

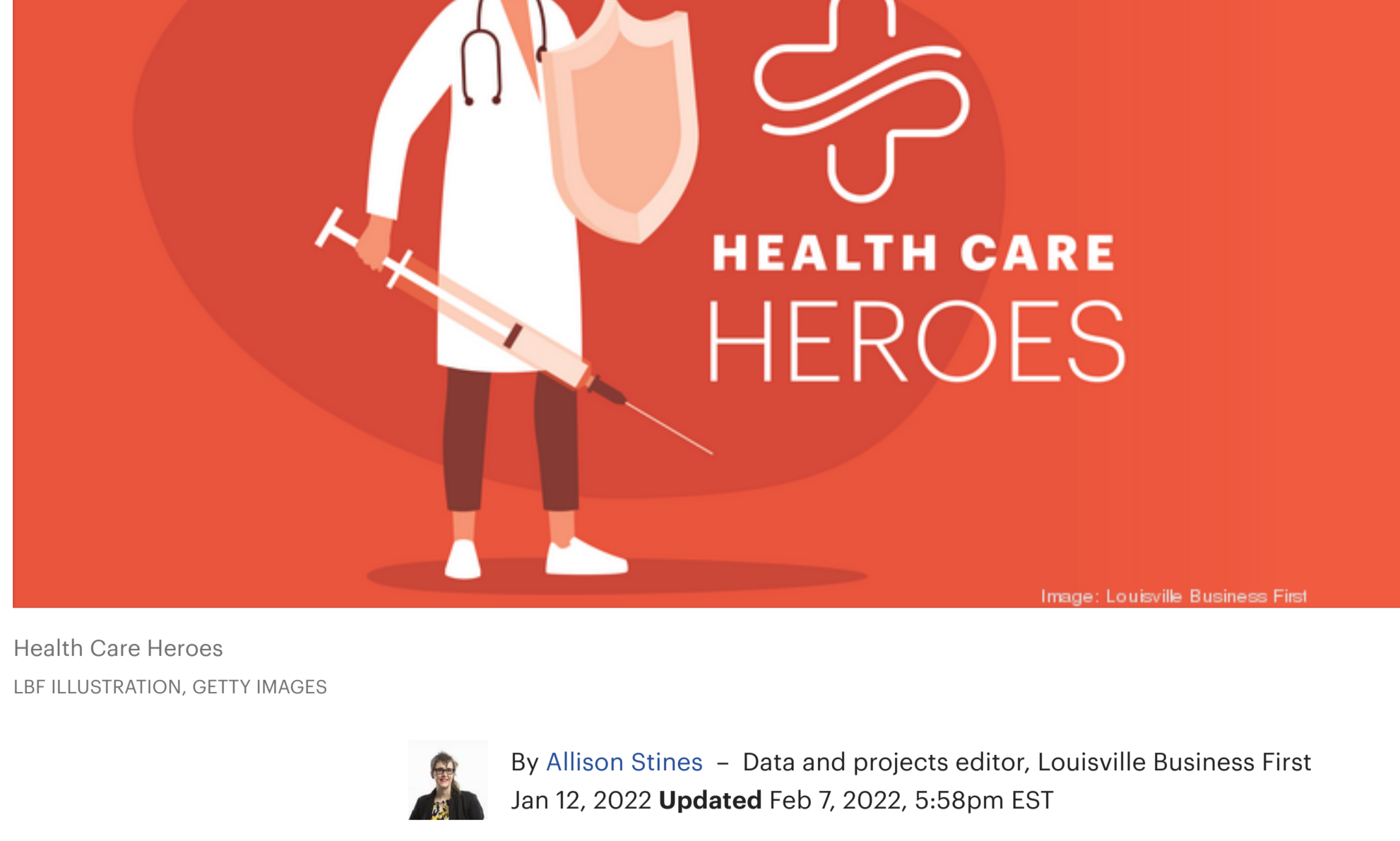
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Compassionate, caring, a leader, champion for our community – words I think to describe a health care hero.

A friend of mine is an area family health physician. I witnessed her navigating the Covid-19 pandemic in her practice, patients, staff and family. I was very proud of her and her daughter volunteering at the LouVax mass vaccination site at Broadbent Arena in 2021.

