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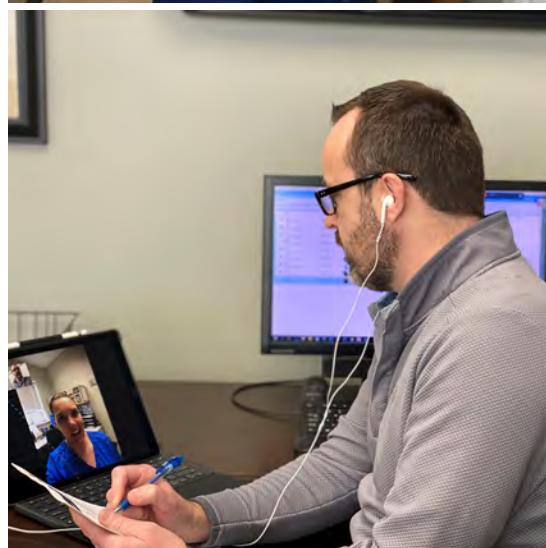
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# Impact

SPECIAL EDITION



## COVID-19 *Gratitude* ISSUE



## Dear Friends,

The spirit of Kansas City cannot be broken. Not during a pandemic and not during social unrest. If I've learned anything over the course of this difficult year, it's that we're a community that helps others.

And we feel that here at Saint Luke's. We're humbled by the generosity of individuals, foundations, and businesses who have given their time, energy, and resources to ensure our clinical teams have what they need to continue saving lives.

Saint Luke's will always be indebted to many. The Marion & Henry Bloch Family Foundation was among the first to answer our call for help. Through their generosity, we rapidly expanded our telehealth capabilities so patients can receive exceptional care in the safety of their homes. The Bloch Family Foundation also provided critical support as we created additional clinical capacity to treat patients diagnosed with COVID-19.

The Sunderland Family Foundation graciously funded dedicated COVID-19 patient care areas. We are also profoundly grateful to the Goppert Foundation and the Ann & Gary Dickinson Family Foundation who, without hesitation, provided vital funding to secure lifesaving medical equipment needed to care for critically ill patients.

Fulfilling our mission is not always easy, especially during moments such as these. However, Saint Luke's Foundation remains resilient and ready to be your steadfast partner in philanthropy during this extraordinary time. Through your help, there is no question that Kansas City will become stronger than ever.

Front line workers and health care heroes have been in the trenches of this pandemic since day one. They have been, and continue to be, stronger because of you. Donating hot meals to sewing masks to giving what you can—your generosity makes you a hero as well. Thank you for all you do on behalf of Saint Luke's patients and staff.

With gratitude,



**Michael K. VanDerhoef**

Chief Executive Officer, Saint Luke's Foundation  
Senior Vice President of Development,  
Saint Luke's Health System

### Up & Coming

*Events subject to change.*

#### 10th Annual Plaza 10K

**Sunday, Sept. 13 | 7:30 a.m.**  
Can now also be run virtually.  
[saintlukeskc.org/plaza10k](http://saintlukeskc.org/plaza10k)

