ensure that whenever a patient needs a blood transfusion, organ transplant or stem cell transplant, the right match is available to save their life. Imagine a world where there is always enough blood and no wait lists for lifesaving organs and stem cells. Striving to reach this vision is what motivates the foundation every day.

**Education and awareness are the answers.** We teach the importance of donating blood, marrow, umbilical cord blood, organs and tissues because donating is vital to the health of a community. We do this through programs like Five Points of Life in the Classroom and Five Points of Life Kids Marathons. In addition, we organize several annual events in the Southeast focused on raising awareness and funds to support the foundation's mission.

We need your help to keep these education and awareness initiatives going. Please consider donating to the foundation today.

THE FIVE POINTS OF LIFE FOUNDATION IS A 501 (C) 3 PUBLIC FOUNDATION DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVES OF LIFESOUTH COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTERS. WE RELY ON CORPORATE DONATIONS, GOVERNMENT FUNDING, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:





### KIDS MARATHONS

Five Points of Life Kids Marathons unite families and schools in an event focused on health, wellness and familiarizing the community with LifeSouth. Participation is free (or of minimal cost), funded by sponsors and supported by LifeSouth volunteers. During the 12-week program at local schools, children run 25 miles incrementally, then complete the last 1.2 miles at the Kids Marathon. Each child receives a medal, pride in their accomplishment and the motivation to continue to exercise. In turn, each family learns more about their community blood center and the importance of donation. In 2015, Kids Marathons took place in Brooksville, Gainesville, Lecanto and Ocala, Fla., Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile and Montgomery, Ala., and Gainesville and Lawrenceville, Ga., with more than 4,000 children participating.



# JOIN US!

## RACE WEEKEND

The foundation's signature annual event, the Five Points of Life Race Weekend, took place in February 2015. With several race lengths to choose from including a marathon, half marathon, marathon relay, 5K, and the 1.2 mile Kids Marathon there is a distance for every runner or walker. This year, more than 2,400 participants took to the streets of Gainesville, Fla. and the University of Florida campus. Race Weekend is made possible by LifeSouth's support, community sponsors and a team of more than 350 volunteers. It serves as a fundraiser and awareness raiser for the foundation. While each year the number of participants grows, the Marathon Relay has experienced an 80% increase since it was first introduced in 2010.



The Five Points of Life Race Weekend was started by LifeSouth as a way to raise awareness of the five ways to share life with others through the donation of blood, apheresis, organ and tissue, marrow and cord blood. It originated as a crosscountry bike ride in 1997 and transitioned to a marathon in 2006. The race weekend celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2015.

"IT AMAZES ME EVERY TIME AS THE 1,000-PLUS PEOPLE RUN BY. IT'S EXCITING. WE ALWAYS HEAR HOW WELL ORGANIZED IT IS. WE HAVE STAFF THAT ALL TRULY CARE ABOUT THE RUNNERS."

> - NANCY ECKERT LIFESOUTH PRESIDENT AND CEO



### LIFECORD

LifeSouth established a public cord blood bank in 1998 called LifeCord which was the first of its kind in the Southeast. Life-threatening diseases, such as leukemia or sickle cell disease can be treated with a cord blood transplant. LifeCord collects umbilical cord blood from newborns at 10 hospitals in three states. So far, the stem cells from those collections have been used for transplants in 29 states and 15 foreign countries.

LifeSouth received licensure from the FDA for cord blood manufacturing in June 2013 and is now one of only five cord blood banks nationwide licensed by the FDA.

Support is needed to help us reach expectant mothers through educational programs and to expand cord blood processing and storage.







## FACES OF FIVE POINTS



At six months old, Gracie White was diagnosed with Hurler Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. She received a cord blood transplant and made a full recovery.

"THANK YOU, LIFECORD, FOR ALL YOU DO TO GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE FOR A BETTER LIFE." - SARAH WHITE, GRACIE'S MOM

Kevin Mannino suffers from thalassemia, a rare blood disorder that requires him to receive four units of red blood cells every month.

"I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS WHO CONTINUE TO DONATE BLOOD, BECAUSE I'M LIVING PROOF THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS SAVING LIVES." - KEVIN MANNINO





Logan Blocker suffered from Kawasaki disease, a rare condition that affects the arteries, when he was nine months old. An emergency plasma transfusion saved his life.

"I CAN HONESTLY SAY MY SON WOULD NOT BE HERE IF IT WEREN'T FOR LIFESOUTH BLOOD DONORS. PLASMA FROM A BLOOD DONOR SAVED MY CHILD." - AUDRA BLOCKER



At 10 months old, Kaedyn Ballew was diagnosed with leukemia. He received numerous blood transfusions throughout his chemotherapy. With the help of blood donors, he beat cancer and is now a happy, healthy little boy.

"WE DEFINITELY APPRECIATE ALL THE BLOOD DONORS AND LIFESOUTH. YOU ALL HAVE KEPT MY BABY ALIVE." - SHELSIE BALLEW, KAEDYN'S MOM

Maya Comia is an operating room nurse, who signed up as a potential marrow donor just before the 2011 Five Points of Life Half Marathon. She soon learned she was a match and made a peripheral stem cell donation.

