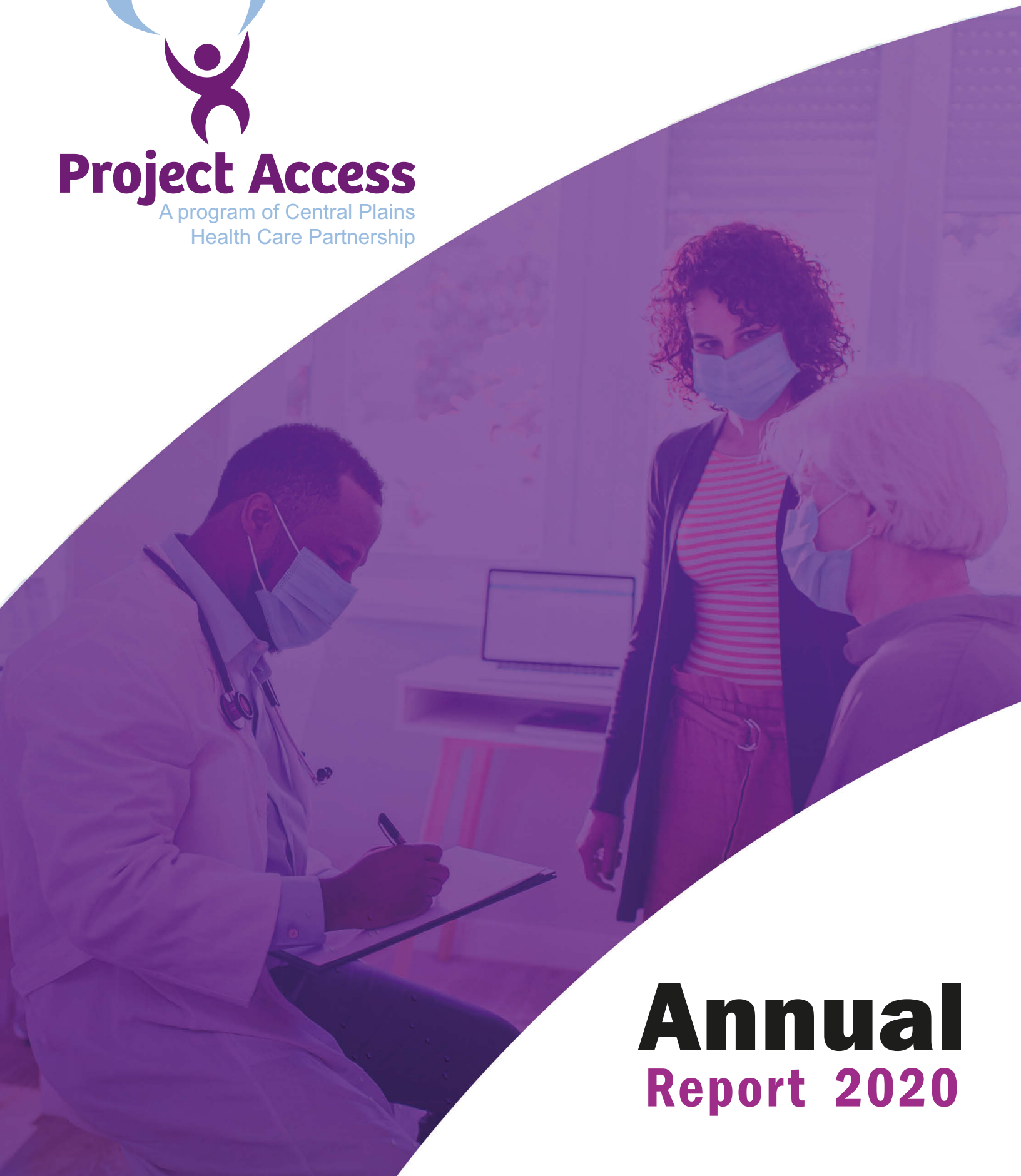




# Project Access

A program of Central Plains  
Health Care Partnership



# Annual Report 2020

# Project Access rises to the challenge amid pandemic

Normally I am a bit sad to see another year pass, but 2020 was a year I believe most of us were very glad to see end. It was a year that threw us into a state of uncertainty, anxiety, fear, sadness, and – ultimately – hope for a better year.