#### Books & Boutiques

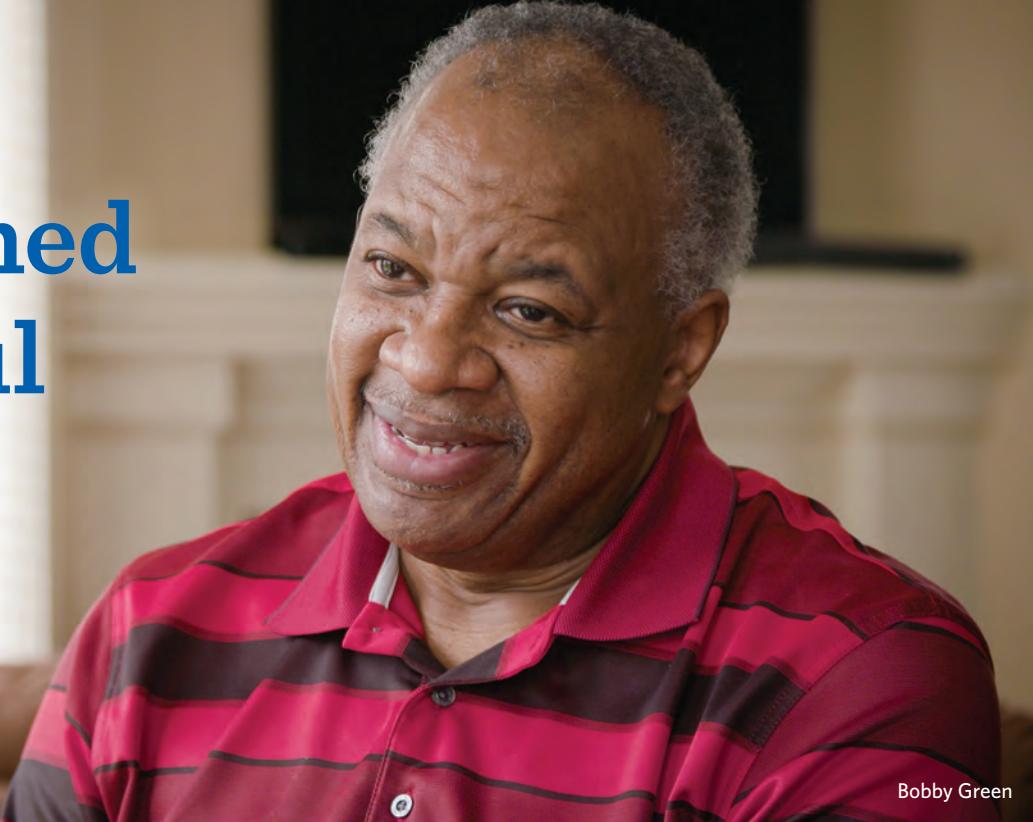
**Monday, Sept. 14 | 11:30 a.m.**  
Virtual conversation with award-winning author Rebecca Alexander.  
[booksandboutiques.org](http://booksandboutiques.org)

Saint Luke's Foundation cultivates philanthropic support for the health care, medical education, and research programs of Saint Luke's Health System.

◆ Learn how you can help during COVID-19: [saintlukesgiving.org](http://saintlukesgiving.org)

# Determined & Hopeful

Bobby Green's amazing COVID-19 recovery



Bobby Green

*“You hope people will care when something bad happens to you. But seeing it, and feeling it, just makes you truly grateful.”* —Bobby Green

Fifty-five-year-old Bobby Green from Lee's Summit, Missouri, came to Saint Luke's East Hospital in late March with what he thought was a sinus infection. Instead, it was the coronavirus. It nearly cost him his life.

Just a few short hours after arriving at Saint Luke's East, Bobby was placed on a ventilator. His quick descent was so alarming, staff at the hospital didn't expect him to survive. His kidneys failed, requiring continual dialysis, and doctors had to place him in a medical coma to try to keep him alive.

“The first 18 days in the hospital were dire for Bobby, moment-to-moment,” said Jessica Lee, MD, a hospitalist at Saint Luke's East.

Three weeks after he first arrived in the emergency room, doctors took Bobby off the ventilator. When he was well enough, he learned both his mom and best friend had died from COVID-19. The grim news was proof of just how devastating the virus could be. It was difficult for Bobby to hear, especially in the middle of his own struggle, but the news made him more determined than ever to survive.

With the help of the Saint Luke's East staff and his family, Bobby kept fighting. A week after he was taken off the ventilator, staff wheeled him out of the hospital. When he left Saint Luke's East, the entire COVID Unit lined the hallways and cheered. When he arrived home, he was greeted by more cheers from loved ones and neighbors.

“You hope people will care when something bad happens to you,” he said. “But seeing it, and feeling it, just makes you truly grateful.”

**Philanthropic supporters like you help provide the essential care needed to overcome COVID-19. We're grateful to everyone who supports our patients and staff as we face this pandemic together.**



## Pioneering Treatments: COVID-19 Clinical Trial

Cardiovascular, kidney, and metabolic diseases, such as Type 2 diabetes, are associated with poor outcomes for COVID-19 patients. Saint Luke's clinical research department is leading the way to help combat this.

Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute and AstraZeneca PLC are conducting a clinical trial to determine if a drug used to treat diabetes could help prevent fatal complications in patients with COVID-19.

The DARE-19 trial examines dapagliflozin (Farxiga), which can reduce blood glucose levels in diabetes patients. The double-blind trial follows previous research indicating that the drug may also provide protection to the heart and kidneys for high-risk patients.

900 enrolled patients globally are hospitalized with the virus, but not critical enough to be in intensive care. "Through DARE-19, we hope to decrease the severity of illness and prevent cardiovascular, respiratory, and kidney decompensation, which are common in patients with COVID-19," said Mikhail N. Kosiborod, MD, cardiologist at Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute,

*"The pandemic is on everybody's mind. And everybody in the scientific community, including clinical scientists like myself, want to get answers as quickly as possible," said Dr. Kosiborod.*

Vice President of Research at Saint Luke's Health System, and principal investigator on DARE-19.

