These are Christ Health’s values as an organization—the story we aspire to live out every single day.

As a health care ministry, we desire to connect to a larger story—one that is being written by God through partners like you, our staff, and incredible patients.

We are excited to share a few of those stories with you—to update, inspire, and give you a firsthand glimpse at how God is moving as we work together...To Love. Live. Build. Give.
As soon as I saw Melisa for the first time, I fell in love with her joy.

When Melisa was three years old, she fell from a tree in her small town in Guatemala and sustained an injury that left her unable to walk. She spent the next seven years confined to a baby stroller.

When the family moved to Birmingham, they found out Melisa’s injury could be corrected, but they couldn’t afford the procedure. Some friends told them about Christ Health, and she came for a new patient appointment with Anna Musgraves.

Anna recalls her first appointment with Melisa: “As soon as I saw Melisa for the first time, I fell in love with her joy.”

Anna helped the family apply for surgery through Shriners’ Hospital, and because Christ Health committed to provide follow-up care at no cost to the family, Shriners agreed to do Melisa’s surgery pro bono.

Melisa recently underwent her procedure, is in weekly physical therapy, and is able to stand for the first time in seven years.

“I can’t wait to run and jump when my legs work again,” she said with that beaming smile. When asked what she wanted to be when she grows up, Melisa said, “a doctor, so I can help kids like me.”
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Our first class graduated seven students—four of whom are now full-time employees at Christ Health where they use their new skills to not only to earn a good income, but to live generously and make a difference for others.

The nine-month program is free to students and meets every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5-9 pm. Students learn everything from medical terminology to communication skills and general patient care.

Today, the program serves 21 students thanks to community support, additional grant funding, and dedicated people like Juliana who give of themselves every day.

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As a single parent whose life was drastically impacted by addiction and loss, Byron is able to relate on a very personal level with patients at Christ Health.

MEET BYRON BERRY

Before he was a doctor, Byron was a church planter. While serving in ministry, he met the love of his life, married, and decided to follow in his father’s footsteps by becoming a doctor.

Building a Life of Value

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Through the new Live Oaks Clinic, he will spend time learning how to integrate mental health and substance abuse treatment into his practice as a family doctor.

“People can go anywhere to get healing. But here, we are able to introduce them to the Healer.”
Giving Makes a Difference

GIVE IT AWAY. SOLVING THE TOUGH ISSUES.

ALABAMA RANKS 48TH
out of 50 states for access to mental health care.

MORE THAN 14,000
primary care providers are still needed in medically underserved areas across the nation.

75 MILLION
Americans live in medically underserved areas.

1 IN 4 CHILDREN
age 13-18 in Alabama struggle with an anxiety disorder.

In April 2019, we finished construction and opened the Live Oaks Clinic.

In June 2019, we started training our first expanded group of residents.

The Live Oaks Clinic
We are expanding access to affordable, Christ-centered mental health care for adults and kids, like Melisa, even if they are unable to pay.

Residency Expansion
We are committing to train 80 family physicians, like Byron, to provide 240,000 medical ministry opportunities over the next ten years.

The need
In order to train more family doctors and serve more patients, we need to raise $280,000 by the end of the year to start expansion renovations in our primary care clinics.

The ask
Please consider making a special year-end donation to the Multiply Campaign. When you give to Multiply, you are helping us train more doctors like Byron and serve more patients like Melisa. You are writing a story that is bigger than all of us—a story filled with healing, love, and hope.

Will you help us reach our goal?

Read more about the Multiply Campaign: christhealthcenter.org/multiply

$1.89 Million
Still Needed

$280 Thousand
Year-end Goal

$6.34 Million
Already Secured

YOU CAN HELP INVEST $8.23 MILLION INTO CHRIST HEALTH

READ MORE ABOUT THE MULTIPLY CAMPAIGN: CHRISTHEALTHCENTER.ORG/MULTIPLY

$10
$11
WE ARE SO GRATEFUL.

Thank you for supporting Christ Health Center—a 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation. Every donation is 100% tax deductible.

VISIT OUR SITE:

ChristHealthCenter.org/Multiply to donate and learn more.

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