Introduction

With gratitude, we share the annual report for the Kathy J. Pedersen Endowed Fund to Promote Equitable Care. We’re proud to celebrate the fund’s first five years of equipping Certified PAs and PA students to embrace social accountability and to promote equitable, inclusive care for those who need it most.

Moreover, we’re delighted to sustain this rich tradition of PA leadership and outreach. The program encourages applicants to design projects that improve health by:

- Promoting innovative, actionable strategies that directly and sustainably impact documented healthcare disparities;
- Advancing PA knowledge and capacity to foster social accountability, public health awareness, and equitable care;
- Emphasizing direct patient care, education, or impact; and
- Positioning PAs as leaders in advocating for the underserved and creatively seeking resources to support the care for all.

PAs have responded to this call: Since inception, 30 proposals have been received from 20 different states. Funded work has facilitated community mental health education (2019); addressed oral health needs through global outreach (2018); fostered health literacy in urban, low-income communities (2017); and supported mental health needs in underserved communities (2016).

Although there was significant uncertainty during this year’s funding cycle as PAs and the nation grapple with the pandemic and calls for social justice, this year’s applicant pool was the largest yet! PAs offered innovative proposals that reflected the grant’s spirit of social accountability as well as the impact of the pandemic and the need for greater equity and justice. We are pleased to share more about our 2020 and past grant recipients.

Overview of 2020 Activities

The 2020 grant cycle opened in February, the earliest program opening ever, and closed on July 1. In addition to extending the funding cycle, the Health Foundation developed a robust promotional plan for this fifth cycle, using multiple mechanisms to broaden its reach:

- 20 social media posts shared on each of our four platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn). This weekly campaign promoted the grant, highlighted how funds may be used, and showcased past grantees. NCCPA augmented these efforts with likes, shares, and original content.
- 3 new videos, including a whiteboard explainer video designed to demystify the application process, an application video featuring past recipients, and a video report from the 2018 recipient.
- 3 NCCPA newsletter articles (February, April, and May).
- 2 NCCPA in 60 Seconds features (April and May).
- Email to all PA program directors.

PAs responded: The Health Foundation received a record-setting 10 applications, including 4 from clinically-practicing PAs and 6 from PA programs (inclusive of 2 student co-applicants). Notably, this year’s applicant pool featured 10 new organizations seeking funds from 9 states, including California, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio (2), Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. Proposal topics included telehealth; community-based nutrition; global health outreach; care for...
sexual assault victims and community awareness of this population’s needs; expanding access to care and prevention in underserved communities; free oral, head, and neck cancer screenings; and raising awareness of the PA profession among underrepresented minority high school students.

With this largest response ever, the Health Foundation maintained its two-tiered review process, including initial evaluation by the Grants Review Team and final selection by the Board of Directors.

In presenting applications, the Team also recommended that the Health Foundation fund two proposals. The Board unanimously endorsed this recommendation to support two grants, noting the competitive applicant pool and the availability of programming funds to supplement the endowment this year.

Please join us in congratulating the grantees:

**SAFE Follow-up Care and Testing Program**
Certified PA Kimberly Hurst (left) and her team at the Wayne County SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners) Program in Detroit, Michigan, care for the needs of the underserved and often overlooked sexual assault patient population. With the grant, the WC SAFE team will be increasing awareness and accessibility of no-cost, follow-up care across all stages of healing. Most patients are low-income, and many are uninsured. Services are inclusive of all peoples, ages, and genders. The project also includes local outreach with partners to reduce stigma, provide education, and foster greater understanding.

Hurst, who serves as the program’s Executive Director, shared: “I founded this organization when there was little in terms of training to medical providers, services, and resources for sexual assault patients. We are now developing a replicable model of care that will meet our patients’ needs in one place. Our goal is to transform the landscape of social and healing justice for sexual assault survivors.”

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**Proposal for Equitable Electronic Communication**
Certified PA Sarah Bowman (right) and her team at the Columbia Valley Community Health Center in Wenatchee, Washington, noticed their implementation of a bilingual telehealth portal and virtual services were underutilized by the Center’s Hispanic population, which had also been hardest hit by the pandemic. The Center will strive to bridge this gap in access to care by educating patients about the timely and long-term benefits and accessibility of virtual services. The project will leverage a data-driven approach to collect insights about how to best reach and educate Hispanic patients while also removing language, internet, and other barriers. The Center will track utilization of the telehealth portal as a model for expanding access to care for all.