The DARE-19 clinical trial launched in record time, speeding the process from 18 months to 30 days. It's an excellent example of how partnerships between academia, industry, and research organizations can mobilize in response to global health crises.

The world is awaiting good news about COVID-19 treatments. Saint Luke's is proud to help contribute with clinical trials like DARE-19.

# Challenging Times Fuel Generosity

Local philanthropists fuel our ability to provide high-quality care you've come to expect from Saint Luke's. And we're blessed with a genuine network of local champions who are eager to make a difference.

More than 1,000 individuals collectively contributed \$2 million to Saint Luke's COVID-19 efforts. This remarkable support has provided the resources we needed to care for critically ill patients now and in the months ahead.

Thanks to donor support and dedicated employees, we established an employee assistance fund to help colleagues whose lives were interrupted by COVID-19.

Additionally, through the generosity of our community, Saint Luke's Foundation has provided emergency funding to entities within our health system network.

Saint Luke's Bishop Spencer Place residents are at higher risk for

COVID-19. In order to keep them safe, no visitors have been allowed. To help maintain a connection to their loved ones, Saint Luke's Foundation supplied iPads so residents can stay in touch with friends and family virtually.

Saint Luke's Hospital Crittenton Children's Center also has faced similar challenges. Many traditional activities, including off-campus outings, parental visitations, and school, have been suspended. Saint Luke's Foundation provided funding for individual DVD players for watching age-appropriate movies; several televisions used in each unit for educational and therapeutic purposes; new video games; and speakers for recreational and mindfulness activities. These additions are essential to keep residents engaged.

We're grateful to every donor who helps us provide compassionate support to those who need it.



## Care in the Comfort of Home

All Saint Luke's facilities are thoroughly cleaned and special protocols are in place to ensure safe visits with your provider. However, some patients are still nervous to go to the doctor's office or hospital—and we understand. Saint Luke's providers are still available to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients via video calls on smartphones, tablets, or computers.

There are several virtual visit options available:

### Primary and specialty care video visits

See your Saint Luke's primary or specialty care providers via a virtual visit. If an individual already has an appointment scheduled, the office will call to walk them through setting up a virtual visit. To schedule a new virtual visit appointment, patients can call providers as normal.

### Saint Luke's 24/7

Using the Saint Luke's 24/7 app, individuals can see a doctor, therapist, psychiatrist, or nurse practitioner anytime, anywhere. [saintLukes247.com](http://saintLukes247.com)

Generous supporters like you make virtual visits and other medical innovations possible—thank you!





# Kindness Never Tasted So Good

From the very beginning of the pandemic, restaurants across Kansas City rallied around Saint Luke's by providing delecious treats to show thanks and gratitude.

Our friends at Church of the Resurrection donated steak meals for the entire staff at Saint Luke's Hospital. Chiefs running back Tyreek Hill and his foundation donated hundreds of meals to Saint Luke's North Hospital and Saint Luke's Hospital. Plus, so many others expressed kindness with donations of food.

## Throughout Saint Luke's, we're honored to have received donations from:

Andy's Frozen Custard  
Best Regards Bakery & Café  
Bloom Baking Company  
Burnt End BBQ  
Chicken 'N Pickle  
Chick-fil-A  
Dolce Bakery  
Donutology  
Gates Bar-B-Q  
The Granfalloon  
Hy-Vee  
Jack Stack  
Jason's Deli  
Lenny's Sub Shop  
McDonald's  
Minsky's Pizza  
Neighborhood Café  
Papa John's International  
Papa Murphy's Pizza  
Plowboys Barbeque  
Post Coffee  
The Roasterie Kansas City  
Saki Asian Restaurant  
Smallcakes  
Smokey's BBQ on the Boulevard  
Spin Pizza  
Starbucks  
Tea-Biotics Kombucha  
The Wooden Spoon  
Tropical Smoothie Café  
Unforked  
Verbena KC  
Wahlburgers  
Wally's Lee's Summit  
Westport Café & Bar  
And many more