This is one example of the compassion and dedication that our local health care heroes have shown our community.

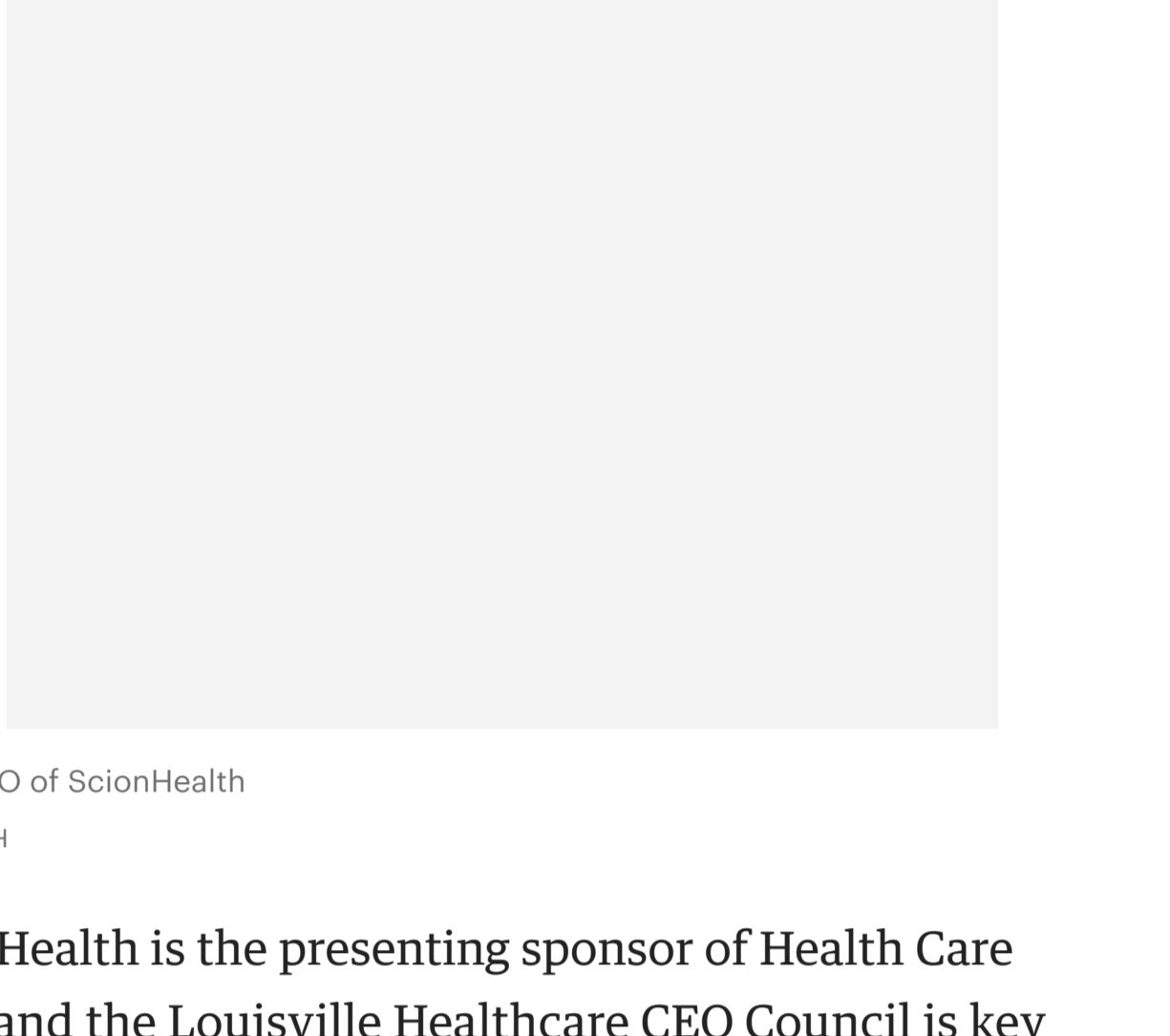
Louisville Business First's annual Health Care Heroes program features medical professionals who go above and beyond to care for their patients and the community. We are honoring those who have made an impact on health care in our community through their concern for patients, research, innovation, management skills and being on the front-lines fighting the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year, we are honoring area health care professionals in six categories, as well as our Lifetime Achievement award honoree.

