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## Giving Tuesday—One Week Away!

**Giving Tuesday is only one week away!** Help bring massage therapy to underserved populations like hospice patients, breast cancer survivors, and veterans with PTSD. Contribute to groundbreaking research, educational materials like webinars, podcasts, and our open-access scientific journal. Be a champion for the profession and stand with us today!

[Show Your Support: Add Your Name to MTF's Giving Tuesday Fundraiser](#)



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## 2024 MTF Community Service Grants Awarded



**MTF is proud to announce the award of four Community Service Grants for the 2024 granting cycle.** These grants help to bring the benefits of massage therapy to people who would otherwise not have access. Learn more about our 2024 grantees' efforts to improve the lives of others, providing;

- massage therapy to individuals of color who are experiencing homelessness;
- training in hospital-based pediatric MT for children with a range of medical conditions;
- massage therapy to low-income families, at-risk youth, and survivors of gender-based violence in Limpopo, South Africa; and
- training programs covering essential massage techniques, anatomy, physiology, and hygiene practices in Moshi, Tanzania.

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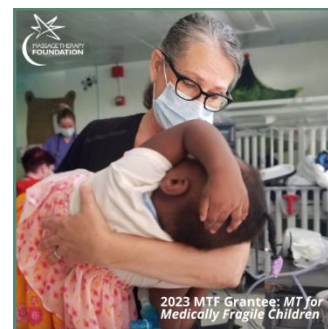
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## Project Wrap-Up: Maryville Children's Hospital Grant

MTF's 2023 Community Service Grantee, Maryville Children's Healthcare Center, Chicago, Ill., **provides comfort and support to vulnerable children through their pediatric therapeutic massage program.**

Learn more about how this grant allows massage therapy to provide support to deserving children facing complex health challenges and make meaningful differences in their lives.

[Read Maryville Blog](#)



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## Don't Delay! Get Your IMTRC Early Bird Discount Today



International  
Massage  
Therapy  
Research  
Conference

April 27-29, 2025  
Alexandria, Virginia

**Registration for MTF's 2025 IMTRC is open!**

Learn about the latest research, connect with colleagues, and gain insight into research-informed practice.

**Held every three years, this important conference brings together massage therapy field leaders, clinicians, educators, and researchers to discuss the practice implications and applications of current research.**

The exploration and sharing of massage therapy research is central to the profession's growth. It inspires and educates massage therapists on how to achieve better outcomes for their clients. **We hope you will join us as we shine a light on the future of massage therapy research!**

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*The American Massage Therapy Association is honored to be the Presenting Sponsor for IMTRC 2025*

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## IJTMB Announcements

### Call for Papers

Special *IJTMB* Issue on Mental Health and Manual Therapies



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**Don't miss the opportunity to share your work in *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork's* upcoming special issue regarding massage for mental health.**

*IJTMB* is seeking papers showcasing the potential for massage to impact the management and care of mental health conditions as well as quality of life and wellness.

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## Grants and Contests

The following MTF grants and contests are now open, with application deadlines as follows:

- [Research Support Grant \(up to \\$30k\): February 1, 2025](#)
- [Research Award \(over \\$30k\): March 1, 2025](#)
- [Community Service Grant: March 3, 2025](#)
- [Jacquelyn Project Breast Cancer Community Service Grant: March 3, 2025](#)
- [Practitioner & Student Case Report Contests: June 1, 2025](#)
- [Bob King Community Service for Schools: Next quarterly deadline December 1, 2024](#)

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