## We also offer a special thank you to the following who donated meals and treats to our staff:

Gabby Acosta  
AT&T  
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority  
Rick Blackham  
Melanie Clouse-Bach  
Ron & Ashley Colbert  
Connection Point Church  
Lee's Summit Country Financial  
Maili Cotter-Brown  
John & Pat Dickinson  
Duncan & Co. Real Estate  
JE Dunn Construction  
Engle Creek Church  
First Hand Foundation  
Tyreek Hill Foundation  
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Julie Johnson  
Kansas City Medical Society  
Robin Katsorelos  
BJ Kissel  
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Mr. Plumber Inc.  
Holly Nichol  
Polly Nuessla  
Olathe Fire Department  
Overland Park Rotary  
Panache Chocolatier  
Church of the Resurrection  
Candy Strauss  
Suzanne Waggoner  
The Women's Auxiliary Fund

## Donate Food

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Carmen Brisco



Eva Camacho

## When In Need, Kansas City Always Rallies to Help

Saint Luke's Foundation coordinated a city-wide effort to collect hand sanitizer and personal protection equipment such as masks, gloves, and face shields at Church of the Resurrection, Abundant Life Church, and Visitation Parish, among others.

More than 300 volunteers rallied to make more than 100,000 masks for patients and staff. Among the talented and generous was retired home-economics teacher Carmen Brisco, who gave of her time and talent to make hundreds of masks.

Our community's response was overwhelming, and we're grateful:

- Sandlot Goods, The Sewing Labs, and Golden Star retooled their operations and quickly mass-produced masks for Saint Luke's
- Saki Asian Restaurant donated thousands of masks
- J. Rieger, Holladay Distillery, and American Shaman developed and donated 10,000 bottles of medical-grade hand sanitizer
- Harbor Freight donated 40,000 nitrile gloves to Saint Luke's
- H&H Color Lab produced 15 fit testing hoods
- Ad Astra made 36 intubation boxes
- Gasket Engineering manufactured countless face shields
- Lockton Companies donated \$40,000 worth of masks, gowns, hand sanitizer, and face shields
- In partnership with Truman Medical Center, Citizens for Frank White Jr., and county legislator, Tony Miller's Third at Large, Saint Luke's donated 25,000 masks to individuals who need them to stay safe

Thank you, Kansas City, for helping keep our patients and staff safe.

## Win/Win Partnership with The Sewing Labs

Saint Luke's has a new partnership with The Sewing Labs in Kansas City, a local nonprofit that provides job training, exposure to creative arts, and networking opportunities to women marginalized by generational poverty, addiction, immigration, and incarceration.

Because of their dedication to the community, The Sewing Labs created 52,000 masks for local partners.

Thanks to a limited grant by Saint Luke's Foundation, 8,500 custom masks were provided to Saint Luke's. It's a win/win for both partners: Saint Luke's is provided masks it needs and The Sewing Labs offers meaningful job skills to an incredible network of women, including teenagers like Eva Camacho.

Eva is a 17-year-old student from Brookside at The Sewing Labs. "The Sewing Labs is a place where I can learn a skill that I enjoy, be in the company of similar-minded people, and be a part of an organization that makes a huge impact on the community," Eva said. "I was honored to be a part of the mask project."

We're honored to have generous community members like The Sewing Labs, and like Eva.



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## With an Abundance of Thanks

We are more than overwhelmed with the outpouring of support for Saint Luke's and all of Kansas City during the pandemic. Below is a small sampling of the incredible generosity our community has shown us. Thank you for supporting Saint Luke's life-changing work.

In honor of **Julianna Stramara's** 17th birthday, she raised more than \$1,000 to purchase personal protective equipment to aid Saint Luke's COVID-19 efforts. Julianna is not only a violinist and future music teacher, but also a budding philanthropist.

**Dr. Allen Gutovitz** recently retired after serving many years as a dedicated cardiologist at Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute. He continues to give back after his retirement by supporting Saint Luke's COVID-19 Employee Assistance Fund.

**Diane and J. Ford Brent** reminded us there are brighter days ahead with their selfless gift to support Saint Luke's COVID-19 Relief Fund. They also supported Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute and Saint Luke's Marion Bloch Neuroscience Institute with generous gifts.

**Bob and Diane Johnson** purchased a LUCAS device for Saint Luke's Hospital. This machine performs advanced cardiac life support with minimal staff involvement.



Thanks to ingenious skills and a generous heart, **Steicy**, a junior at Lee's Summit West High School, made 95 face shields on her own 3D printer and donated them to Saint Luke's.

**Pure Fishing** decided that its supply of N95 masks could be used by medical professionals within our community. Saint Luke's North Hospital is grateful for the 1,000 N95 masks from Pure Fishing.