The 2022 Health Care Heroes Lifetime Achievement award winner is Dr. Joseph Flynn of Norton Healthcare Inc. Flynn is chief administration officer with Norton Medical Group, where he is responsible for operational and strategic leadership of the group. He also is the physician-in-chief of Norton Cancer Institute, where he oversees growth and services.

The 2022 Health Care Heroes will be profiled in the Feb. 25-March 3 edition of Louisville Business First. An in-person reception and awards presentation event is scheduled at The Olmsted on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You can find more details and register to attend [by clicking here](#).

Along with Louisville Business First honoring Flynn and the Health Care Heroes listed below, Louisville Business First Editor-in-Chief Shea Van Hoy host a Q&A ScionHealth CEO Rob Jay. ScionHealth launched in Louisville late last year when Kindred Healthcare sold to Brentwood, Tennessee-based LifePoint Health. ScionHealth includes Kindred's 61 long-term acute care hospitals and LifePoint's 18 community hospitals. Jay was previously LifePoint's executive vice president of integrated operations.



Rob Jay, CEO of ScionHealth
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Here are the honorees broken down by category:

FRONT-LINE HEROES

- Jesse Horner, critical care ICU nurse, Norton Audubon Hospital, Norton Healthcare Inc.
- Elizabeth "Lynn" Howard, medical-surgical ICU nurse, Flaget Memorial Hospital, CHI Saint Joseph Health
- Andrew Odom, emergency room charge nurse, UofL Hospital
- Daryl Williams, clinic director and physical therapist, ProRehab Physical Therapy

HEALTH ENTREPRENEUR

- Maya McClendon, founder, The Sports Metaphor
- Mark Prussian, CEO and founder, The Eye Care Institute; founder, Butchertown Clinical Trials
- Mahendra Sunkara, director, Conn Center for Renewable Energy Research, and professor of chemical engineering, University of Louisville

HEALTH EQUITY CHAMPION

- Dr. Muhammad Babar, medical director, Signature Healthcare LLC facilities; medical director, Kentucky Regional Care Hub, SHC Medical Partners
- Gwen Cooper, CEO, Patient Services Inc.
- Susan Heath, case manager nurse, Baptist Health Louisville

- Dr. Suzanne Kingery, director of Norton Children's Endocrinology Pediatric and Adolescent Gender Education, Norton Healthcare Inc.; director, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Program, University of Louisville
- Dr. Keith Miller, trauma surgeon, UofL Health

INNOVATOR

- Dr. B. N. Aladili, internal medicine physician, Norton Healthcare Inc.
- Dr. Robert Hunter II, practice director and founder, Kentucky Fertility Institute

- (Dual award) Dr. Mark Slaughter and Dr. Siddharth Pahwa, cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons, UofL Health
- Ted Smith, director, Center for Healthy Air, Water and Soil in the UofL Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute, University of Louisville

MANAGER

- Vara Dyer, CEO, Kindred Hospital Louisville at Jewish Hospital
- Amber Gensheimer, director of infection control and quality management, Signature Healthcare LLC
- Larry Gray, president, Baptist Health Louisville
- Julie Greenwell, COO, St. Joseph Children's Home

- Jennifer Nolan, president, Flaget Memorial Hospital, CHI Saint Joseph Health
- Tanita Steen, assistant executive director, Sam Swope Care Center, Masonic Homes Kentucky

PROVIDER

- Dawn Balcom, nurse practitioner, UofL School of Medicine; advanced practice specialist, UofL International Travel Clinic
- Dr. Kristina Bryant, pediatric infectious disease specialist, Norton Children's, Norton Healthcare Inc.
- Dr. Pukur Patel, associate chief medical officer, Seven Counties Services | Bellewood & Brooklawn



Louisville-area Largest Hospitals

Ranked by Number of licensed beds

Rank	Name	Number Of Licensed Beds
1	Norton Hospital	605
2	Baptist Health Louisville	519
3	UofL Health - Jewish Hospital	462

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