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### Growth of Grant Applications

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The Health Foundation announced the grant recipients on its social media channels, website, and will congratulate grantees in an upcoming edition of the NCCPA News, which is distributed to more than 150,000 PAs, PA students, and PA Emeritus holders.

We look forward to learning more about Sarah’s and Kimberly’s efforts to address the needs of the underserved in their communities as well as to develop lasting models of care that emphasize access and equity.

Report from 2019 Grantee

The Health Foundation selected Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare and Radford University Carilion PA student Hwal Lee as the 2019 recipient for Roanoke 250: Training 250 Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aiders in Roanoke, VA.

In his mid-grant report, Lee shared his efforts to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) to community members, including his fellow PA students. With data collected, Lee has found that MHFA offers an effective strategy to support PA student mental health; and findings further suggest PA students may benefit from earlier mental health training.

Lee has been accepted to present his findings at the Radford University Student Engagement Forum (link), AAPA (link), the Virginia Academy of PAs Summer Conference, the International Medical Education Association’s annual conference, and the PAEA Education Forum. Further, Lee’s AAPA poster was selected for a JAAPA Student Poster Award.

Lee has kept the Health Foundation apprised of challenges encountered due to the pandemic. Rather than being deterred by not being able to hold in-person trainings as he planned, Lee sought certification from the National Council for Behavioral Health to teach MHFA virtually.

With supplemental funding from the Health Foundation’s mental health outreach grant, Lee now plans to expand his efforts by providing virtual/blended training for an additional 200 Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aiders. He continues to coordinate with local partners within and beyond the PA profession to realize these new goals and plans to continue collecting data of the training’s efficacy and impact.

Lee (right) explained his efforts, “I am passionate about mental and behavioral health, as our community members experiencing mental illness and substance use disorders are some of the most stigmatized and underserved. I also believe in the value of public health education programs, like Mental Health First Aid, as a strategy to meet the real, urgent and unmet healthcare needs in my community.”

Lee’s mid-grant report follows, and we look forward to sharing his final report next year.

Report from 2017 Grantee

The Health Foundation selected Mayanza, Inc. as the 2018 grant recipient. Three certified PAs with a passion for caring the underserved – Jami Smith, MPA, MEd, PA-C; Carla Pardee, MS, PA-C; and Emilee
Thomas, MPH, MMS, PA-C – formed Mayanza, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to improve the health of school children in Guatemala through health screenings and education.

*Oral Health Treatment for the Children of Santiago* addressed this Mayan community’s oral health, striving to fill a gap for a community that often cannot afford dental care and may struggle to purchase the supplies for prevention and self-care.

With the funds, Mayanza’s PA leaders sustained their community education and screening efforts through bi-annual trips but also built interprofessional partnerships to provide for restorative and continuous care.

First, Mayanza partnered with local, community dentist, Dr. Jose Alejandro DeLeon, who provided care in his private practice. Then, to expand the project’s reach, the Mayanza team reached out to Nuevas Sonrisas, an NGO that works in Guatemala, to bring additional dentists to the area. The team’s networking efforts also forged connections with the USAC School of Dentistry, the Centro de Salud, and the Ministry of Health for Santiago Atitlan, which speak to additional opportunities for sustainability. Together, these efforts foster continuous, culturally-competent education, treatment, and oral health restoration for these underserved communities.

Their efforts provided oral health screenings to more than 1,100 children. In addition, 194 cavities were filled; and 63 extractions were performed. The outreach was also impactful to the 48 volunteers, including 15 PAs and 8 PA students, who provided care and education for these communities.

Highpoint University PA student Maritza Abonza noted, “The trip was life changing because I personally experienced how women and children were so interested in learning ways to improve their health.”

