

Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation - Fall 2021

FOUNDATION FOCUS

Furthering the mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983



From the Desk of the Interim Executive Director



We've come a long way since March of 2020 and we're so grateful for all of you who've stood by us throughout this trying journey. It is remarkable to see the impact of our collective efforts. Through COVID-19 recovery to our 35th Annual Top Hat Gala and all that fell in between, this past fiscal year 2021 **you helped us raise more than \$3M** to support COVID-19 response, Nursing Professional Development, Childbirth & Family Services and many more important Hospital programs. This holiday season we celebrate you and all you do to keep our community strong and healthy.

bid on or donated homes and gifts for our silent auction and to everyone who helped spread the word about the Foundation's efforts.

And we're not stopping there! **Washington Hospital's Legacy Society** has six inaugural members who have all made a commitment to Washington Hospital through their estate planning. If you're interested in learning more about planned giving, the impact it will have on the Hospital, or if you have already included the Hospital in your will, please reach out to us so we can show our appreciation.

The New Year is right around the corner and the Foundation still has a few exciting events planned to wrap up a tremendous and impactful year of giving. The Foundation is participating in **Giving Tuesday** again this year which occurs on Nov. 30th. Funds raised will support Maternal & Child Health programs at Washington Hospital and all donations will be doubled thanks to a generous matching gift up to \$10,000 from Dr. Gene and Barbara Barrie!

This year, we extend our deepest gratitude to all of

The **35th Annual Top Hat** was our most successful Top Hat to date, raising over \$470,000 in support of Washington Hospital's new Inpatient Acute Rehab Center. Thanks to those who supported our fund-a-need and raffle, to those who

you for your dedication and generosity towards our community. Thank you for being part of the Washington Family.

Warm regards,
Sarah G. Gemski

The 35th Annual Top Hat

Thank you to all who contributed to the 35th Annual Top Hat Gala in support of Washington Hospital's new Inpatient Acute Rehab Center. Because of you, we're able to bring this specialized level of care to patients in our local and surrounding communities. With your support, we raised over **\$470,000** to purchase life-changing equipment and technology to help patients and their families achieve the best recovery outcomes possible.



Top Hat Co-Chair & Coordinator of Rehab Clinical Programs at WHHS, **Alisa Curry**, applauded the Foundation's efforts, noting, *"The outpouring of generosity and support for our new acute rehabilitation unit is overwhelming. This financial support allows us to provide patients and therapists the technology to communicate, equipment to relearn functional mobility, training to relearn daily activities and space to make impactful positive change after life-altering events. We all feel the collective excitement about bringing this level of care to the Tri-City area and beyond, thank you!"*

Thank you to our Major Top Hat Donors at \$5K+

Fremont Bank Foundation
Anonymous Donor
Rob & Cathy Avon
Al & Marsha Badella
Dr. Gene & Barbara Barrie
Paul & Sandi Bonderson
Joe & Deolinda Caldeira
Gonsalves & Kozachenko
Kimberly Hartz

Donald & Gloria Johannsen
Cris & Evelyn Raimundo
Sisters of the Holy Family
Sutter Health Palo Alto Medical Foundation
UCSF Health
Union Bank
Vituity Anesthesiology
Washington Outpatient Surgery Center

Legacy Society Spotlight: Susan Johnson

We are deeply appreciative to our *Legacy Society* Members for the remarkable role their philanthropy plays in Washington Hospital's future and in our community. Susan Johnson, a founding member of Washington Hospital's *Legacy Society*, made a planned gift in honor of her late



husband, Dr. David Johnson, in 2020. She shares her story about how her family came to be involved with Washington Hospital Radiologists in 1975.

*"When Dr. Walter Hartzell called my husband David to visit Washington Hospital to fill a position as a new radiologist, **we found our home**. David became very active within the Hospital and Fremont, always feeling that it was a responsibility to give back to the community that supported us. David's mother was a nurse and dedicated caregiver which led to David's appreciation of the nursing profession. I am establishing a future planned gift for the Nursing*

Professional Development Fund at Washington Hospital in David's name to underscore the feeling of importance I know he had for his mother's dedication to her career."

With a planned gift to the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation, you can help ensure that Washington Hospital can continue to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our community for generations to come. Members of the *Legacy Society* will enjoy a lifetime of privileges at Washington Hospital, including exclusive lectures with Hospital leadership and physicians, invitations to special gatherings and more. Contact the Foundation today for more information.

Foundation Updates



Giving Tuesday is Nov 30th

Join us this Giving Tuesday, November 30, in support of Maternal & Child Health at Washington Hospital. Every dollar you give helps provide quality care for mothers and babies, education for new parents and assistance for families in crisis. Together, we're supporting healthier mothers and stronger communities.

Your gift will go further this Giving Tuesday thanks to a generous **matching gift** from Dr. Gene and Barbara Barrie, up to \$10,000. Let's get in the giving spirit!



Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support Washington Hospital every time you shop, at no cost to you.

Be sure to use smile.amazon.com and designate Washington Hospital Foundation as your preferred charity.

Each time you shop, you'll be donating .5% of eligible purchases to the Foundation!



Facebook Fundraiser

This holiday season, we invite your friends and family join in on the giving fun by creating a Facebook Fundraiser in honor of Washington Hospital Healthcare System. Every gift makes a difference in keeping our community healthy and strong!

You can create a Facebook Fundraiser for your **Birthday** or **Giving Tuesday** and show your friends why you love Washington Hospital!

Sharing Appreciation for

Exceptional Care

The **Honor a Caregiver Program** is a perfect way to recognize those who have gone above and beyond for you or a loved one while at Washington Hospital. Whether you choose to honor a physician, nurse, staff or an entire team, your donation is a meaningful way to show your gratitude while supporting advancements in patient care at Washington Hospital.



"In my whole time in the hospital the staff was very helpful. So I thank the whole staff from the bottom of my heart". - Patient at Washington Hospital who recently made a gift to say thank you to their team of caregivers



Thank You, 5 Sikh Seva!

Since July 2021, volunteers from the Gurdwara Sahib Temple in Fremont have been providing Washington Hospital Staff with generous and delicious weekly meal donations through the 5 Sikh Seva Food Truck- donating over 1,400 meals to date! Our staff are truly appreciative for their generosity and service to our community.

UPDATE: COVID-19 Booster Shots & Vaccines for Children

In accordance with CDC & FDA guidelines, Washington Hospital is now offering:

1. Third doses of the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, to be administered at least 6 months after completion of the primary series to eligible individuals with moderate-to-severely compromised immune systems.
2. Pfizer Vaccine for children 5 through 11 years of age is administered as a two-dose primary series, 3 weeks apart, and is a lower dose (10 micrograms).

Appointments can be scheduled through MyChart or the call center at 510.248.8200. We highly encourage people to talk to their health care provider about their medical conditions and whether getting an additional dose or vaccine for themselves or their children is appropriate.



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