The mission of the Cardiovascular Foundation of Southeast Texas (CFST) is to improve cardiovascular outcomes through clinical research, education, and patient assistance.

**The Goals of the CARDIOVASCULAR FOUNDATION OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS:**

- To design and perform local clinical trials of diagnostic modalities, drugs, and devices
- To develop, promote, and sponsor educational activities for healthcare providers in Southeast Texas and provide educational grants and scholarship funds for local health science students
- To provide medical assistance funds for indigent patients of Southeast Texas

**Inspired by LEARNING**

The Cardiovascular Foundation of Southeast Texas (CFST) was inspired by what we've learned from more than 100 clinical trials as principal investigators over the past 20 years at the Southeast Texas Clinical Research Center (SETCRC). Those trials evaluated both medical treatments and devices designed to improve cardiovascular outcomes.

The SETCRC supports the design and performance of clinical trials to improve the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disorders. The CFST is currently funding the design and development of two medical research and software projects.

The Foundation grants educational scholarships for healthcare students in Southeast Texas. The CFST also provides funds for medical assistance for indigent patients in our community.
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Patient ASSISTANCE
The Foundation provides funding for health care for Southeast Texas patients who are in need. These funds assist with diagnostic, treatment procedures, and medications.

What we've DONE
Thanks to the support of our donors, the CFST was able to provide four scholarships for the following deserving Lamar University students in 2017:

Alexandria Skiles, Chemical Engineering
Alexandria hopes to help find a cure for Lupus, a disease that has affected her mother, Bobbi.

Hoan Nguyen, Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences

Kaylon Thibodeaux, Biology

Ricky Ortega, Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences

How YOU can HELP
Help us defeat the number one cause of death in the world with a General Donation, a Memorial Donation, or a Tribute Donation.

To learn more about how you can contribute, please contact Executive Director, Gigi Mazzola, at 409.363.3288 or gigimazzola@setxcardiology.com.

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