We began working remotely in early April, at first not realizing this would last the rest of the year and into the next. Plans were quickly made to ensure that our work continued and that clients needing Project Access would receive the care they needed.

We were able to secure a PPP loan as well as CARES Act funding, both enabling us to continue operations. Since we could not see clients in person, the CARES Act funds allowed us to purchase equipment needed to work remotely, such as laptops, printers, and support for cell phone usage. The PPP loan enabled us to meet our 2020 budget since we were not able to meet our fundraising goal – which is one quarter of our budget.

We are thankful to the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, and United Way, which have supported Project Access since our inception. Without their support, we could not continue serving the number of individuals who need our services. We also are incredibly grateful to the hundreds of physicians, the hospitals, the dentists, and many others who graciously donated care to our clients. We realize that many medical providers had a difficult year themselves, yet they generously continued donating care and treatment to our clients.

**“We were very grateful to receive a PPP loan through the Small Business Administration, which allowed us to meet our budget for 2020 and continue operations as usual. Without that funding, we would have been faced with some very difficult decisions. This funding allowed 757 people diagnosed with a serious medical condition to be treated by our generous medical community.”**

**~Shelley Duncan  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PROJECT ACCESS**

I am proud of our small but mighty staff, who had to enroll all clients from every referring entity. We have been lucky to partner with DCF, which for many years enrolled clients referred from the community clinics. However, DCF staff were unable to continue this practice last spring. Our team came together to manage the increased workload, and to ensure that clients were enrolled and received the medical care they needed.

I remain humbled and honored to be part of such a wonderful organization, and am grateful to all our financial donors who help make our purpose a reality. As we enter 2021, I realize Project Access may be needed more than ever. What a difference you make in the lives of those who, without Project Access, might never receive the often life-saving care they need.