Mayanza, Inc., co-founder Jami S. Smith also helped to raise the program’s profile by sharing her experience as a grantee:

> As the 2018 grant recipient, I felt that the experience of applying for the grant was important for the growth of our organization, Mayanza. It required me to analyze our strengths and weaknesses and develop a process for evaluating our work. I found the grant application process straightforward and the nccPA Health Foundation staff were helpful. I strongly encourage PAs to apply for this fantastic opportunity to grow their programs.
>
> Jami S. Smith, MPA, MEd, PA-C

Finally, the Mayanza team produced a short video to recognize the impact of the grant funds on their work, and their final grant report follows below. We applaud their efforts to find sustainable solutions for the oral health needs of the underserved children and communities of Guatemala.

**Financial Report**

The financial report describes the use of funds to support this program.
First, the Health Foundation is delighted to express its gratitude for the sustained commitment and generous $1,500 donation to support the 2019 grant. Likewise, we were pleased to verify the Health Foundation with the Raymond James Charitable Endowment Fund to facilitate receipt of the donation. The fund continues to grow:

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Notable 2019 fund activity included withdrawal of $1,000 to support the 2019 award. Those funds along with your donation and Health Foundation funds contributed to the $5,000 grant for Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare.

The endowment is invested in accordance with the guidelines and policies established by the Health Foundation’s Board for the fiscal management of its own investment portfolio.

Strong 2019 market conditions contributed to robust performance. The 2019 total portfolio return was 19.29%, including $8,734 in unrealized gains and $1,160 in interest and dividend income.

Recognizing the desire for the fund to exist in perpetuity and to maintain the principal, the Health Foundation strives to estimate endowment funds available for the annual grant. Restricted endowment funds along with any restricted donations will support the 2020 awards. The balance of needed funds for this year’s two grantees will be drawn from the Health Foundation’s operating program funds.

Limiting funds drawn from the endowment strives to maintain the corpus and, more immediately, recognizes the potential for continuing market uncertainty.

The pandemic’s impact on the market in early 2020 did impact the endowment; however, as of mid-year, the endowment had regained much of its value at approximately $59,242.

Finally, as the steward of this fund, the Health Foundation is pleased to share that we invested more than $10,500 in the promotion and administration of the program in 2019. Together, our partnership is advancing the role of Certified PAs to improve health.

**Looking Ahead**

With the 2020 grantees selected, the Health Foundation is setting its sights on the 2021 cycle. The Health Foundation is committed to the continuous improvement and growth of the program, and we would welcome your insights as well. In addition, we look forward to expanding on our successful efforts to raise the program’s profile this year. The 2021 cycle will open early next Spring!

On behalf of all Certified PAs and PA students as well as the Board of Directors and staff of the nccPA Health Foundation, thank you for your continued support of this program.
The staggering health and financial burden of mental illness and substance use disorder (SUD) remains an urgent public health issue, and behavioral healthcare disparity impacts my local community in the Roanoke Valley disproportionately. Informed by the findings from the Vinton 50 project (supported through the nccPA Health Foundation’s PA Mental Health Community Outreach Grant), Roanoke 250 aims to increase mental health awareness and decrease stigma around mental illness and SUDs among community members through the evidence-based Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training. Strategic partnerships, along with the grant fund, allow us to bring this much-needed education and training at no cost to community members. Changes in participants’ attitudes, beliefs, and opinions are measured through pre- and post-training opinions quizzes, and the impact of training on those around participants is measured indirectly through a 1-month follow-up survey, for each training session.

Progress

To date, 83 community members have been trained in Adult MHFA across 6 training sessions, including an incoming PA student cohort (n=31), a first-semester undergraduate nursing student cohort (n=16), and two rural community sessions (n=12). A number of trainings sessions are in various stages of development, including a confirmed Adult MHFA training (Feb 1), two planned Youth MHFA sessions at Roanoke City Health Department, one planned Adult MHFA training at Radford University Carilion campus in recognition of the 2020 National Public Health Week, and two Adult MHFA sessions for the University of Lynchburg (VA) PA students.

Findings

Preliminary data analysis indicates that participants of all 6 training sessions had increased mental health knowledge and reduced stigmatizing attitudes and beliefs at the end of training, although caution must be taken in interpreting statistical profiles since the turnout for the latter three trainings sessions was considerably less than that for first three, hence much smaller sample sizes. Responses to the 1-month follow-up survey so far indicate that 60.67% of respondents used newly-learned skills and resources in the one-month period immediately following the training to connect themselves and others to the support and treatment they need.

