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Hospital

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Our vision

To be the leader in creating community well-being through world-class health care delivered with kindness and dignity.

Our mission

To provide excellent health care and compassionate service to each person by bringing together outstanding physicians, caring nurses, professional staff and advanced technologies.

Our values

Respect
Integrity
Stewardship
Excellence
Collaboration

On our cover: Huntington Hospital is committed to providing high-quality care, with kindness and compassion, to each person whose life we touch.

Dear friends

Ensuring the very best of care for you and your loved ones requires our ongoing dedication to quality and continuous



improvement. As a result of our efforts, in August 2016, U.S. News & World Report has again ranked us among the top-performing hospitals in the nation.

In addition, U.S. News & World Report recognized a number of our specialty care services for their excellence: Neurology. Neurosurgery. Geriatrics. Diabetes and endocrinology. Orthopedics. Pulmonology. Gynecology. All were singled out for their high-quality performance.

We are pleased to stand among the very few medical institutions that can be described as the *best in the west* — and such recognition would not be possible without the support of local philanthropists, some of whom are profiled in the pages of this publication. While they may never have listened through a stethoscope or read an x-ray, they and other generous community donors are our true partners in providing the care we all count on.

Sincerest thanks to all of you who, through your foresight, vision and dedication, are helping to make Huntington Hospital's special brand of care possible. We truly appreciate your involvement!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen A. Ralph".

Stephen A. Ralph
President and CEO



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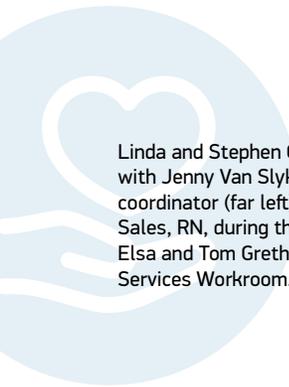
Linda and Stephen Gill

Supporting emergency and trauma nurse training.



Linda and Stephen Gill are helping to ensure that emergency and trauma patients benefit from the best of nursing care at Huntington Hospital — and that such care can begin even before patients reach our doors.





Linda and Stephen Gill (center) met with Jenny Van Slyke, RN, pre-hospital coordinator (far left), and Claudia Sales, RN, during their recent visit to our Elsa and Tom Grether Police and Medical Services Workroom.



Having supported our work for more than 15 years, the Gills are now making a difference in the well-being of our community once more, through the creation of a generous endowment: The Gill Family Endowment for Nursing Education will benefit our region by helping to support education and training for nursing professionals in our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center, now and into the future.

“This gift is particularly meaningful for Stephen and me,” says Linda. “We wanted to support emergency and trauma care, and I also have an interest in education, so this was perfect.”

In case of emergency

Funds generated through the endowment have already supported certification training to prepare additional mobile intensive care nurses (MICNs) here. These specially trained professionals communicate with paramedics in the field and, as a result of their work, patients can begin receiving expert medical attention while still *en route* to the hospital.

Experienced emergency care nurses in our Emergency & Trauma Center are eligible to participate in the MICN certification course,

which includes nine full days of intensive education and training, followed by a rigorous final examination. “When a radio call is received from paramedics,” says Jenny Van Slyke, RN, pre-hospital care coordinator — and herself MICN-certified, “information must be shared and interpreted rapidly and decisions must be made quickly. In addition to clinical training,” she continues, “our certification program teaches nurses about the numerous policies and protocols that guide care for patients in the field.”

To speed care when time is of the essence, MICNs may ask emergency services personnel to conduct additional tests and transmit results to the hospital for review and decision-making. The MICN may also order medications: “If a patient is complaining of chest pain, for example,” says Karen Knudsen, RN, manager, emergency services, “the MICN works with the emergency medical services (EMS) team to ensure the patient receives oxygen and appropriate medication as promptly as possible, which supports better outcomes.”

“This is a demanding role,” adds Karen, “and our training is rigorous.” Upon completion of the certification program, our MICNs also complete an internship under the guidance of more experienced MICN-certified nurses, she notes. (Most other hospitals do not provide this additional layer of training.) As part of initial training, and on a regular basis thereafter,



Karen Knudsen, RN, manager, emergency services (far right), as well as Robert Binkerd (far left) and Rich Roldan — firefighters and paramedics with the Pasadena Fire Department — underscored the importance of the Gills' support.

MICNs are further required to complete a full day in the field with an EMS team. “EMS professionals may have to put an intravenous line in while they’re in a moving vehicle. People might be upset and screaming all around them. It’s important that our MICNs understand this, and that we have a strong, collaborative working relationship with them,” says Karen.

