**The Healing Trust FACT SHEET**

**The company**

The Healing Trust was chartered in 2002 as a private, independent entity empowered as a grant-making foundation. The Trust was created out of the sale of Baptist Hospital to Ascension Health/St. Thomas Health Services with the goal of continuing Baptist Hospital’s health-related community outreach and partnerships. Specifically, The Trust’s whole purpose is to facilitate access to compassionate healthcare services for the most vulnerable people in Middle Tennessee.

Grants are awarded quarterly. To date, The Trust has awarded $76 million to health-related agencies, reaching millions of underserved Middle Tennesseans through 965 agencies. In 2014 and 2015, The Trust awarded nearly $5M each year, and the average sizes of its grants are between $34,000 and $45,000.

Every year, two finalist nonprofit agencies each receive a $10,000 cash gift for The Catalyst for Change Award and The Compassionate Care Award. Four finalist agencies receive smaller cash awards.

In addition to providing grants, The Trust also provides resources for health-related nonprofits and other service agencies including grant-writing workshops, retreats, leadership programs, sabbatical grants, and sponsorships to help these critical nonprofits operate and serve their communities.

**Grant Recipients**

All of The Trust’s nonprofit grant recipients offer and support health-related services in Middle Tennessee. Currently, [200 agencies](http://healingtrust.org/grants/grant-recipients) receive funding for specific programs or projects, advocacy programs, leadership training and staff development, and operating costs. Grants are awarded to agencies focused on sustaining essential health programs and growing vital programs where rising need is documented. Some examples:

* [YWCA](http://ywcanashville.com/#sthash.c1ruzofZ.dpuf)
* [Monroe Harding](http://www.monroeharding.org/#sthash.Hpl2usuF.dpuf)
* [Interfaith Dental](http://interfaithdentalclinic.com/)
* [Family & Children’s Service](http://www.fcsnashville.org/)
* [Friends of General](http://nashvillegeneral.org/giving.php#sthash.PC3zcXJ3.dpuf)
* [Welcome Home Ministries](http://www.welcomehomemin.org/#sthash.oUshI3Te.dpuf)
* [Our Kids](http://ourkidscenter.com/#sthash.pOIqpUyB.dpuf)
* [STARS](http://starsnashville.org/#sthash.pwSkibwF.dpuf)

**Leadership Team**

The Healing Trust is an independent, self-funding nonprofit with seven employees involved in grant selection, program direction and administrative duties. The leadership team includes:

* **President and CEO Kristen Keely-Dinger, LAPSW.** Kristen has been with The Trust since 2003, beginning as an intern and then as the first program officer. Before she joined The Trust, she started her career in AmeriCorps and later worked for another nonprofit as their program coordinator. She is a graduate of the 2011 Nashville Emerging Leaders class.
* **Chief Financial Officer Matt Deeb.** Since 2004, Matt has overseen the investment and accounting functions of The Trust. His background includes public accounting and the Vanderbilt University Internal Audit Department.
* **Senior Program Officer Meredith Benton.** Meredith leads the program team and directly manages grant programs. Her career highlights include serving in the office of a U.S. Senator, two Governor’s administrations and for a former President’s international organization. She has led state and local nonprofit advocacy efforts in Tennessee and 20 other states.  She joined The Healing Trust in October of 2016.