Challenges, Lessons, and Opportunities

The State Health Commissioner declared opioid addiction a public health emergency in Virginia in November 2016, and opioid overdose claimed the lives of 1,280 Virginians in 2019—a clear sign of unremitting, devastating toll of the opioid epidemic. The impact has hit the Roanoke Valley particularly hard, and author saw an additional opportunity to make a
difference by incorporating the statewide REVIVE! Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education (OONE) program into the Adult MHFA curriculum. Author had already included an opioid response supplementary section in MHFA training in April 2018 before becoming a state-certified REVIVE! Lay Rescuer Trainer in May 2019, so offering both trainings at the same time seemed like a natural progression. So far the combined MHFA+REVIVE! Training has been offered to the participants at the most recent 4 training sessions, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. This combined curriculum allows author to increase access to the lifesaving medication, as well as educate community members on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose emergency with the administration of naloxone, including mechanism of action and types of opioids and risk factors for opioid overdoses. Thus, it further amplifies the impact of the grant and the project.

One of the breakthrough collaborations for the project has allowed us to host an open session (Dec 7, 2019) at Safeside Tactical, one of the biggest and most well-known gun retailers in the region. Although the turnout was much smaller than anticipated (presumably due to the date of training being close enough to the end-of-year holiday season), the response was so overwhelmingly positive that we are hosting another session on February 1. Perhaps due to the sizable reach of Safeside Tactical, local TV and radio stations have picked up on our collaborations, with resultant publicity both on air and in print. With firearms being the most frequent and lethal means of completed suicides, author had long hoped to bring MHFA to community members who own and use firearms. Thus, this collaboration is yet another representation of the impact of the grant and the project.

Author has noted certain challenges in promoting and hosting the two rural community trainings (e.g., different preferred means of accessing local news and events, entrenched stigma around mental health, mental illness, and SUD, local health department’s insistence on not permitting MHFA trainings by an instructor from outside the department). These challenges will inform future education and outreach efforts in rural communities.

Scheduling particular trainings have been a bit more challenging than usual due solely to the fact that author is currently on clinical rotations, and that the schedule for each monthly rotation is typically not released until right before each rotation. However, proactive communication and flexibility from all parties has helped the project move forward and, all in all, it is fully anticipated that the project will be completed as planned, including submission of the Final Grant Report.

Author and all collaborating partners would like to once again thank the Kathy J Pedersen Grant to Promote Equitable Care and the nccPA Health Foundation for making this project possible.
2018 Final Grant Report

Final Grant Report
nccPA Health Foundation
Kathy J. Pedersen Grant to Promote Equitable Care 2018

Title: Oral Health Treatment for the Children of Santiago Program
Location: Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala
Dates: February 2019 - February 2020
Principal Applicant: Jami S Smith
Sponsoring Agency: Mayanza, Inc.

Executive Summary

Mayanza has been working in a number of schools in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala to provide education and resources for health and disease prevention. With the funds from the Kathy Pedersen Grant, Mayanza was able to facilitate restorative dental treatment for indigenous Mayan children in Guatemala without access to dental care. Program evaluation revealed that most of the families of the children who received care were satisfied with the care and had knowledge about dental prevention, but were unable to afford necessary supplies. Fifteen physician assistants and eight physician assistant students took part in dental screening and preventive services during the bi-annual excursions to Guatemala.

Program information

Program description

The purpose of this project was to partner with a local Guatemalan dentist and provide the supplies to treat the advanced dental disease of the children in this community. The extremely poor indigenous Mayan population does not have access or the funds to pay for dental care or supplies for prevention. Mayanza currently provides all children with fluoride varnish and a toothbrush, toothpaste as well as additional supplies for the schools during their semi-annual trips to Santiago. The funds from this grant were used to provide supplies for dental care including restorations, extractions, treatment of oral infections and other care as indicated.

Summary of Events

With the funds from this grant our small organization was able to coordinate dental treatment for a group of children who would not typically receive any dental care. We experienced successes and unexpected roadblocks that required us to be flexible and provide alternative solutions to provide the children with the much needed dental care. Below is an explanation of our experiences over the past year related to this project.

