

MUSICIAN TREATMENT

FOUNDATION

ABOUT MUSICIAN TREATMENT FOUNDATION

The Musician Treatment Foundation (MTF) was established in 2017 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission of helping uninsured and underinsured professional musicians receive free essential surgical and non-surgical orthopedic care for their shoulders, elbows, and hands. Since then, MTF has assisted over 100 musicians devastated by injuries to their upper limbs.

MTF was founded by orthopedic surgeon O. Alton Barron, MD, an upper limb specialist for over 20 years who has long cared for musicians, and a distinguished Board of Directors that includes widely acclaimed musicians [Elvis Costello](#) and [Diana Krall](#); [Clay Johnston, MD](#), inaugural Dean of Dell Medical School; [Lee and Bob Woodruff](#), founders of The Bob Woodruff Foundation; [Ken Yamaguchi, MD](#), Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer of Centene Corporation, and prominent professionals in business, education, and law.

Professional musicians bring beauty and song to the world, yet so many live below the poverty line and the majority need another job to subsist. At the same time, over 40% of professional musicians lack adequate health insurance and many have none. A shoulder, elbow, or hand problem that does not prevent most of us from working can prevent musicians from making music for a living and supporting their families.

A financially challenged musician may be looking at the end of their music career when faced with the cost of orthopedic surgery and the loss of income from time off to recover after surgery. MTF connects musicians in need with skilled orthopedic surgeons in our nationwide network who are willing to provide free care to the musicians. The foundation then covers the other costs of surgery such as anesthesia, diagnostics, equipment, and facilities. MTF helps uninsured, injured professional musicians to keep the music playing for us all.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

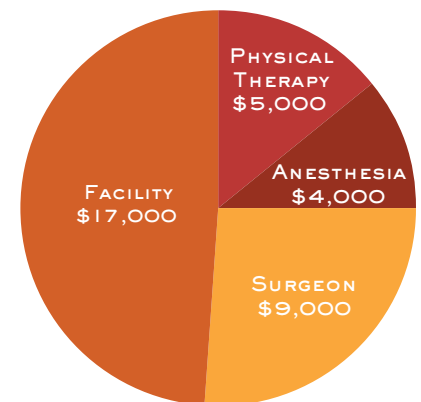
In Austin and New York City, MTF has helped hundreds of professional musicians receive critical surgical and nonsurgical care from experienced orthopedic surgeons – care worth nearly \$2 million – at nominal or no cost to the musicians. MTF's new Physicians for Musicians (P4M) network of like-minded shoulder, elbow, and hand surgeons in over two dozen cities now extends our capacity to serve musicians across the country.

Throughout the pandemic we also supported our healed musicians and our communities by creating opportunities to hear live music locally and online. MTF was able to bring music, information, and inspiration to musicians who have suffered greatly during the pandemic and to other underserved communities. In 2022 MTF will present a free bi-monthly concert series in Austin showcasing 10 musician beneficiaries and you can find online [spotlights](#) on some of them with more to come. Our benefit on December 2, 2022 will be a tremendous concert by Elvis Costello with prominent visiting artists as well as beloved local Austin artists. Please stay tuned for more details about MTF [events](#).

We also educate musicians, both amateur and professional, about upper limb injuries, whether caused by accidental trauma, repetitive stress, or an underlying condition. You too can learn about these injuries from our family of artist supporters who have shared their stories of injury, healing, and how they were able to keep the music playing in the [CARE](#) section of our website.



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PROFESSIONAL
MUSICIANS
LACK ADEQUATE
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INSURANCE



\$35,000
IS THE AVERAGE
COST OF
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I FEEL LIKE
MTF SAVED MY
CAREER.

—NICOLAS DOMINGUEZ
DOUBLE BASSIST



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Our goals are clear, our values strong, and our outcomes powerful. MTF works strategically to assist and reach musicians in tandem with other nonprofits in the music world, such as [Black Fret](#), [HAAM](#), [Preservation Hall Foundation](#), [SIMS Foundation](#), [Sun Radio Foundation](#), and [Underwater Sunshine Fest](#).

