



The need for our heart expertise is accelerating.

The Seton Heart Institute is a success by any measure. Our region's first heart transplant was performed at Seton in 1986. Today, Ascension Seton continues to be the regional leader in advanced heart and vascular care, and remains the only place in the region to get a heart transplant. We can't rest on our laurels, however. Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the U.S., and the population in Austin and the surrounding Central Texas region is increasing and aging. Over the next ten years, we expect to see an increase of more than 800,000 cardiac patient visits in the 11-county area we serve. In addition, exceptional cardiovascular care is tied closely to investments in leading-edge technological advancements. Expanding our services and increasing the quantity and quality of our technology will help us maintain our leading care position in the region.

Our goal is to not just meet our high demand, but to raise the level of care through shortened wait times, increased presence in neighborhood clinics, advanced diagnostic imaging technologies and reduced hospital stays.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Improve patient access to timely, expert-level care by screening and treating patients quickly, offering telemedicine capacity and by increasing access in neighborhood clinics in Westlake, Georgetown and Bastrop.

Establish a new cardiovascular fellowship program—the first in Central Texas—to train the next generation of exceptional specialists and keep a qualified talent pipeline close to home.

Invest in leading-edge diagnostic and imaging equipment and technology.

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CARDIO CENTERS

throughout Austin are not enough. Even more patient access is critical.

15%

INCREASE

in the number of potential patients over the age of 45 by the year 2023.

1 in 4

DEATHS

occur among patients with heart disease.



Two heart attacks, one heart transplant, and eleven heart surgeries later.

On Christmas Eve, just days after delivering her fourth child, Kristen Patton felt a horrible pain in her jaw. Her husband, Steve, called 9-1-1 immediately. She crashed three times before arriving at Ascension Seton Medical Center Austin.

When Kristen awoke the next morning, she underwent a battery of tests which all came back normal. But before leaving the hospital, she suffered a second heart attack and was rushed into surgery.

Kristen did not wake up for a month. An advanced life support machine called Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), kept her alive by supporting her lungs and heart. When she returned home three months later, Kristen had an implanted Left Ventricular Device (LVAD) which would power her heart until a heart transplant donor could be found. Eleven months later Kristen underwent heart transplant surgery.

Today, she is doing exceedingly well, enjoying her family, and just completed the Transplant Games of America.

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The doctors and nurses at Ascension Seton Medical Center are angels. They loved me as if I was a member of their own family. They were honest with me, but always left the room with a piece of hope. I marvel that this many amazing people work in one building.

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KRISTEN PATTON