In planning this project, we underestimated the difficulties in communicating with a dentist located in rural Guatemala. Prior to arriving in Guatemala in February, we made several attempts to communicate via video teleconferencing and phone calls with limited success.

There is limited internet access in Santiago and despite our best efforts at face to face or verbal communication, we were limited to messaging on social media and email communication. Much of our planning that we anticipated would take place in advance of our arrival, happened while we were in
Guatemala. This led to a delayed start date for dental care by Dr. DeLeon until March 2019, but presented an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with him over a series of face to face meetings while our team was in Santiago in February 2019. Dr. DeLeon began to see the first group of patients near the end of March 2019 with a plan to rotate different grades between the schools to see as many children as possible over the next year.

In addition, when preparing for the February trip we realized that due to the volume of supplies needed, it would be more cost effective to have Dr. DeLeon purchase the supplies in Guatemala and then reimburse him for each procedure with bundled supplies. We agreed upon a reimbursement rate of a filling with composite at $19.12, tooth extraction at $9.81 and teeth cleaning at $13.08. He agreed to provide sealants to each child at no cost. This price was calculated by Dr. DeLeon based upon supplies needed to provide treatment and overhead expenses such as water and electricity.

Based upon our agreement, we expected Dr. DeLeon to see a large number of children each month. However, it was not until September, when he requested reimbursement that we realized that this was not occurring. Upon discussion with Dr. DeLeon, he expressed that due to his private practice, he needed to continue to see paying patients the most days each week.

In addition, the children that he saw were more complicated than expected and some had as many as 12 caries that required treatment with multiple additional extractions. Some of these more complicated patients required treatment over several weeks. This resulted in a lower than expected number of students who received dental care. Although he only saw 20 children, he filled 160 cavities, performed 34 extractions, and all 20 children had cleanings and sealant applications.

Toward the end of 2019, we realized that the number of patients seen by Dr. DeLeon was not going to significantly increase and that we needed another option to ensure that the children would receive restorative dental care. Mayanza reached out to another primarily dental focused NGO that works in Guatemala, Nuevas Sonrisas. They agree to send two dentists with experience working in Guatemala for a two day trip at the end of January. The team of dentists assisted one another and together saw 17 children January 30 and 31st. They filled 34 cavities, performed 29 extractions, and all 17 children had cleanings and sealant applications.

Additional successes include that this endeavor has resulted in the formation of a collaboration between Mayanza, the USAC School of Dentistry and the Centro de Salud and Ministry of Health for Santiago Atitlan. We have discussed supporting additional jornadas at the Centro de Salud where children from the schools can receive dental care. This is an important collaboration for Mayanza and speaks to our commitment to partner with Guatemalan dentists to provide culturally competent care by Guatemalans.

Outcome #1: Reduced dental caries and disease in the school population.

Reduced incidence of dental disease was noted over time in the children from the schools who had the greatest participation in either our dental treatment program. These improvements are likely due to the restorative treatments and extractions provided by the dental teams. The level of maintenance of the improved level of dental health over time will give information regarding the effectiveness of our dental education programs.

In February 2018, 81% of children were screened who were enrolled in the four schools and on this trip, we screened 84% of enrolled children. Although this is only a 3% difference, this amounts to an
additional 50 children that were screened by our team and provided fluoride varnish, education and personal hygiene items. It speaks to the level of engagement and support by the parents of these school communities that our numbers are increasing yearly. Of the 547 children we saw in February 2019, 95% had 1 or more visible dental caries with 82% of children screened having greater than 3 visible dental caries. In February 2020, we saw 561 children which is again an increase in the number of students and the highest number that we have seen in the past two years.

We have demonstrated the continued need for dental care in this community and are so grateful for the support of this grant to allow the children in this community to receive the much needed dental care.

Outcome #2: Parental engagement in the oral health care of school children - This will be assessed by a focus group with parents to understand their level of satisfaction with the care and their understanding of the impact of dental disease and ability to prevent it.

