

SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis Announces Election of Kevin J. Lee and Sam Foxman to Board of Trustees

Leaders in healthcare, philanthropy, and community impact join mission to advance exceptional, compassionate care throughout the region

ST. LOUIS, MO, UNITED STATES, January 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis](#) is pleased to announce the election of [Kevin J. Lee](#), President & CEO of Mid-America Transplant, and [Sam Foxman](#),

President & Co-Founder of Evtiv, to its Board of Trustees. The dynamic leaders bring decades of experience in nonprofit leadership, community engagement, and advancing life-changing healthcare initiatives across the St. Louis region.

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Kevin J. Lee is a nationally recognized nonprofit and healthcare executive with more than 25 years of leadership experience across organ donation, clinical partnerships, education, and health system advancement. As President and CEO of Mid-America Transplant, he oversees strategic operations and partnerships with more than 120 hospitals and transplant centers across Missouri, southern Illinois, and northeast Arkansas. Under his leadership, Mid-America Transplant has achieved significant growth in organ donation, including increases in donor families and organ availability.

Lee’s connection to SSM Health spans many years through close collaboration with transplant teams at SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital and clinical partners across the system. His professional life is rooted in expanding access, improving outcomes, and elevating the experience of patients and families in moments of profound vulnerability.



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“SSM Health’s mission of serving all people with dignity and compassion has deeply inspired me throughout my career,” said Kevin J. Lee. “I’ve seen firsthand the commitment of SSM’s caregivers, especially in under-resourced communities, and I’m honored to support a Foundation that ensures this ministry continues to grow and meet the evolving needs of our region.”

A highly regarded creative strategist and civic leader, Sam Foxman is President & Co-Founder of Evntiv, a premier event strategy and experience design firm based in St. Louis. He has a longstanding philanthropic relationship with SSM Health, including helping fund the behavioral health clinic at SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital. He is deeply committed to improving mental health access, destigmatizing care, and ensuring that every person in St. Louis receives compassion when they need it most.

“Healthcare is one human experience we all share, and when delivered with compassion, it restores dignity, hope, and faith,” said Sam Foxman. “SSM Health embodies that truth. I’m honored to join a Foundation that transforms generosity into healing and ensures that care is guided by love, excellence, and God’s will.”

“We are truly honored to have Kevin Lee and Sam Foxman join the SSM Health Foundation St. Louis Board,” said Craig T. Chindemi, CFRE, Vice President of Philanthropy for the Missouri–Illinois Region. He adds, “Kevin’s leadership in healthcare and organ donation, paired with Sam’s profound commitment to creating impact and expanding access, reflects the spirit of our mission. Their



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"Kevin and Sam exemplify the power of philanthropy to transform lives," said Emery Skolfield, SSM Health Foundation St. Louis Board Chair. He adds, "Their dedication to giving back and strengthening access to compassionate care will help us advance our mission and create lasting impact for the communities we serve."

Founded on the legacy of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis partners with donors and leaders to further SSM Health's commitment to dignity, compassion, and exceptional care. Lee and Foxman's appointments strengthen the Foundation's ability to meet evolving community needs with innovation and purpose.

About SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis

SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis was founded in 2018 to unify philanthropic efforts and elevate community impact for our seven local hospitals including: SSM Health DePaul Hospital – St. Louis; SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital; SSM Health St. Clare Hospital – Fenton; SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital – Lake Saint Louis; SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital – St. Charles; SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital – Wentzville; and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – St. Louis. The Foundation serves as a cohesive community of supporters, health care professionals, corporate leaders, community donors, and volunteers who make an impact on health care in the communities SSM Health serves. Inspired by the Mission of the founding sisters who, in 1872, began their ministry of healing with \$5 and a desire to heal those in need, the Foundation strives to serve by seeking financial support for SSM Health hospitals. For more information, please visit [givetossmhealth.org/stl](https://www.givetossmhealth.org/stl).

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