MTF's powerful coalition of supporters also includes major corporations, music labels, orthopedic implant companies, and well-known musicians who believe in our mission and generously support our efforts through donations, grants, and special events. The final and most important member of our coalition is anyone who appreciates music, including you!

We are all beneficiaries of the universal healing power of music. Music of all genres engenders cognitive, emotional, and physical wellness for the world. We need your donations, large and small, your corporate and in-kind support, and we need your help in spreading the word about MTF to [#KEEPTHEMUSICPLAYING!](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

Social media serves as a critical tool to share MTF's mission with musicians, partners, and supporters. MTF relies on its distinguished 15-member Board of Directors, its growing Physicians for Musicians network, and its family of artist supporters to further awareness of our mission, inspire donations, and enhance our events. Our goal is to reach musicians who need MTF assistance and our overall reach continues to increase, enhancing our ability to assist more musicians, engage supporters, and promote MTF events to keep the music playing!

MISSION

The Musician Treatment Foundation (MTF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has a unique mission to assist in providing free surgical and non-surgical shoulder, elbow, and hand care for underinsured and uninsured professional musicians.

Since inception MTF has helped financially challenged professional musicians receive specialized surgical care valued at \$1.7 million in Austin and New York City alone, and is expanding its education and outreach efforts for MTF's Physicians for Musicians network in another two dozen cities.

We seek your support to help MTF keep the music playing. Please join our mission by being a corporate sponsor, major donor, or annual supporter!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



O. Alton Barron, MD

Founder and Director

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As a practicing orthopedic surgeon for over two decades, Dr. Barron witnessed the devastating impact of upper-limb injuries on working musicians. After providing pro bono or greatly discounted surgical care to musicians whenever possible, Dr. Barron realized that he had to find a way to bring this service to many more musicians in need. His vision gave rise to the Musician Treatment Foundation and its Physicians for Musicians network.



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CORPORATE SPONSORS

To fulfill the mission to care for uninsured and underinsured professional musicians, MTF is expanding its outreach through signature events, its nationwide Physicians for Musicians (P4M) network of orthopedic surgeons, and an online musician registration platform. These efforts will enable assistance and continuity of care for local, touring, and visiting musicians. MTF is also producing digital content to educate injured musicians, highlight healed musicians, and promote our mission.

MTF invites you to join us at our annual benefit concert in Austin or a special event in another American music rich city. Our benefits have been generously supported by world-renowned artists, most notably Elvis Costello, Diana Krall, Bill Evans, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Keith Carlock, Mike Stern, Sarah Jarosz, and Shawn Colvin. We hope you will consider vital support by sponsoring an event and joining us in person!

MTF events feature our charitable P4M doctors and great music by our wonderful beneficiaries and supporting artists. MTF's success to date has been made possible by generous support from [Atlantic Records](#), [Centene Charitable Foundation](#), and [David Yurman](#). Our five-year anniversary benefit will take place on December 2, 2022 at ACL Live at the Moody Theater in Austin. It will be an amazing concert by Elvis Costello produced with T Bone Burnett and John Leventhal, and will feature guest performances by Rosanne Cash and others to be announced. If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor please email wendy@mtfusa.org.

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MTF is grateful for all support for our mission and operations. Donations enable us to maintain our P4M network of highly skilled orthopedic surgeons willing to waive their fees in treating needful musicians and allows MTF to cover all, or nearly all of, the fees for the surgical facility, anesthesia, diagnostics, and equipment. Help us to build our reserves to ensure MTF is able to fund care for all professional musicians who cannot afford the care they need. Please join us as a donor!

Major donors at these levels will be recognized for sustaining our efforts for years to come.

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ANNUAL SUPPORTERS

MTF appreciates donations of any amount to support the annual operating expenses that are critical to fulfilling MTF's mission. Thank you gifts will be provided to donors at \$5,000 level and above.

Please visit www.mtfusa.org to make a donation, to learn more about MTF, and to subscribe to our newsletter.

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