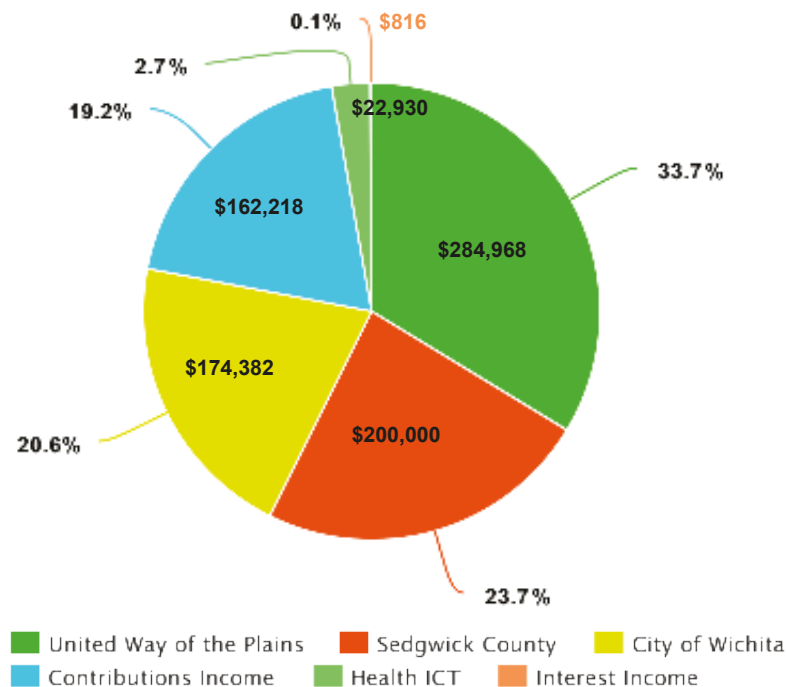
*Shelley Duncan*  
Executive Director

# Financial Stewardship

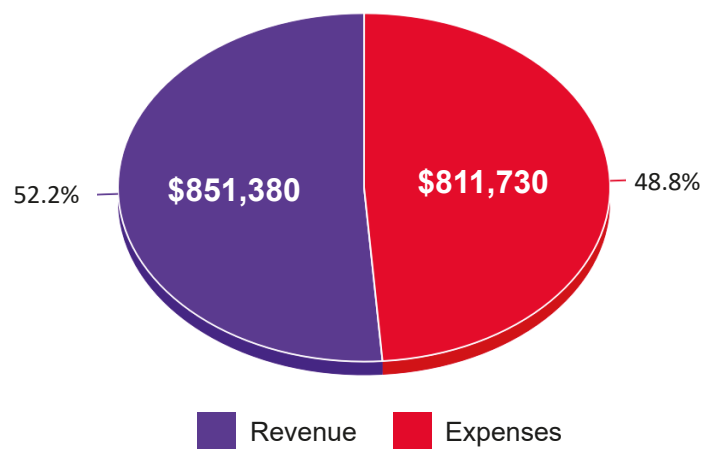
Project Access' financial position remains strong, and we are not currently running a deficit. The financials reflect a Payment Protection Program loan we received as part of the U.S government's response to COVID-19. We anticipate the loan being forgiven in its entirety.

Annual financial support from the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and United Way of the Plains continues along with donations from corporations, foundations, and individuals. As we look forward in 2021, we are hopeful for the continuation of funding from the city, county and United Way, as well as generous contributions from a variety of sources.

## 2020 Contribution Streams

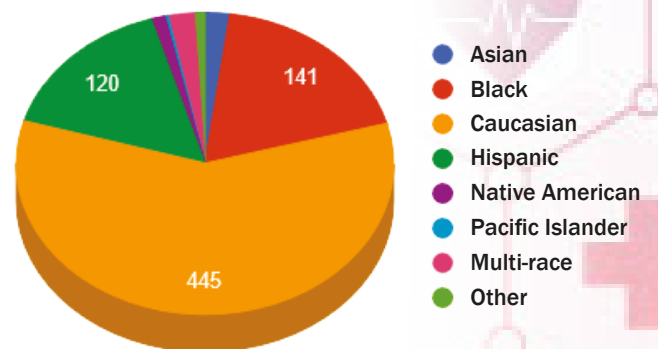


## 2020 Revenue vs. Expenses

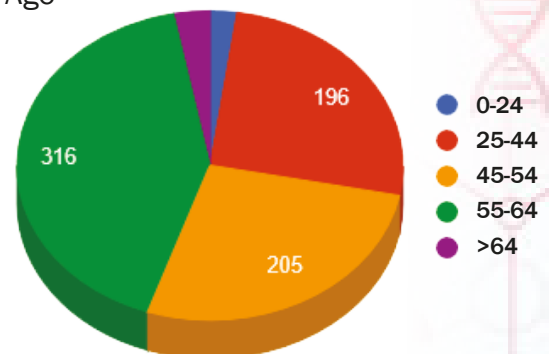


## Project Access demographics

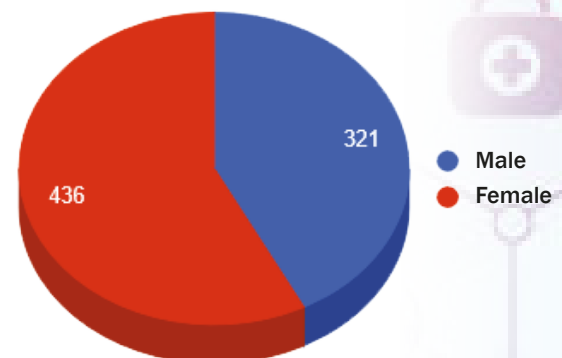
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### Age



