

# with & among

“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.” LUKE 14:12-14





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**Jesus served  
*with and among*  
the people.**

As we worked to follow His example this year, your donations enabled Christ Heath to expand our proverbial table. We reached more neighbors with life-saving healthcare than ever before—even in the midst of a global pandemic. We are so thankful for our hard-working staff, especially those featured within, and our generous partners.



## 2020 NUMBERS



COVID Tests to Date  
**11,420**

Tested Positive  
**1,042**



**21,500**

UNIQUE PATIENTS

▲ 2,904 SINCE 2019



**51,250**

MEDICAL VISITS

▲ 7,174 SINCE 2019



**\$3,250,810**

SAVED IN RX COSTS BY PATIENTS

▲ \$1,121,392 SINCE 2019



**24,348**

PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED

▼ 565 SINCE 2019



**7,264**

MENTAL HEALTH VISITS

▲ 3,818 SINCE 2019



**2,189**

DENTAL VISITS

▼ 2,479 SINCE 2019

1. Year-end numbers are estimated based on data recorded as of October 15, 2020.

2. Dental clinic numbers are lower than previous years because of required COVID-19 closures from March 16, 2020, to June 1, 2020.

# CHAUNA MCKINNEY



While millions of Americans were being asked to stay inside during the first weeks of the COVID-19 crisis, Chauna McKinney was working on the frontlines.



“We are the hands and feet of Christ.”

**Chauna serves as the Community Outreach Manager at Christ Health**

and helps run the organization’s COVID testing clinic. Amazingly, she has never feared for her own health. “I pray with my husband early mornings and late nights. I know this is what I am supposed to do.” The hardest part for Chauna during the early days of the pandemic was not being able to visit her grandchildren. But she thanks God her family is healthy and has what they need—because many of the patients who come for testing do not.

**Chauna knows what it’s like to depend on others. She grew up in foster care, became a mom at 14 and spent some time in prison.**

Chauna calls on her personal experiences and relationships with non-profits to comfort patients and secure supplies. One of her proudest moments was when formula and diapers were delivered for a mom in need. “It felt like Christmas!” she remembers.

As the pandemic ebbs and flows, Chauna stays committed to her roles at Christ Health and its continued mission to serve the community.

# When Malcolm smiles at you, you can't help but smile back.

**This comes in handy when the Administrative Assistant** is checking in patients at the Woodlawn Clinic. “I’m intentional on making them feel comfortable and earning their trust. I help break the ice,” Malcolm says. These days his smile is hidden behind a mask, but he still tries to keep a positive attitude, even as he navigates his new role working in Christ Health’s COVID testing clinic.



Malcolm was raised by a single mom who struggled to support her family while working two jobs and going back to school. After graduating from Woodlawn High School, he spent two years at Miles College but dropped out because his “head wasn’t in the right spot.”

Back home, Malcolm began running with the wrong crowd and was headed down a path he knew could leave him dead or in prison. Luckily, his childhood friend Demetri Carpenter encouraged him to dream again about a brighter future. Demetri introduced him to other Christ Health leaders at church, and Malcolm eventually graduated from Christ Health’s Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) Training Program and joined the staff.

Malcolm admits that some moments have been harder than others during the pandemic. But growing up in Woodlawn prepared him for tough times.



# MALCOLM ARMSTRONG



**Malcolm is currently preparing to sit for the Medical Assistant license exam and plans to return to college.**

“Working at Christ Health opened me up—I always loved helping people and where else could I do that more than healthcare?! Why stop here?”

# DR. JESSICA RAMOS



**75 million** people in America live in areas with little or no access to quality, affordable primary care.

**14,000** providers are needed to serve these communities.

**8** family doctors are trained each year by Christ Health to meet this need across our nation.





# Dr. Jessica Ramos has made it her mission to serve low-income Hispanic communities.

**As a child, Jessica watched her father suffer from kidney failure.** His doctor took time to answer her family's questions and emphasize the importance of a healthy lifestyle. He also told them that her father should have sought treatment much sooner.

"That's when I realized that as a physician, you have a chance to make a difference in lives." Jessica set out to become a doctor and help remove stigmas about preventative care in the Hispanic community.

Jessica's whole family supported her dream. When her community built a new neighborhood high school and she wasn't chosen by lottery to attend, Jessica's mom went directly to the school board and persuaded them to let her enroll. Jessica remembers being one of the only Hispanic kids at her high school and always wondering if she was "good enough."

In the following years, Jessica made plans to go to college—the first in her family to do so—and attend medical school in hopes of starting a clinic in her grandfather's village in Mexico. While visiting family

in Alabama, she learned about the St. Vincent's East Family Medicine Residency at Christ Health. Amazingly, she also learned that many families from her grandfather's village had moved to Chalkville. She could complete her residency in Alabama and still fulfill her calling!

**Today, Jessica believes she's right where she belongs.**

"I feel like all these pieces from when my dad got sick led me here. So many patients are uninsured and low income—it's a blessing to help them get treatment so they can have a much better life."

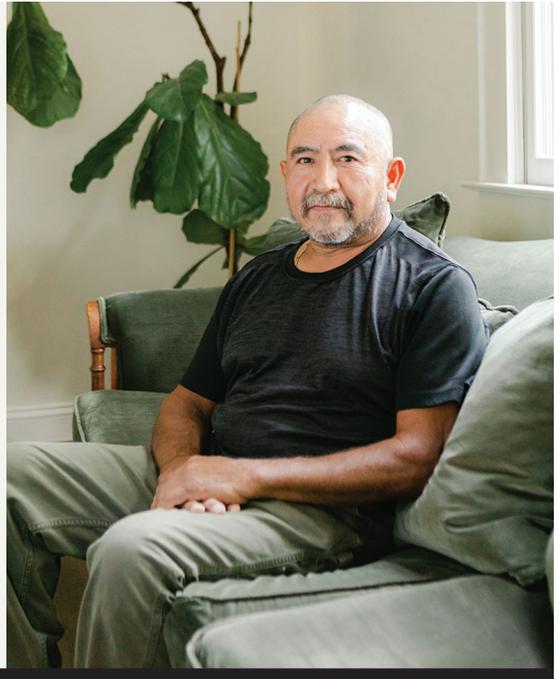
# How do you battle cancer during a pandemic? With a lot of help from your friends.

**Two years ago, Fidel Gutiérrez began to feel very sick.** “I will be honest with you. I hadn’t been to a lot of doctors.” By the time he went to Christ Health in Chalkville, he was suffering from stage IV cancer. The pain got so intense one weekend that his wife Connie took him to the emergency room. But she wasn’t allowed in with him because of COVID. “They told me that the cancer was really bad and in my bones,” Fidel remembers.

Because Fidel was uninsured and unable to afford life-saving chemotherapy, he was facing a drastic and disfiguring surgery without prospects for a complete cure. But Dr. Hardeman, a first-year resident in the St. Vincent’s East Family Medicine Residency program at Christ Health, and Dr. Rogers, a residency faculty member, believed there might be another way. With the help of the Christ Health pharmacy team, they managed to secure the cutting-edge chemotherapy Fidel so desperately needed.



# FIDEL GUTIÉRREZ



**15,670** medical visits have been provided to patients without health insurance through Christ Health in 2020. No person is ever denied care based on their ability to pay.

“The doctors pray with us every time we come in. They’re really wonderful with the patients. I wouldn’t go to another clinic.”

Fidel is now a COVID survivor and continues to battle cancer with help from his family and the staff at Christ Health.



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Current Funds  
**\$74k**



Our Goal  
**\$159k**

