

EAMC Foundation: Year in Review

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support in helping to make 2016 another great year! Our community continues to make a difference in our neighbors' lives through the EAMC Foundation. The fundraising support for our programs has been incredible. Through these programs, underserved community members are able to receive help with medically related expenses, such as transportation to a doctor's office. In addition, it affords them assistance with more serious medical expenses such as testing and treatment for cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and other life-limiting conditions. I would like to share some of the highlights with you.

The Auburn High School and Auburn Junior High School baseball teams held a Baseball Players Play Against Cancer (BPPAC) event in March for the Cancer Center of East Alabama. More than \$18,000 was raised through event sponsorships, t-shirt sales, baseball honorariums displayed throughout the event, and a 5K fun run.

In June, the Swing for Diabetes golf tournament hosted by Kendall and Celesta Simmons and Diana Ramage was a tremendous success. This year's event doubled amounts raised in previous years, generating more than \$48,000 for members of the community living with diabetes. In the event's nine-year history, it has raised more than \$200,000 to support patient care. Thank you to Kendall, Celesta, Diana and all those who supported Swing for Diabetes!

This year, the Cancer Center's Breast Health Fund received a net amount of more than \$95,000 from the proceeds of the Think Pink survivors' walk, the fourth annual Wine Women & Shoes event, events held by local restaurants, small businesses and civic service organizations, and individual donors.

AORTA (Auburn Opelika Running & Track Association) raised more than \$7,000 for the Cancer Center this year. In the past 13 years, AORTA has donated more than \$93,000 from their races to EAMC! In addition, the Chicken Salad Chick Foundation donated \$10,000 from their second Teeing Off for Cancer golf tournament in October to the Cancer Center Fund.

We also have an amazing group of adult, college, and teenage volunteers in the EAMC Auxiliary. They faithfully and collectively donated more than 29,000 hours of their time and talent this year. If you are a donor or a volunteer, thank you. If you are not and would like to join us, there are plenty of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people here in east Alabama.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Mandy Finklea

Director, EAMC Foundation



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It's not too late to make a tax-deductible donation in 2016. Please consider making an honorary gift in the name of a loved one during this holiday season. For more information and to give online, visit the EAMC Foundation at www.eamcfoundation.org.



In October, the Lee County Medical Society donated \$2,500 to the EAMC Foundation. Pictured with the EAMC Foundation staff are LCMS officers Dr. John Toke (far left), Dr. Ben Compton and Dr. Kerri Hensarling (far right).



As a part of breast cancer awareness month in October, Auburn University Zeta Tau Alpha sorority delivered patient care bags to the Cancer Center of East Alabama.



The 9th Annual Swing For Diabetes golf tournament was held in June at Moore's Mill Club. The event was hosted by former Auburn University and NFL player, Kendall Simmons and former Auburn and LPGA golfer, Diana Ramage, who both have diabetes. A total of \$48,000 was raised to benefit the Diabetes and Nutrition Center.



Baseball Players Play Against Cancer (BPPAC) hosted a 5K Fun Run in March that helped bring in more than \$18,000 for the Cancer Center of East Alabama.



AHS and AJHS baseball players presented a check from their annual program to fight cancer (BPPAC) to the Cancer Center on May 13. The teams donated \$18,000 to the Cancer Center Fund.



In November, Wrapsody of Auburn donated more than \$3,000 from their annual "Wrap in Hope" fundraiser. Pictured are Mandy Finklea, Renee Hamby and Sarah Brown of Wrapsody, and Delia Collins.



On April 7, Auburn High School boys' and girls' soccer teams hosted Soccer For A Cure during their matches against Opelika High School. The teams raised \$5,300 to benefit the Cancer Center.

In October, the Auburn Opelika Running & Track Association (AORTA) donated more than \$7,000 to the Breast Health Fund. Pictured are Mandy Finklea, EAMC Foundation director; Summer Vaughan, AORTA; Beverly Smith, AORTA; Delia Collins, EAMC Foundation; and Karen Calton, breast health navigator at EAMC.



In November, the Lee County Youth Development Center donated \$500 to the EAMC Foundation in honor of community leader Chris Nunn. Students raised the funds by holding an auction in October.

In February, Tallgate Guys donated more than \$10,000 to the breast health fund.



The fourth annual Wine Women & Shoes event, presented by the "platinum sponsor," East Alabama Plastic Surgery & Spa Auburn, was held on Oct. 20. A net amount of \$90,000 was raised to benefit the EAMC Foundation Breast Health Fund. Pictured are Dr. Trey Aquadro and East Alabama Plastic Surgery & Spa Auburn staff.

Wine Women & Shoes volunteer "shoe guys." In addition to raising more than \$20,000 in donations prior to the event, throughout the night they displayed shoes on silver platters and refilled wine glasses. Jeff Nance was crowned the "King of Sole" for raising the most funds.

