

2022 PRESS KIT





Since its founding in 2012, Avedis Foundation has served as a catalyst for positive change in Shawnee, Pottawatomie County and our neighboring communities.

With holdings of \$100 million, Avedis is committed to supporting the many nonprofit organizations, schools, community projects and other initiatives that help improve the health, wellness and quality of life of the communities we serve.

As we reflect on the past 10 years, we recognize that our community's needs are great, but our calling to serve it is greater.

DR. KATHY LASTER, PRESIDENT/CEO AVEDIS FOUNDATION

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FAST FACTS

The name "Avedis" means "the bearer of glad tidings" or "one who brings good news."

The Foundation's mission is to measurably improve the health, wellness and quality of life for the people of Pottawatomie County

and its surrounding communities.

Since its founding in 2012, Avedis
Foundation has allocated more than
\$55 million in projects, initiatives and
nonprofit organizations for the
benefit of our community.

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The Foundation's signature statement, "We're here for good," is both a commitment to the communities we serve and a promise to continue investing in those communities for years to come.



FOUNDATION ORIGINS

Avedis Foundation was incorporated in Shawnee, Oklahoma in 2012 as one of Oklahoma's largest private foundations by the acquisition of Unity Health Center by SSM Health Care Oklahoma, the parent company of the St. Anthony Network.

The founding Board of Directors named Michelle Briggs as the Foundation's CEO. Charles Shields served as the Board Chair, followed by Mike Adcock.

Through collaborative partnerships, strategic investments and grantmaking, the Foundation has granted more than \$55 million to organizations and initiatives that strengthen the community in the areas of Health and Wellness, Education, Social Services and Community Enrichment.

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COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Avedis addresses complex community issues through collaborations with nonprofits, education systems, community organizations, city and county government, key stakeholders or additional funders to attain achievable outcomes.

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

Avedis Foundation invests in positive change for the communities in its service area by partnering with those communities to identify needs and promote real and lasting change through targeted investments.

GRANTMAKING

Avedis Foundation accepts grant requests from eligible nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and other non-taxable entities in Pottawatomie County and surrounding communities through an online application process.

2012-22 TIME LINE

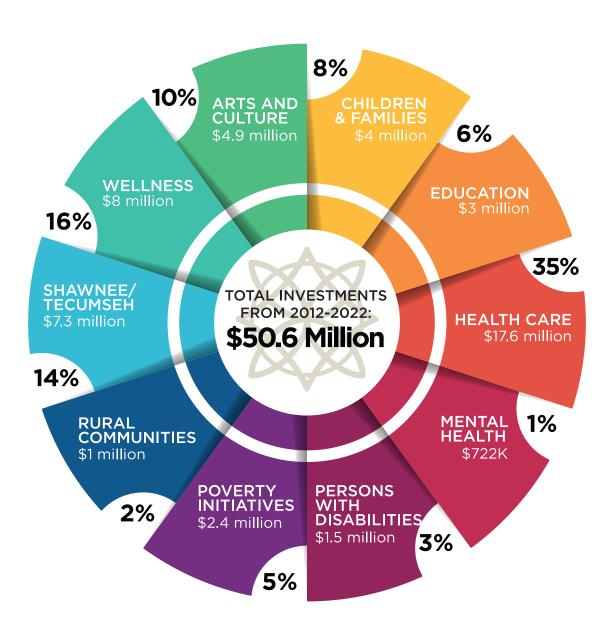
The chart to the right highlights Avedis Foundation's significant milestones and projects from 2012-22.

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SSM acquires Unity Health Center **AVEDIS FOUNDATION IS INCORPORATED** Initial grants awarded Shawnee receives funding for "Splash" municipal pool Avedis Leadership Institute established Avedis and Shawnee partner on Avedis Trails Avedis funds pool projects in Shawnee and Maud Avedis awards grants to county schools for playgrounds Community Renewal of Pottawatomie County launched Avedis awards grants for Shawnee, Tecumseh splash pads Shawnee Master Trails/Sidewalks plan established Avedis Speaker Series established Inaugural Avedis Health Week Community Market of Pottawatomie County established Airport trail lighting installed SSM West Tower dedicated 05 Blue Zones Project introduced Avedis funds R.I.S.E. Program Craig Family Community Renewal Friendship House breaks ground Avedis hosts first Celebrate Teachers event Avedis Park opens at Michelle Briggs retirement Shawnee Middle School Dr. Kathy Laster takes lead as CEO/President Foundation moves to new HQ at 1500 E. Independence County grants awarded for Safe Routes to School SUSTAIN Initiative established Avedis surpasses \$40 million in grants Nonprofit Leadership Avedis provides PPE to area nonprofits Roundtable established Avedis awards nearly \$185K in emergency grants Avedis awards grant for Gateway campus expansion Avedis funds Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex Rejuvenation Suite completed Avedis and OK Dept. of Health host mobile clinics to deliver free COVID and flu shots Avedis recognizes First Responders Avedis recognizes Health Care Heroes **AVEDIS CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY** 'We're Here For Good' Service Award established Avedis awards grant to City of Shawnee Amphitheater Foundation surpasses \$55 million in grants

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In 2018, Avedis Foundation relocated to its newly constructed headquarters at 1500 E. Independence in Shawnee. With its modern design, the 6,842 square-foot space features large and small conference rooms, a large kitchen for catered events, and a spacious, covered back porch for outdoor gatherings.

The Foundation designed this beautiful, state-of-the-art facility with the express desire to share it with the community, and regularly hosts educational and professional development events for local nonprofits.





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