A gift that continues to make a difference

“Our Emergency & Trauma Center fields approximately one thousand two hundred and fifty EMS calls each month,” Karen notes, “and we must have an adequate cadre of highly trained MICNs to cover all of them.” Thanks to the Gills’ endowment support, the number of certified MICNs has now increased to a total of 50. At any one time, three MICNs are dedicated to our radio room — the Elsa and Tom Grether Police and Medical Services Workroom — and coverage continues 24 hours per day, year-round.

An incoming EMS call is signaled by a special alarm in our Emergency & Trauma Center, to which MICNs respond. Additional MICNs can staff the radio room’s multiple radios when the volume of calls is high and, when not responding to calls, MICNs are available to assist with other emergency and trauma patient care.

Recently, the Gills visited the radio room, where Claudia Sales, RN, one of our newest class of MICNs, provided a demonstration of

the program, which fields calls from Pasadena, South Pasadena, San Marino and San Gabriel EMS personnel. In addition to speaking with Claudia and other hospital staff, the Gills also met Robert Binkerd and Rich Roldan, firefighters and paramedics with the Pasadena Fire Department. These officers joined hospital leaders in thanking the Gills for their support. “The better the education here, the better for us as we do our jobs, as well,” emphasized Richard.

At the conclusion of their visit, Stephen and Linda thanked those involved: “What you’re doing is efficient and effective,” Stephen told the team. “It’s impressive.”

Added Linda, “We’re pleased to see how our donation is making a difference and to know that, by training these nurses today, the difference will go on and on.”

In addition to supporting MICN training, funds generated through the Gill Family Endowment will allow us to provide other advanced education and training for emergency department nursing staff in the years ahead. “Ongoing education for professionals in our emergency department is essential to high-quality care,” says Stephen A. Ralph, president and chief executive officer. “We’re deeply grateful to the Gills for their involvement in making such high-level training possible.”



Anne and Kenneth Lam, MD, with their daughters, from left, Julianne, Grace and Lauren.

Anne and Kenneth Lam, MD

Breaking down barriers to care.

Kenneth Lam, MD, first experienced Huntington Hospital not from the standpoint of a physician, but of a patient. “It was 1986 and I was a young oncology resident,” he recalls, “when my first daughter was born at the hospital. I thought, ‘Wouldn’t it be cool if, one day, I could practice at this amazing place.’”



In 1999, “The hospital offered me a position as the medical director of the cancer center,” he adds, “so my dream came true. Coming here was the best career decision I ever made.” Today, Dr. Lam treats patients in Huntington Hospital Cancer Center, specializing in radiation oncology. He — along with his wife, Anne — also provides generous annual philanthropic support to the hospital. “I feel so blessed that my career has included membership on the hospital’s medical staff,” he says, “and Anne and I wanted to give back.”

A widespread reputation for excellence

Dr. Lam was born and raised in Hong Kong. He initially came to the United States to attend Stanford University, receiving a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1975. He attended medical school at Hong Kong University and completed an internship in general surgery/obstetrics and gynecology at Queen Mary Hospital in Hong Kong.

Anne was also born in Hong Kong and received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University. The couple has three daughters, all of whom were born at Huntington Hospital.

“I was born into a family of physicians,” says Dr. Lam. “My grandfather and father were both obstetricians and I started out in obstetrics.” Ultimately, however, he decided on a different career path and returned to the United States to pursue an internship and residency in radiation oncology at the University of Southern California (USC). “Nothing is more exciting to me than curing cancer,” he says.

His work is at the forefront of cancer treatment. Amongst other successes, he has pioneered brachytherapy (implanting radioactive seeds in or near the tumor) as an effective treatment for prostate cancer: He was the first physician in the United States to be accredited for prostate brachytherapy by the world-renowned Seattle Prostate Institute. Patients from as far away as Europe, Asia and South America have traveled to Huntington Hospital to benefit from Dr. Lam’s expert care.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Lam has received numerous accolades. He has been named Outstanding Oncologist by the President’s Award for Educational Excellence and has been recognized repeatedly as one of America’s Top Physicians and as one of the Best Doctors in America. In addition

to this work at the hospital, he is an assistant clinical professor at USC and is part of Huntington Radiation Oncology Medical Group.

A strong advocate

Recently, Dr. Lam further expanded his support of the hospital, through participation on a task force of the board. The task force is spearheading efforts to further strengthen access to services for our diverse community — including a growing number of local Chinese and Chinese-American residents who may otherwise face language or other barriers to care.