### Gender



# Project Access Patient Testimonial

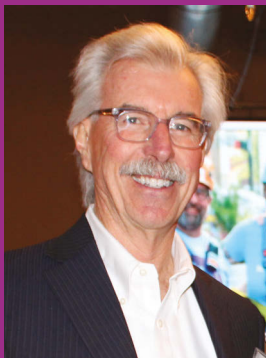
## Jill – Project Access patient

There were many times Jill thought she was losing her mind. Her heart was racing and she was struggling to breathe. She did not know if she was having a panic attack or a heart attack. She continued to ask for help and eventually found a community clinic that referred her to Project Access to see a cardiologist. Jill was diagnosed with angina, which is a condition of chronic chest pain. Jill was prescribed a medication that costs \$6.15 per pill and she takes two pills a day. This is a cost of \$369 a month; money she does not have as she was laid off due to COVID-19.



Project Access helped Jill obtain the medication so she does not have to choose between paying rent or taking her medication. Jill is relieved to know she is not losing her mind. Instead, she is gaining the ability to control her heart condition and continue to live her life. Jill is thankful for the care of the cardiologist who took the time to listen and treat her. While Jill does not receive a bill to see the doctor, Project Access does track the amount of donated care. When Jill was told the amount donated to her was \$48,579, she was taken aback by the generosity of so many!

## A physician's perspective



JOE DAVISON, MD,  
WEST WICHITA  
FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Family physician Joe Davison, MD, has served Project Access since its inception in 1999, when the not-for-profit program began coordinating access to donated medical care for uninsured, low-income residents of Sedgwick County, Kansas. A financial donor as well as a medical care provider for Project Access patients, Davison also serves on the board of directors. He does it, he says, because he can.

"I'm lucky. I'm in a profession that pays well. I could have been in another profession such as a school teacher, where they don't get paid as much but what they do is just as valuable," Davison said. "I want to give back."

There isn't anything else out there quite like Project Access.

"It is completely donated care, so it's completely free to the patient," Davison said. "If a patient is qualified, he or she will be seen free in the doctor's office, including lab, X-ray, and, if needed, surgery. Both the surgeons and the hospitals have agreed to donate their care. This makes Project Access a very unique program – a great gift, if you will."

Davison also points out that Project Access is driven by patients who have relationships with their doctors, a meaningful observation because it places patient-centered care at the forefront of the program.

"It's wonderful because the doctor can donate services to a patient in their office, someone they have a relationship with that maybe lost their insurance somehow and qualifies for help," Davison said. "If you want to give back to patients, you can do it in your regular office with more help, which translates to easier, better care. That's a real nice benefit."



# Charisma Salus: The gift of health

Charisma Salus (“the gift of health” in Latin) is the software program Project Access created in 2004 and was in need of significant upgrades. The program was originally designed by a software developer who created it specifically for Project Access and in a way that would track the specific data needed for tracking and reporting purposes.

Charisma Salus was sold to a number of other Project Access programs throughout the country. However, due to its age, the program was found to be outdated, and nearly half of the Project Access programs that originally purchased Charisma Salus no longer use it. The agencies that still use it reported it being dated and expressed interest in an upgrade. External funding was sought for an upgrade, which essentially would be a redesign, but would add elements that could reduce staff time, expand the data points, and be Web-based.

Project Access worked with three local technology companies who each provided a quote for the upgrade. The lowest quote was approximately \$75,000. In 2019, Project Access was able to secure funding for the first phase of the upgrade from the Kansas Health Foundation. That phase was completed in 2019. The second phase was funded by the Beach Family Foundation and was completed in 2020. Project Access continues to seek funding for the third and final phase of the upgrade. Once the total upgrade is complete, Project Access will attempt to market the upgraded program to existing users as well as those programs that discontinued use.

## I am Project Access



Project Access continues to coordinate donated health care for uninsured people living in poverty. Our 20th anniversary video highlights the wonderful work our physician partners and donors are doing to make health care a reality for these people.

Project Access does not receive a lot of air-time. Many residents often don't know what our program is about. This video provides viewers with a better understanding of how Project Access is helping people living in poverty in Sedgwick County who cannot afford basic health insurance coverage.