"THIS IS REALLY NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT THAT PERSON IS GOING THROUGH. IF I'M HEALTHY, I'M HAPPY TO DO IT." - MAYA COMIA





When Sara Caldwell was expecting her daughter Anne, her doctor explained that she could help people by donating cord blood. Sara decided to donate her baby's umbilical cord after learning that it could help save someone's life.

"IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE THAT COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR SOMEONE ELSE. IT'S A GIFT I HAD TO GIVE." - SARA CALDWELL

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT





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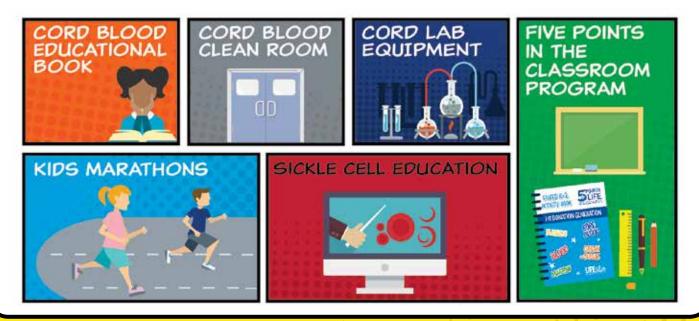
## YOUR DONATIONS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR FOUR PROGRAMS

Thanks to the generous donations from corporations and individual donors, the Five Points of Life Foundation is able to fund projects that forward the mission to share life with others.

- 1. Kids Marathons: The foundation covers entry fees and administrative costs for runners and each child receives a medal and T-shirt.
- 2. In the Classroom: The foundation funds the books that every student receives and the supplies for hands-on learning as they learn the science and social responsibility of donation through an interactive and enriching curriculum.
- 3. Sickle Cell: The foundation's sickle cell program educates communities on the disease's impact on patients, how preventive measures can lessen its effects and ways to help by becoming a blood donor.
- 4. LifeCord: The foundation helps raise funds for equipment, education and awareness for LifeSouth's public nonprofit umbilical cord blood bank. New laboratory equipment, including a clean room with increased storage capacity, and educational materials for expectant mothers are needed.

These important initiatives are making a difference. Please contribute and help us create a world where there is always enough blood and no wait lists for lifesaving organs and stem cells.

## HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR THESE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES



## OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE SUPERHEROES TOO

Through the Five Points of Life Race Weekend and the Five Points of Life Kids Marathons, the foundation gives back to the community while helping kids get active. Volunteers make these important programs a reality. Race Weekend in Gainesville, Fla. requires a volunteer staff of 350 people who do everything from staffing the rest stops to providing medical assistance to the runners.

The kids marathons each require more than 25 volunteers, allowing Five Points to collaborate with dozens of schools and community organizations across Florida, Georgia and Alabama. That network of connections helps us spread the word. Our volunteers become donation advocates, encouraging family members to sign up as marrow or organ donors. Kids tell their parents about cord blood and blood donation and organizations host blood drives.

City by city, we are making these vital connections, spreading the word about saving and sharing life through donation. We thank all our volunteers who make these programs possible. Our mission is made possible and advanced by all who join us.

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Five Points of Life Foundation held many fundraising events in 2015. In May, An Evening at the Derby allowed guests to celebrate the Kentucky Derby while enjoying delicious food, mint juleps, silent auction and themed games. The foundation also held golf tournaments in Ocala, Fla. and Birmingham, Ala. Teams teed off while raising funds and awareness for the Five Points of Life Foundation.

#### Join in the fun!

Please consider participating or making a charitable contribution.

Five Points of Life Foundation Fundraising Events

**An Evening at the Derby** Saturday, May 7, 2016 Gainesville, FL

LifeSouth's Golf Tournament benefitting the Five Points of Life Foundation May 2016 Ocala, FL and Birmingham, AL

Like us on facebook for information on upcoming Five Points of Life events.



















Nancy Eckert, MT (ASCP) SBB Chief Executive Officer



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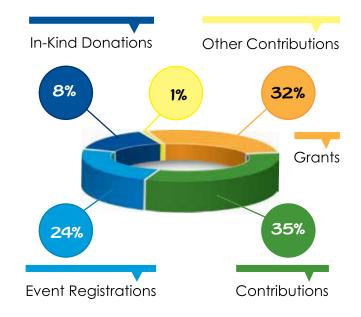
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## REVENUE

GRANTS	\$ 115,480
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 126,018
EVENT REGISTRATIONS	\$ 88,088
IN-KIND DONATIONS	\$ 28,525
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 4,633
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 362,744



## **EXPENSES**

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	\$ 284,047
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 39,753
FUND-RAISING	\$ 53,886
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 377,686

## WANT TO BE A SUPERHERO TOO?

The most convenient way to give to the Five Points of Life Foundation is through fivepointsoflife.org.

Checks may be mailed directly to: Five Points of Life Foundation 4039 Newberry Road Gainesville, FL 32607

For more information about how to make an annual gift, major gift or planned gift or to learn how to volunteer at a Five Points of Life event, please contact Brite Whitaker at 352-224-1728 or bbwhitaker@lifesouth.org.



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