



TWIN CITIES ORTHOPEDICS FOUNDATION

Advancing musculoskeletal health through community service, orthopedic research, education and training.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Supporters and Friends,

The mission of the Twin Cities Orthopedics Foundation (TCOF) is to advance musculoskeletal health through community service, orthopedic research, education, and training. Our Board members and staff are all volunteers, enabling the TCOF to directly support more of its goals while minimizing overhead expenses. Special thanks to our volunteers and Board members for their significant efforts.

Of course, without you, our Foundation would have no resources to support our mission, our many worthy community partners and grantees, and extensive orthopedic research. Thank you, and please visit our website at **TCOFoundation.org** for more information, photos, and a user-friendly DONATE button to easily make your fully tax-deductible gift online.

We extend special gratitude to Kurt Anderson, MD, who served on the Foundation's Board of Directors for many years, including four years as President, and is now retiring from the Board.

After seven years as Board President, I am turning the reins over to the very capable hands of Adam Bakker, MD. It was an honor to help found this great organization in 2007 and serve on its Board of Directors since then.

We can accomplish more, together. Thank you for your support.

David Gesensway, MD

7 Years as Board President | Twin Cities Orthopedics Foundation

ABOUT THE

FOUNDATION

Established in 2007 by members of Twin Cities Orthopedics, the TCOF develops and invests in key activities to improve the quality of life for those affected by bone, joint, and muscle injuries and disorders.

Our Mission

To advance musculoskeletal health through community service, orthopedic research, education and training.

Our Vision

We are dedicated to four key principles that help guide our efforts.

- Supporting community programs and services
- Promoting an active lifestyle
- Increasing orthopedic scientific knowledge through research and education
- Fostering volunteer orthopedic services to underserved local and international communities

2024 Accomplishments

- · Continued dedication to research and education focused on medical innovation and technology
 - Advancement of the TCO Bioengineering Lab to increase and enhance skills for physicians and fellows, nationally and internationally
- ImPACT Concussion Testing funding
- Continued support of our established partnerships with:
 - Bolder Options
 - United Heroes League
- New partnership support with:
 - Northside Boxing
- · Grants to:
 - SIGN Fracture Care International
 - Kafika House, Tanzania
 - St. Luke's Radiology/Partners4Hope, Tanzania
 - Crow River BMX
 - Run Meadowbrook Run
 - Rosemount Football Program
 - University of Minnesota Orthopedic Resident Book and Education Fund

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YEAR END | DECEMBER 31, 2024

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITES

CONTRIBUTIONS		
REVENUES		
Research & Education Fund	\$878,427	
Other Designated Funds	\$27,000	
Unrestricted Funds	\$49,847	

Total Contributions \$955,274

DISBURSEMENTS		
EXPENSES		
Research & Education	\$915,697	
Undesignated Fund Grants	\$52,700	
Designated Fund Grants	\$24,950	
Volunteer Service Trip Grant	\$3,000	
Administrative Costs	\$16,729	

Total Disbursements \$1,013,076

2024 TOTALS	
Total Expenses	\$1,013,076
Change in Net Assets	-\$57,802
Net Assets, Beginning of Year 2024	\$320,393
Net Assets, End of Year 2024	\$262,591

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT



BOLDER OPTIONS

Bolder Options provides intensive, long-term support to young people in our communities. They start by pairing youth ages 10-14 with a caring adult mentor for a year of one-to-one mentorship with an emphasis on the physical, emotional, and social dimensions of wellness. Each pair chooses a physical activity goal, an activity they will train for together, and complete at least three events. Pairs also participate in nutrition nights, service activities, and other events hosted by Bolder Options and their partners. At the end of one year, the pair's accomplishments are celebrated at a graduation ceremony, and they are invited to continue with Bolder Options as part of the alumni program.

Learn more at **BolderOptions.org**

"For over 30 years, Bolder Options has supported young people by connecting them with positive mentors to promote healthy, positive development. The Twin Cities Orthopedics Foundation has been an invaluable partner in this journey. Through their generous contributions and collaborative energy, they've played a key role in advancing our mission. We are profoundly grateful for their unwavering commitment to our community and their enduring support of our work."

Darrell Thompson | President, Bolder Options



NORTHSIDE BOXING CLUB

Northside Boxing Club provides a safe place to teach fundamentals about life, character, nutrition, education, and boxing. They offer free weekday boxing classes, a space to do homework, and nutritious meals.