Upon additional analysis we decided that instead of a focus group, a semi-structured interview would be more effective in collecting data related to parent engagement in the dental health of their children. Nineteen families agreed to be interviewed by our team. Almost ⅔ of the respondents could describe the causes of dental disease and 90% were able to describe the impact of dental disease on overall health. Every person interviewed was able to describe a plan to prevent dental disease involving avoidance of sugary foods and regular toothbrushing.

All respondents were familiar with the tools needed to prevent cavities in the home, however 26% mentioned that toothpaste was prohibitively expensive to use on a daily basis.

All respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the care provided by Dr. DeLeon. They were asked to rate the care on a 1 - 5 scale with 1 - very poor and 5 - very good. Additionally, feedback was discussed with Dr. DeLeon for context and his understanding of the scoring. Almost 63% of respondents rated the care as good or very good and 26% rated the care as below average or poor. This correlates to the number of people who did not complete the full course of care with Dr. DeLeon, almost 25%. Analysis of qualitative data revealed two themes that may explain these ratings. There appears to be two themes for those who did not complete all the sessions. The first group (N=2/19, 10%) completed some of the sessions and then did not finish due to family obligations such as a death in the family. Based on the comments, it appears that the second group (N=3/19, 16%) went to the first visit for a consultation and were told that due to advanced dental disease in multiple teeth that several appointments would be required. Their comments reflected that they went to the first visit and “no care was given”.

This data is important and reveals that families have the knowledge to prevent dental caries, but may not have access to the tools necessary to do so. Additionally, the majority of parents were satisfied with the dental care provided by Dr. DeLeon, but additional education during the initial consultation may improve the level of completion with the course of treatment. Mayanza continues to apply fluoride varnish and provide personal supplies for oral hygiene to each child in the school clinics and to parents at the Family Health Fair at each school, where parents were given toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap. Additionally, Mayanza continues to support a community health educator who works in the schools each week teaching a health curriculum of which oral health is an important part.
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Outcome #3: At least 2/3 of students agree to receive dental restorative care and treatment.

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Although we did not exceed our goal of ⅔ of patients receiving care, this initial goal did not take into account the extent of dental disease that each child would have or the difficulties of initiating a program in Guatemala. We plan to work with Dr. DeLeon, as well as dental residents from the University of San Carlos School of Dentistry and the Centro de Salud and Ministry of Health for Santiago Atitlan to continue the care that was begun with this grant.

**Engagement**

Impact on the Community of Santiago Atitlan

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Partnerships

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Publicity/Exposure

The PA profession received exposure through this project via social media during and after each trip. This information has resulted in an increased number of PAs and PA students who participated in this event. In February 2020, we had a record of 22 volunteers join our team including 7 PAs and 4 PA students. As a result of our success in obtaining grants such as the Kathy Pedersen Grant and in recruiting more volunteers, a marketing company named Evoke has agreed to assist our organization with publicity pro bono. We are looking forward to the additional options to increase our exposure in 2020. As we continue to analyze the data, we hope to present a poster at AAPA 2021 to highlight the oral health work Mayanza has done over the past several years.

With sincere gratitude to the nccPA Health Foundation,

Jami S. Smith, MEd, PA-C
Submitted March 30, 2020
About Us

The nccPA Health Foundation, a supporting organization to the NCCPA, is a 501c(3) charitable organization dedicated to advancing the role of Certified PAs to improve health. The Health Foundation designs solutions to improve the capacity of certified PAs to impact the quality and accessibility of healthcare. The generous support of NCCPA and donors enables the Health Foundation to promote the PA profession, benefit patients, and foster partnerships.

The Health Foundation is governed by an interprofessional Board of Directors and, this year, includes 10 certified PAs, two physicians, and two healthcare leaders.

Year-to-date, due in part to your continued generosity, the Foundation has supported more than 100 projects – more than $150,000 – in PA-led interventions in 30 states as well as in Central America, the Caribbean, and Africa. We’re proud to support PA leadership, innovation, and outreach to improve health.

We remain delighted to administer the Kathy J. Pedersen Grant to Promote Equitable Care as part of our grants program portfolio, and we look forward to continuing to position the nccPA Health Foundation as a partner in equipping PAs to improve health.

Thank you!