



Foundation Focus

A NOTE FROM... Angus Cochran, Executive Director

The past few months have been a busy time in the Foundation. We wrapped up a heart-warming Trees of Angels Campaign in December 2009 and quickly moved on to the Annual Meeting in January 2010, where President Demetrious Shaffer passed a check to the Hospital for the tidy sum of \$1,031,575.55. This record annual disbursement represents all the monies contributed by WHHF and external funders to support a wide array of clinical services at Washington Hospital.

In late May, we hosted our silver-anniversary golf tournament at Sunol Valley Golf Club and raised over \$100,000. Even though it felt more like January than May, the warmth with which the crowd honored Laura Pessagno and her family's dedication through a quarter century more than made up for the blustery weather.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Amanda Loza, our events specialist, who has been with the Foundation for the last two years. Amanda, Juan, and one-year old Juliana will be relocating to Sacramento in July of this year. I know I speak for everyone in wishing Amanda and her family all the best in their new home. We'll miss you!

Best wishes for a relaxing summer.
— Angus

Silver Anniversary Golf Tournament

The Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation held its 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament on Monday, May 17th at Sunol Valley Golf Club. The tournament brought together friends of Washington Hospital and golfers to raise money for local hospice care and cancer services at Washington Hospital.

The tournament featured a barbecue lunch, putting contest, silent auction, buffet dinner, raffle, and awards ceremony. This year, 200 golfers enjoyed a great day out on the course and 275 guests joined for dinner, an awards ceremony, and raffle that evening.

It was a record year for funds raised, as the total came to just over \$102,000. "This was a great event," said Angus Cochran, Executive Director. "The golfers were good sports, braving a spot of rain to help support oncology patients and people with life-limiting illnesses. Thanks are due to our sponsors, whose support ensured a healthy charitable contribution, and to our volunteers, whose attendance year after year guarantees a well-run tournament."

The Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation Golf Tournament is held in memory of longtime Fremont businessman, Gene Angelo Pessagno, founding member of the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation and member of the Membership Committee. The Foundation

thanks Laura Pessagno and her family for their continued support of the tournament. At this year's silver-anniversary tournament, Laura Pessagno was joined by many family members. Her grandsons, Tim and Tony, stepped up to the podium during the dinner ceremony to pay a loving tribute to their late grandfather.

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Lamar Hinton, 2010 Golf Tournament Chair; Laura Pessagno, Angus Cochran, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation Executive Director.



The 2010 Corporate Challenge team winners pictured from left to right: Mike Wallace, Washington Township Health Care District First Vice-President; Dr. Chris Louie, Kevin Smith, and Keith Fujita.



Pictured on the links from the left: Dr. Bernard Stewart, Washington Township Health Care District President; Patricia Danielson, RHIT, Washington Township Health Care District Treasurer; Dr. William Nicholson, Washington Township Health Care District Second Vice-President; Dr. Jacob Eapen, Washington Township Health Care District Secretary.

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This year's tournament was organized by Chairman Lamar Hinton and the members of the Tournament Committee, all of whom worked tirelessly to ensure a wonderful day of golf and a special 25th Anniversary dinner reception.

On the links, the Corporate Challenge

winner was Fremont Bank. The winners were Mike Wallace, Dr. Chris Louie, Kevin Smith and Keith Fujita. Mike Wallace is the First Vice President of the Washington Township Health Care District Board.

Men's Palm Course winners were Garth Smith, Greg Harrison, Paul Bunton, and

Steve Calcagno. Men's Cypress Course winners were Bob Rugani, Jim Batton, Ken Wright, and Mark Eagler. Mixed Cypress Course Winners were George Smith, LaRene Smith, Jim Knoll and Terri Knoll. Women's Cypress Course winners were Kristin Pulaski, Alisa Curry, Tina Rau and Beth Walker.

The Foundation would like to thank all of the Golf Tournament sponsors for their support:

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BABY UPDATE



Baby Connor Patrick McGinty

Connor McGinty

Lisa McGinty, Development Officer, welcomed baby boy Connor Patrick McGinty on March 12, at Washington Hospital. Connor weighed in at 9 lbs., 3 oz. and measured 21½ inches. The entire McGinty family (big sister Ava included!) is smitten with the little guy and enjoying having a new baby at home.

Mayer Ellison Shaffer

Chief Demetrious Shaffer, Foundation President, and wife Alicia welcomed baby boy Mayer Ellison Shaffer on May 18. Mayer weighed a healthy 9 lbs., 6 oz. at birth and measured 21½ inches. Mayer is the newest addition to the Shaffer's family of five, which includes sister Olivia, 15 months, and big brother Campbell, who is 6. The Shaffer's are enjoying their summer together and are hoping to take a family trip to Disneyland.



Baby Mayer Ellison Shaffer

14th Annual Trees of Angels Events

In November and December, 2009, hundreds of families attended Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation's annual Trees of Angels activities. For the fourteenth year, the Foundation held community tree lightings and a holiday breakfast to support hospice care in the Tri-City area.

The Trees of Angels events commenced with a tree-lighting ceremony on November 30th at the Bernardin Family McDonald's located at Mission Boulevard and I-680. Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman lit the tree and students from the St. Joseph's Junior High choir sang Christmas carols for the assembled crowd. The widow of Ray Orrock,



the cartoonist, spoke very movingly of the support and help that Pathways Hospice provided her family during Ray's last weeks.

Later in the week, Foundation Vice-President Carol Dutra-Vernaci lit the tree in Union City at the Nakamura Clinic, while in Newark, Mayor David Smith and Chief Demetrious Shaffer shared duties at Newark City Hall. The festivities wrapped up with a holiday breakfast attended by more than 200, who enjoyed breakfast donated by the Bernardin Family McDonald's restaurants.

"The Foundation would like to thank all of the people who volunteered their time to help make these events possible," said Foundation President, Demetrious Shaffer. "Thank you also to everyone who attended the events in support of local hospice care."



Top photo (l-r): Mark Bernardin, Lonnie Robinson, Mayor Bob Wasserman, Bill Harrison. **Bottom photo (l-r):** Sandra Coolidge, Mark Bernardin, Satu Johal, Nancy Ruma, Ellen Cuzzo. **Shown left:** Mayor Bob Wasserman and Marlene Orrock.

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