Or visit:  
[tinyurl.com/AccessICT](https://tinyurl.com/AccessICT)

### About Project Access

In 1999, Project Access began coordinating access to donated medical care for uninsured, low-income residents of Sedgwick County. Thanks to our founding funders – United Way of the Plains, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County – Project Access is still able to serve the community today. This is who participates in Project Access:

- 640 physicians
- Eight hospital systems
- 14 dentists
- 85 pharmacies
- Other allied health care services, such as physical therapy and hospice care

Project Access and its community partners serve patients in many locations. Eligible uninsured patients are enrolled for limited periods of time to address immediate medical needs. Once enrolled, patients have access to a variety of specialists, as well as prescription medications, durable medical equipment and diabetic supplies. Since 1999:

- 14,473 patients served
- \$54,537,217 physician contributions
- \$176,649,026 hospital contributions
- \$125,184 dentist contributions
- \$5,663,672 purchased medications and durable medical equipment
- \$5,723,640 donated medications
- 34,416 tests utilized through the Coalition Test Project

# Wine, Whiskey & Wichita

As with many fundraising events in 2020, Project Access had to make alternative accommodations for an event originally planned to be held in person. Having a virtual event was a new but exciting venture for Project Access staff.

The first-ever virtual Wine, Whiskey & Wichita event was held during the week of October 19. More than 30 excellent wine choices as well as numerous whiskeys and Wichita-themed items were available for bid with all proceeds benefiting the program.

THIS 2009 AUSTRALIA PENFOLDS GRANGE WINE WAS VALUED AT \$750. OTHER DONATIONS INCLUDED A 2016 ANTIGAL UNO MALBEC WITH CHEESE BOARD AND KNIFE, A 2012 ARKENSTONE "OBSIDIAN" HOWELL MOUNTAIN BORDEAUX BLEND, A 2015 CHATEAU CANON LA GAFFELIERE BORDEAUX RED BLENDS, A 2017 DOMAINE DE REMIZIERES HERMITAGE CUVÉE EMILIE WITH CHEESE BOARD, DELBRENNA STEMWARE, AND PEG LEG PORKER TENNESSEE STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY 12 YEAR.



The event provided a fun way to compete with a fellow bidder and also to help Project Access continue providing its mission and service to those in need. Due to our wonderful donors and participants, the event was a great success, raising just over \$7,000 to benefit patients.

**Thank you to the following participants who donated Wine, Whiskey and Wichita-themed items:**

Sheryl Beard, MD  
Michael Cayless  
Crestview Wine & Spirits  
Jed Delmore, MD  
Megan Dingwall, MD  
Debbie Donaldson  
Stephen Grindel, DO  
Michael Lievens, MD  
Charles McGuire, MD  
Douglas Milfeld, MD  
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Denise Phillips  
Monica Roth  
James Stepien  
Travis Stembridge, MD  
Donna Sweet, MD  
Aaron Thiessen, MD  
Nicole Weimer  
Patricia Wyatt-Harris, MD  
Benjamin Young, MD

**Thank you to those who bid on the items and, also, to our friends at Simmons Bank, United Health Care, and Elixir Solutions for sponsoring Wine, Whiskey and Wichita.**

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**Shelley Duncan**  
Executive Director

"Project Access is one of the **best organizations in town**, one that wouldn't be possible without the **tremendous generosity of local physicians** who give of their time and services to ensure that hard-working, but un- or underinsured members of our community have access to the medical care they need."

~Maurice Duggins, MD  
ASCENSION VIA CHRISTI  
FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

# Our Generous Donors

Project Access thanks its many generous donors who made 2020 a truly successful year.

## **\$15,000 and Above**

City of Wichita  
Guadalupe Health Foundation  
Riverside Health Foundation  
Sedgwick County  
Dr. George R. Tiller Fund  
United Way of the Plains  
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## **\$5,000 to \$14,999**

Beach Family Foundation  
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