

OUR MISSION

Improving Lives by Providing Charity Specialty Care to Eligible Tulsans



Our Impact Since **2012...**



\$5 Million Donated Care



3,333 Program Services



987 Program Referrals



178 Physician Volunteers



12 Hospital Partners

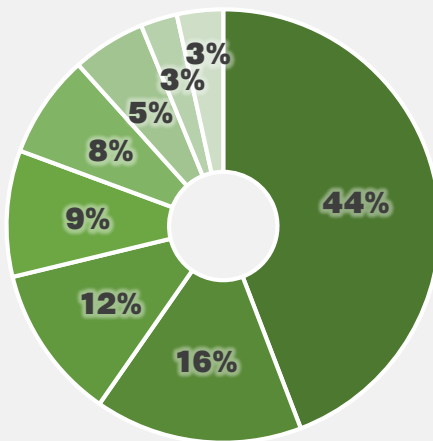


60 Healthcare Vendors



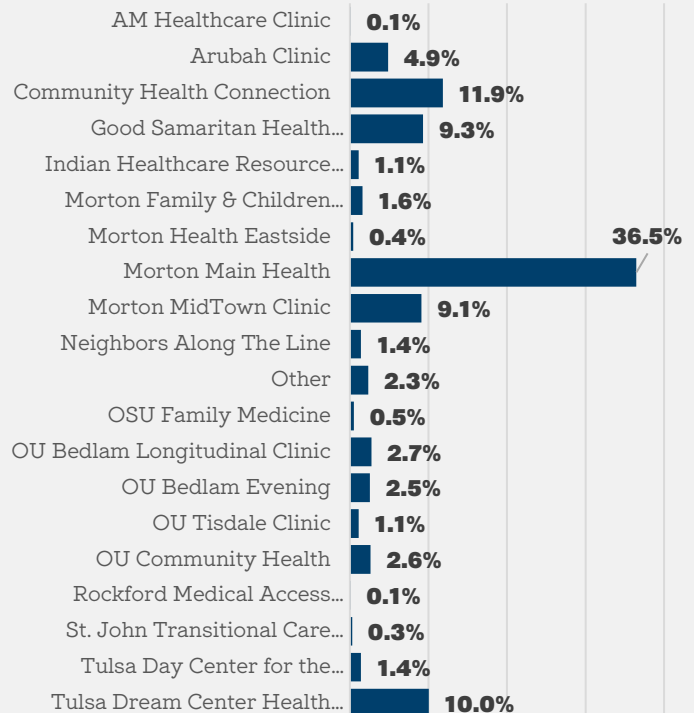
18 Funding Partners

Specialties Served



- Orthopedics
- Ophthalmology
- Ear, Nose & Throat
- Dermatology
- Urology
- General Surgery
- Gynecology
- Other

Referrals by Clinic



Our Mission is ...Life Changing

Our goal for Project TCMS, an initiative of Tulsa County Medical Society Foundation, is to sustain a program to improve access for non-emergent specialty care. This program aids the medically underserved residents of Tulsa County by providing a network of volunteer physicians and community partners who have an efficient operating system of providing charity specialty services to patients referred by safety net primary care clinics. As of December 2018, \$5 Million in donated care has been provided through our program. We can and do report the figures, e.g. dollars of care donated, number of donated services and number of referrals; however, the most important report is more than the numbers. It is the personal patient stories and the generosity of our volunteer providers and funding partners.



Richardo... A 31 year old male with a steady job to support his family, however was unable to afford health insurance visited a local primary care safety net clinic for sore throat and fever. He received antibiotics and his condition improved. Fast forward 2 years and he has been back to the safety net clinic many times with the very same symptoms. Now he's concerned this must be serious since it keeps coming back and who will care for his family. Project TCMS arranged a visit with an ENT who determined he needed a tonsillectomy (20 minute procedure) very simple but for him and his family ...[life changing](#).

Maria... A 56 year female who had severe cataracts that impaired her sight for many years was referred to Project TCMS. An appointment was coordinated with an ophthalmologist who returned the gift of sight to her. While visiting the Project TCMS office to write thank you notes to those who provided her care she shared that she could now see her likeness to her mother when looking in the mirror ...[life changing](#).

Rhonda... A woman age 60 was forced to stop working over a year ago because of her severely limited mobility by two very bad knees. Through Project TCMS's collaboration with Operation Walk, USA, she underwent bilateral knee replacement by one of our Project TCMS orthopedic surgeons. Fast forward 5 months later she was able to return her walker for our next patient in need. She's now smiling from ear-to-ear and sharing the news that she has a new job ...[life changing](#).



Thomas... A 55 year old man suffered from an enlarged nasal polyp for several years to the point of becoming visible. It impaired his ability to breathe, sleep and eat not to mention embarrassment creating emotional distress. He periodically would experience a large amount of uncontrollable bleeding which would force him to the emergency room where the polyp would only be cauterized. Through Project TCMS, he was treated by an ENT who performed a polypectomy and maxillary antrostomy. His polyp had grown to the size of a lime, two walnuts and another lime. He is now able to breathe, eat, sleep and speak normally ...[life changing](#).



Natalie... A 26 year old single mom of two small children worked in 2 fast food establishments. She too was unable to afford insurance. She fell carrying in groceries fracturing her right ring finger and sought treatment at an urgent care center. She received a splint and was provided the name of an orthopedist to contact the following morning. She phoned to make an appointment and was told the initial office visit was \$150.00; it might as well have been \$1,000.00. She didn't have the money to see the specialist. She continued to work while in pain with a splinted broken finger. She was referred to Project TCMS and seen by an orthopedist where her fracture was treated appropriately ...[life changing](#).

Our stories continue as we accept referrals in 7 specialties: dermatology, ENT, general surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedics and urology. We find each patient is unique and in circumstances that are often taken for granted such as seeing a doctor in time of need. We are honored and humbled to have the opportunity to touch the lives of the underserved in our community.



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