Learn more at NorthsideBoxing.org

"The TCOF is a key partner to Northside Boxing Club and its growth. Not only in their involvement as partners but the exposure of our mission to the larger community. We are so fortunate to work with TCO and look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

Ryan Burney | Founder, Northside Boxing Club



ROSEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STEPS UP ATHLETE SAFETY WITH TCOF SUPPORT

The Rosemount High School football program received crucial support from the TCOF, enabling the purchase of 90 Guardian Caps, protective helmet covers designed to enhance athlete safety. With more than 200 student-athletes participating in football, the Guardian Caps represent a significant step toward improved safety and concussion prevention.

"We sincerely appreciate the generosity of the TCOF," said Jeff Erdmann, Head Football Coach at Rosemount High School. "Their contribution directly impacts the well-being of our athletes, allowing us to better protect our players as they compete and develop in the sport."

In addition to the Guardian Caps, Coach Erdmann highlighted the exceptional work of Athletic Trainer Courtney Syverson, whose commitment and expertise significantly benefit the program.

"Courtney's dedication and care for our student-athletes does not go unnoticed," Erdmann added. "We're fortunate to have her as an integral part of our team, and we greatly value TCO's ongoing commitment to ensuring our players receive outstanding care."

Through initiatives like this, the TCOF continues to play a pivotal role in enhancing athlete safety and supporting sports programs throughout the community.





UNITED HEROES LEAGUE

United Heroes League's mission is to help military families build confidence, friendships, and engagement through sports. They achieve this by providing free head-to-toe sports equipment, free skill-development camps, grants to offset sports fees, special experiences of meeting pro athletes, and tickets to pro games so families can enjoy a night out before/after deployment.

Learn how you can help at GiveUHL.org

"United Heroes League is so thankful for the continued partnership with the Twin Cities Orthopedics Foundation. Sports are an exceptional way for military children and veterans to stay healthy and be a part of a "team." The support we received from the TCOF once again impacted hundreds of heroic families by making sports more accessible and affordable for them, along with helping boost morale during the tough times of separation and injury. We are truly grateful to everyone at TCO for all the great work they continue to do through the Foundation."

Shane Hudella | President & Founder, United Heroes League

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

GLOBAL INVOLVEMENT

TANZANIA

Dr. Adam Bakker | TCOF Board Member

"How can we improve?"

It's a simple question in theory. It's a question I focus on continuously at TCO, through developing my surgical techniques, advancing education, working on systems-based improvements, and collaborating with other medical professionals. However, working halfway across the world in a resource-limited country like Tanzania, this relatively straightforward question becomes tremendously difficult.

For the past eight years, I have been doing medical service work in Arusha, Tanzania, through the Kafika/Plaster House, a nonprofit organization. The work primarily involves children who develop life-altering burn scar contractures, many under the age of five. Burns are very common in Tanzania. Fires are used for boiling water for drinking, cooking, heating, and even as a mosquito deterrent. These fires are typically made in open pits in the center of circular mud huts, about the size of a medium-sized icehouse. The open pits are not protected, and accidents are common.

On my first medical service trip to Tanzania, the severity of the burn scar contractures was beyond anything I could have imagined. I was humbled. I had never seen anything like it anywhere during my training, and had never read about burn scar contractures of such severity. The burns were so severe that they distorted the anatomy.

However, with the guidance of a group of four physicians from Denver, who have been traveling together to Tanzania for more than 25 years to treat burns, I was educated, and my skills improved significantly during my first three years there. I am now able to work with and help train Tanzanian physician residents in surgery.

Over the past four to five years, I've returned my focus to the question: "How can we improve?"

One area quickly became apparent: anesthesia care. In Tanzania, there are nurse anesthetist-like personnel, but their level of training is significantly less than what we are accustomed to. The capabilities and attention to detail in anesthesia care are often lacking. Operating with one eye on the surgery and the other on the portable oxygen and heart monitors is tremendously stressful. Many of the children have lungs compromised by smoke exposure from indoor fires, and they often present with a variety of less-than-ideal health conditions. Nerve blocks, which we heavily rely on for postoperative pain control, were missing. The time required to induce and especially to recover from anesthesia was significant. Improvements were clearly needed.

