

Celebrating Excellence: The 2024 Seton Celebration Gala by Ascension Saint Thomas Foundation

In the heart of the city, the Conrad Nashville became center stage for community leadership and philanthropy on April 20. It was the highly anticipated 2024 Seton Celebration Gala, an event that brought together healthcare leaders and humanitarians to honor outstanding contributions and support the essential work of the Ascension Saint Thomas Foundation.

The highlight of the evening was the induction ceremony of the 2024 Seton Society honorees, individuals whose dedication to Ascension Saint Thomas and the Nashville community shone brightly. Among this year's esteemed honorees were Amy Adams Strunk, Bill Carpenter, and Dr. Sean Ryan—individuals whose leadership, service, and vision have left an indelible mark on Nashville's landscape.

Amy Adams Strunk, known for her role as the Tennessee Titans' controlling owner, has not only steered the franchise to success but has also demonstrated a profound commitment to community impact. Her initiatives, from supporting disaster relief efforts to aiding local businesses during times of adversity, showcase her unwavering dedication to Nashville's well-being.

Bill Carpenter, a titan in the business world, has made significant contributions to both the healthcare industry and community leadership. His tenure as chairman and CEO of Lifepoint Health, coupled with his ongoing support for various nonprofits, reflects his steadfast commitment to service and compassion.

Dr. Sean Ryan, a pillar of Nashville's medical community, has dedicated over three decades to providing exceptional patient care and advancing healthcare excellence. His leadership within Ascension Saint Thomas and his tireless efforts to improve medical practice underscore his commitment to the well-being of his patients and the community at large.

Fahad Tahir, president and CEO of Ascension Saint Thomas, expressed profound gratitude for the honorees' remarkable contributions, emphasizing that "their unwavering dedication to community service and remarkable contributions truly embody the essence of compassion and vision."

The generosity of sponsors, patrons, and gala attendees has resulted in nearly half a million dollars raised for the Ascension Saint Thomas Foundation, including support for the new Ascension Saint Thomas West transplant center. The new state-of-the-art facility will be 20,000 square feet and will have all transplant services under one roof.

Ascension Saint Thomas launched Tennessee's first heart transplant program in 1985. Since 2016, the program has performed over 240 heart transplants. The kidney program, which began in 1989, has performed 867 transplants since 2015.

The 2024 Seton Celebration Gala stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of service and excellence in Nashville and the surrounding communities. For those interested in learning more about the Ascension Saint Thomas Foundation and upcoming events, please visit <https://saintthomasfoundation.org>.

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