

Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation News

Mississippi Loggers Association has a prestigious record of support for Mississippi Kids



David Livingston, Executive Director of the Mississippi Loggers Association, details a new ambulance made possible by donations.

August 22, 2026, John Gardner, MTCFS Director and Bert Turcotte of Winston Medical Center participated in a benefit Sporting Clay Shoot at the Turcotte Shooting Range in Madison County. John met David Livingston, Executive Director of the Mississippi Loggers Association. If you do not already know about their work, you have missed an inspiring commitment to help the children of Mississippi.

In a 2025 article by Annie Oeth, Mississippi's forests are a source of growing support for the state's only children's hospital. In 2024, the Mississippi Loggers Association raised a record \$320,050 for Children's of Mississippi through the Log-A-Load for Kids campaign, leading the country in donations to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Since 1994, the Mississippi Loggers Association has donated more than \$2.6 million through its effort.

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"The Mississippi Loggers Association has a heart for children and families," said David Livingston, the association's executive director. "We've supported Children's of Mississippi through donations and the Log-A-Load for Kids program since 1994. The association is the largest single donor to Log-A-Load for Kids nationally, something we are very proud of."

Mr. Livingston updated the participants on the Miracles of providing an ambulance to Children's of Mississippi. The truck will be detailed to resemble a log truck/ambulance.



To learn more about this organization and how you can help, go to their website.



[Mississippi Loggers Association | Enhancing the Logging Industry in Mississippi](#)



Children's Miracle Network Log-a-Load for Kids

The MLA has raised over \$2,600,000 through our charity, Log-A-Load for Kids, donations are made to Blair E. Batson Hospital for children in Jackson, Mississippi.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT MLA LOG-A-LOAD FOR KIDS](#)

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Mississippi EMS and Trauma Symposium October 12 - 14, 2026



Visit the link below to see the agenda and register for this event.

[Mississippians for Emergency Medical Services, Inc. - Home](#)

USA Health Annual Coastal Trauma Symposium Begins

April 6-8, 2027



Gulf Coast Trauma Symposium - 16th Annual

 USA Health - Department of Surgery - Division of Trauma/Acute Care Surgery

For more information

[Gulf Coast Trauma Symposium - 16th Annual, Golden Nugget Biloxi Hotel & Casino, 6 April to 8 April | AllEvents](#)

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The Trauma Times is a newsletter dedicated to sharing announcements, opportunities, recognition, and education to the Mississippi Trauma System of Care. You can submit information for publication to jgardner@mhanet.org.



SAVE A LIFE



**Marion
County
Schools**

MTCSF facilitated a Stop the Bleed in the Marion County School System. Katie Albritton, RN, BSN, contacted MTCSF, and Victoria Hickerson, MSN, RN, CEDP, followed up. Melanie Nunnally, RN, BSN, Director of Trauma Services at Forrest General Hospital, has assembled an all-star staff. Working together, we can do more!

The funding for the Stop the Bleed project ended months ago; however, MTCSF has continued to provide training upon request. You may purchase tourniquet kits from MTCSF while supplies last.

If you are interested in hosting a course, contact the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation.



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10th ANNUAL Trauma Symposium

Oct. 23-24, 2026

FedEx Event Center • Shelby Farms Park
Memphis, Tenn.



Le Bonheur
Children's Hospital

[Link to all information](https://cmetracker.net/MLBH/Publisher?page=pubOpen#/EventID/129818/)

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Thank You for Supporting Injury Prevention Across Mississippi

Our Injury Prevention events were a wonderful opportunity to bring healthcare professionals, community partners, first responders, and organizations together with one common goal—Preventing injuries and improving health and safety in communities across Mississippi.

MTCSF would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who attended, participated, shared their knowledge, and helped make these events possible. These meetings would not have been possible without the incredible support and collaboration we received throughout the state.

We would especially like to recognize the organizations that graciously hosted our district events:

Forrest General Health – South District

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center – Central District

Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto – North District

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We are also incredibly grateful to Regional One Health for generously sponsoring lunch at our North District event. We greatly appreciate your support and continued partnership in trauma care and injury prevention.



One of the greatest outcomes from these events was seeing new connections and partnerships develop. Injury prevention takes all of us working together: trauma centers, emergency medical services, law enforcement, fire departments, community organizations, and others. Every conversation and connection creates another opportunity to make a difference.

Thanks again to everyone who helped educate our communities, share resources, support these events, and continue advocating for injury prevention. Your dedication strengthens trauma care and builds safer communities throughout Mississippi.

We are already looking forward to continuing this work together!

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Director's Direction



In June 2024, when I retired, the likelihood that I would return to my position was zero. Then things changed. MTCSF found itself with an uncertain future.

I agreed to "stand in the gap" and work through the changes coming. MTCSF has fulfilled its charter. Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation's (MTCSF) primary purposes are to lessen and minimize the cost burden to the trauma system and develop and administer a uniform, non-fragmented, inclusive statewide trauma care system by providing leadership and administrative services to promote and improve organizational efficiency and to support the Trauma Care System through educational opportunities, trauma center readiness, improving patient outcomes, injury prevention & public awareness.

I will do all that I can to secure an agreement with the Mississippi State Department of Health and to find other ways to continue our work. I appreciate your understanding, encouragement, and loyalty to our work.

Grace, Mercy & Peace,



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