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.

MISSION

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.

VALUES

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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 about their community blood center and the importance of donation.

**IN 2016, MORE THAN 4,000 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN FIVE POINTS OF LIFE KIDS MARATHONS.**

- Dothan
- Huntsville
- Mobile
- Montgomery
- Brooksville
- Gainesville
- Lecanto
- Ocala
- Gainesville
- Lawrenceville

Florida
Florida
RACE WEEKEND

The foundation’s signature annual event, the Five Points of Life Race Weekend, took place in February 2016. 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. 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 introduced in 2010.

In 2016, more than 2,400 participants took to the streets of Gainesville, Fla. and the University of Florida campus.
TO DATE, THE FIVE POINTS OF LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM HAS REACHED MORE THAN 120,000 CHILDREN IN ALABAMA, GEORGIA AND FLORIDA.

IN THE CLASSROOM
The Five Points of Life in the Classroom program is taught by LifeSouth team members and volunteers at area schools. The program reaches children ages 5 to 18 through a STEM-based curriculum. It is free to schools and community groups, easy to teach in one class period and explores the function of blood, marrow, stem cells and organs through hands-on interactive elements. It also teaches the social responsibility of donation and offers an opportunity for kids to encourage their families to donate blood.
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. 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.

LIFECORD STEM CELLS HAVE BEEN USED FOR TRANSPLANTS IN 29 STATES AND 16 FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
FACES OF FIVE POINTS

Tara Littlefield
Dothan, Ala.

LifeSouth donor services technician Tara in Dothan, Ala. has been a blood donor for years. Though Tara worked as a trauma nurse for 25 years, but she never fully understood the challenge of keeping hospitals supplied. “We’d sometimes hang 10 or 12 units for one patient,” Tara said. I never realized what it took to get just one unit.”

In 2007, Tara found herself on the receiving end of a transfusion. When she woke up from a routine surgery, she not only learned that she needed two units of blood, but her doctor also discovered she had ovarian cancer. Tara would receive many units of platelets during her treatment.

It happened again during knee replacement surgery, when she awoke to see the bag of blood hanging next to her bed. “That’s twice in my life somebody was kind enough to save my life,” she said.

“A TOTAL STRANGER HELPED SAVE MY LIFE.
IT’S BEEN A BLESSING.”

Tamika Arterbridge
McDonough, Ga.

Tamika Arterbridge is a LifeSouth donor services team leader in McDonough, Ga. Both her husband and son suffer from sickle cell anemia, a condition which affects the red blood cells.

When Tamika was pregnant with her son, her husband was placed on life support as a result of sickle cell complications. He required three units of blood and was able to recover.

Her son was hospitalized for sickle cell complications at age one and also required a blood transfusion. “After the transfusion, to see the smile on his face come back to normal was an excellent feeling as a mom,” said Tamika.

Tamika is honored to be able to work each day with LifeSouth blood donors like the ones who saved the lives of her husband and son.

“I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO’S EVER DONATED BLOOD. YOU ARE SAVING SOMEBODY’S LIFE.”
In her 13 years working for LifeSouth, Keysha Graham has explained to blood donors thousands of times how important it is to give. Last March, she learned that lesson for herself.

Keysha underwent what was supposed to be a normal C-section delivery, but when she heard the doctor say that she was bleeding, she realized her normal delivery suddenly wasn’t. As she rolled into the recovery room, she noticed a pint of blood going into her arm.

“What if no one had asked this person to donate,” she said. “I wondered what happened that made that person decide to give.”

She eventually recovered and her son is healthy and well. She now has her own story to share with donors.

“I NEVER EXPECTED TO RECEIVE BLOOD. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU’LL NEED IT.”

Allison Christopher of Cumming, Ga. knows that blood donors have given her tiny baby a fighting chance. Mary Beth was born with congenital heart disease. She needed numerous platelet and red blood cell transfusions after her birth and the first of several open heart surgeries.

Before the surgery even started, blood donors were already there for Mary Beth. “They told me they had blood with her name on it, ready to go,” Allison said. The treatments that followed required even more transfusions of red blood cells, plasma and platelets. “The family and lots of blood donors who don’t even know her, are pulling for her,” she said.

“I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SHE WOULD NEED BLOOD WITHIN HER FIRST TWO DAYS OF LIFE. IF YOU THINK MY HANDS ARE FULL, YOU SHOULD SEE MY HEART.”
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Five Points of Life Foundation greatly appreciates the support we receive from our donors, sponsors and volunteers.

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Advantage Publishing
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Ateam, Inc.

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Benchmark Homes
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Beverly Brown
Big Daddy DJ
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Health Center
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Flowers Hospital
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Georgia State University
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Kevin Jenkins
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Megan Watkins
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Sarah Farrell
Sharon Carpenter
Sheila Zachow
Southern Pines Pediatrics
Stacey Williams
Sun Country Pediatrics
Superior Residences
Sue Silva
TDC Entertainment Teale List
Thrive Chiropractic
Tim Johnson
Tom Silva
Vogal Douglas
Wind Creek Casino
Withlacoochee
River Electric
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. 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.

KIDS MARATHON
The foundation covers entry fees and administrative costs for runners. Each child receives a medal and a kids marathon T-shirt.

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.

LIFECORD
The foundation raises funds for LifeCord equipment, education and awareness. New laboratory equipment, a clean room with increased storage capacity, and educational materials for expectant mothers are needed.

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.

OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE
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 2016. 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 Dueling for Life fundraiser was a fun night of live music. 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. Like us on facebook for information on upcoming Five Points of Life events.
WHO WE ARE

LEADERSHIP

Nancy Eckert, MT (ASCP) SBB
Chief Executive Officer

Brite Whitaker
Director of Outreach and Communications

STAFF

Crystal Long
Implementation Coordinator

Chelsea Maxwell
Program Coordinator

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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.

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

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