Over the past three years, we have been able to bring a team of anesthesiologists from our Ambulatory Surgery Centers, starting with Dr. Erik



Egeland, followed by Dr. Emily Schmidt and Dr. Xan Jacobs. Their contributions have been remarkable. Providing safe and efficient anesthesia care has been tremendously impactful. In addition, they have been active in teaching Tanzanian anesthesia staff. Their impact has been noticeable, leading to significant improvements in safety, efficiency, and education.

Another area identified for improvement was post-surgical hand therapy. As a hand surgeon, I know many of our outcomes are directly correlated with the quality of hand therapy. Alli Mikota, a certified hand occupational therapist, has joined our team over the past few years. Her impact has been profound, both in the direct care of patients and in educating the Tanzanian staff. The expertise she provides has led to significant improvements in the children's functional outcomes during her visits, but just as important, to long-term success through the education she provides to local staff.

The contributions from Dr. Egeland, Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Jacobs, and Alli Mikota have led to tremendous improvements in both patient safety and outcomes. Their dedication to education has also created lasting improvements that will benefit the community for years to come.

The next question is:

"How can we continue to improve?"





RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Research and education fuel our commitment to advancing patient outcomes and strengthening collaboration within the orthopedic community. The TCO Research & Educational Meeting highlighted groundbreaking innovations and impact research led by our dedicated team throughout 2024. Designed for the entire orthopedic care team, including physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and athletic trainers, this event showcased the expertise and innovation driving the future of orthopedic care.

Dynamic Discussions and Expert Insights

- The event featured presentations from TCO and Training HAUS providers, showcasing their expertise on various impactful topics.
- These sessions ignited meaningful dialogue and cultivated an environment of curiosity and discovery. Interactive Q&A sessions bridged the gap between attendees and presenters, reinforcing a spirit of collective growth.

Exploring New Frontiers in Orthopedic Research

The meeting highlighted research and advancements across key areas of orthopedic care.

- Extremities Research: Presentations explored topics such as the diagnosis and management of spondylolysis in adolescent athletes, the evaluation of visual motion sensitivity through the Wall Roll Test in concussion patients, and the effect of dominance in upper extremity strength testing. Additional studies examined long-term outcomes of hydroplasty injections in the shoulder, return to activity after osteochondritis dissecans (OCD) in the elbow, metacarpophalangeal fusion reoperation rates using Nitinol staples, and Achilles tendon rupture repair low complication rate as well as outcomes in pickleball players.
- Regenerative Medicine, BioLab, and Sports Science: Key studies included updates on PRP sesamoid
 research, single-leg squat mechanics, and insights from the TCO Bioengineering Lab's robotics
 studies. Presenters also shared findings on post-operative breast cancer patient outcomes with and
 without the use of neuroglide devices, further expanding knowledge in regenerative and sports
 science medicine.
- Hip and Knee Research: Presentations featured comparative studies on hip arthroscopy and dysplasia across patient cohorts, ACL reconstruction outcomes using Bone Marrow Aspirate Concentrate (BMAC), and novel predictive models for ACL return-to-sport readiness. The meeting also included updates on several of the current multi-ligament knee studies.





THANK YOU

We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended and contributed to this year's meeting. Your dedication to research and education continues to shape the future of orthopedic care.

Extremities

Cole Birch, PT, DPT, CSCS
Grant Blasczyk, PT, DPT, OCS, ITPT
Caroline Chen, MD
Christian Dawson, PT, DPT
Patrick Donaghue, MD
Clare McCarthy, MD
Grace Nelson, PT, DPT
Evan Shoemaker, BA

Regenerative Medicine and BioLab, Sports Science

Mitchell Carlson, MS, BME
Garrett Eggleston, MS
Brad Moser, MD
Uche Ogbonnaya, PhD, CSCS
Braidy Soile, PT, DPT, SCS, CSCS
Ingrid Weddig, COTA, CLT

Hip and Knee

Harrisen Egly, PT, DPT, CSCS
Robert LaPrade, MD, PhD
Christopher Larson, MD
Dustin Lee, MD
Jill Monson, PT, DPT
Jacob Ngobi, BS
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Dylan Scott, PT, DPT, CSCS
Luke Tollefson, BS

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

2024 RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Brian Bjerke

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