OUR MISSION
The Methodist Health System Foundation (MHSF) is dedicated to the support, development and management of health related programs and services for the benefit of the citizens of East New Orleans and beyond. The programs expressly target health status improvement of the referenced population by addressing the key determinants of health including lifestyles, access to healthcare services, social, and environmental factors. This is accomplished through operational management, fiduciary responsibility, and exploring other business ventures that relate to healthcare.

OUR VALUES
In keeping with the Christian spirit, MHSF promotes health, wellness and wholeness through offering, supporting or advocating programs and services to the Greater New Orleans community and beyond. MHSF is committed to:
- Provide programs and services in a cost-effective and ethical manner.
- Being close to the community and responsive to its needs without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, creed, age or disability.
- The wellbeing of the Foundation family of employees and constituents...emotionally, financially and spiritually.

OUR VISION
Though the United States spends more per capita on healthcare than any nation in the world, health status lags that of other industrialized nations. Population-based programs and personal health services that target the physical, mental and spiritual development of individuals and communities will improve health status. Our vision is for the Methodist Health System Foundation, Inc. to be a conduit for a healthy community that provides grants and health care services in addition to social, lifestyle, environmental and public policy programs that promote health and wellness.

Methodist Health System Foundation is helping to meet those needs and challenges in our community and we are excited to share our progress.
We are proud to support and partner with organizations who are demonstrably meeting our community needs.

**Access to Healthcare**

- The Daughters of Charity Community Health Center on Louisa Street is its newest location. It had over 1,000 primary care visits and is expected to reach 2,500/year.

- Mary Queen of Vietnam’s Community Health Center is also in a new building – the old post office on Chef Menteur - with services for both adults and children. It had over 28,000 visits last year.

- Our own School Based Health Centers (SBHC) are key components of our work to increase access to Healthcare. Chalmette High School SBHC has 1,540 registered students and logged 6,616 visits last school year. In Chalmette High School SBHC’s 10 year history, it had over 68,000 visits and served over 13,000 students. Nunez Community College Health Center is also growing with 706 visits last year and looking to move from a trailer to a permanent home on the campus this summer.

- MHSF helped develop St Thomas Community Health Center in its Bayou District location on St Bernard Ave. It is planning to reach 7,700 visits in its 1st year and 11,000 visits every year after.

- The Greater New Orleans Immunization Network through its School Kids Immunization Program serves 36 schools in New Orleans East, Gentilly and St. Bernard, totaling 20,000 immunizations per year. In 2007, the average immunization rate was 14% - now it is 94%!

- VIA Link is a call center providing a free, 24 hour safety net to connect people to services and has an average of 5,000 calls per year from our service area alone. The popular and efficient teen crisis text program has responded to over 38,000 teens in its first year and is looking to expand the program to adults.

**Behavioral Health**

- MHSF supports Covenant House’s Rights of Passage Program that serves between 70-80 troubled youth each year. Its wrap around services includes behavioral health which is vital to the success of the clients it serves.

- Kingsley House, with MHSF’s help, opened an office location in New Orleans East. It has a specialized Play Therapy Program to work with children, which has added 1,000 hours of counseling per year.

- Our Chalmette High School SBHC had over 667 behavioral health visits last year and screened 561 students for depression – 89 of those were positive and referred out for counseling.

- Daughters of Charity recently teamed up with the Recovery School District (RSD) to launch a pilot program to bring mental health services into the schools. Together with Baptist Community Ministries, MHSF funded social workers in 4 RSD schools to provide over 1,000 behavioral health visits each year.

- Liberty’s Kitchen is a workforce training and leadership development program targeting youth that have dropped out of school or are on the streets. Initially a kitchen/hospitality training program, it has evolved to include wrap around services such as counseling, a key to students’ success. MHSF dollars provide services to over 130 vulnerable youth each year.

**Chronic Disease**

- Volunteers of America, in its kitchen on Tchoupitoulas, served 1,896,966 healthy meals last year. That’s a 44% increase from the previous year; and it is still growing.

- Love in Action Outreach, one of the largest Food Pantries in the state is located on Downman Road. It provides food to over 2,400 households every month. It continues to add health – related initiatives to its programming, as needs are identified.

- MHSF’s School Based Health Center Dietician provided over 240 visits and nutritional counseling last year.

- The Blood Center’s Minority Donor program touts 47 mobile blood drives with 1,160 units collected last year. 94% of these units were minority donors and 18% identified as rare units – both key to sourcing compatible blood to treat specific conditions such as sickle cell.

- The newly developed Mary Queen of Vietnam Diabetic Program has grown to over 330 patients.

- MHSF helped launch the Diabetes Center in NOEH. With a Nurse Practitioner, Pharmacist and Dietician, it projects to have 9,227 visits in the first 2 years.