“Huntington Hospital’s service region is home to one of the highest concentrations of Chinese residents in the United States,” notes Dr. Lam. “All patients have choices when it comes to accessing health care and we want to be sure there are no barriers to access for patients here.

“Everyone knows the quality of care at Huntington Hospital is extremely high,” he adds.

“We’re a nonprofit teaching hospital. We’re recognized by Healthgrades and U.S. News & World Report. We’re a nursing Magnet® hospital. We have distinguished clinical outcomes. We offer high-quality care coordination services and other exceptional services to meet people’s social and emotional health needs. Where I can be most helpful in the work of the task force, I think, is to help share this kind of information with other physicians — including those in the Chinese community.”

Dr. Lam notes that involving more physicians from the Chinese community is “a win-win proposition. I don’t think patients should ever have to put anything before quality when it comes to choosing medical care,” he explains, “and increasing the number of bilingual physicians who are members of the hospital’s medical staff can help ensure, for example, that language isn’t a barrier to patient access. Our goal is to accommodate all patients and ensure they’re comfortable here,” he adds.

Dr. Lam is truly committed to the work of the task force, contributing more than 20 hours of his time each month. “It’s hard to express how grateful we are,” says Jane Haderlein, senior vice president, philanthropy and public relations. “Dr. Lam is a world-class physician who’s in great demand, yet, in addition to providing expert care, he’s also a generous donor and a great advocate. His contributions of time, talent and financial resources are truly transformative.”

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Jud Roberts



Keeping great health care in mind.

“It can be easy not to think about your local hospital until you need it,” says Jud Roberts, “but I’ve always believed that Huntington Hospital is one of the premier hospitals on the West Coast — and I want to help it stay that way.”





Jud Roberts and his late wife, Marilyn, enjoying a festive moment.

Jud and his late wife, Marilyn, moved to San Marino in 1963. “We were living in Pacific Palisades at the time and needed a bigger home for our growing family,” Jud recalls. “A friend recommended that we check out the area and we found exactly what we wanted.” As parents of four active children, the couple turned to Huntington Hospital on a regular basis: “Since our children participated in many sports and adventures, we made our fair share of trips to the emergency room,” Jud says.

Over time, Jud himself also received care for a variety of medical issues here. “The doctors and nurses have always taken such good care of me,” he notes. In gratitude, he and Marilyn made a significant gift commitment toward expansion and reconfiguration of our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center in 2003 and subsequently provided meaningful annual support. They also named us as a beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust they established. Since Marilyn passed away in 2013, Jud has continued to make very generous annual contributions.

Town and country

Jud followed in his father’s footsteps in attending Los Angeles High School. He then enrolled in the V-5 Naval Aviation Cadet program at what is now known as Northern Arizona University. During World War II, he served in the Navy Amphibious Corps, and was on his way from Philippines to Japan when Japan was bombed, subsequently announcing its surrender.

As a result, Jud was able to return to the United States. He had been unable to finish his studies in Arizona, due to an extended illness and related hospital stay. After leaving the service, he earned a Bachelor of Science at the University of Southern California (USC) — and it was while enrolled there that he also achieved his long-time dream of owning a ranch.

“I’d always been interested in farming,” says Jud, “so when I was in the service, I saved up my earnings so I could purchase some land. The only property I could find when I got back was in Malibu and when the owner asked what I’d give him, I told him ‘Everything I’ve got,’ which amounted to \$6,000. It’s as close to getting thrown out of a place as I’ve ever been,” he laughs.

A few months later, however, the seller relented, and Jud purchased the land. He drove up to Malibu each weekend to work on the place and fix things up, and eventually managed to raise cattle.

While he did not become a full-time rancher (“We thought it was better to live in town — for the children’s education and because Marilyn was working as a school teacher,” he explains), he continued to enjoy the farming life part time — and when he and Marilyn eventually sold the Malibu property, the couple purchased a ranch, in California’s Eastern Sierra.

Today, their oldest son, Clark, has taken over the farming operation there. The couple’s other children, Brad, Cynthia, and Jeff, live, respectively, in White Salmon, Washington; Koloa, Kauai; and Bali, Indonesia.

Jud is also the founder of the Jud O. Roberts Company, a respected provider of insurance and investment services. At age 90, “I still make it

a point to go into the office every day,” Jud says. While he recently retired from the insurance industry, transferring this part of the business to a trusted colleague at the Arroyo Group, he remains involved in a variety of investment-related work for his clients.

Community matters

Jud met Marilyn on a blind date and claims, “She married me because I said I’d teach her to ski — and I certainly made good on my promise!” The couple skied in areas across the United States and around the world. “When she completed one million feet of heli-skiing, she conceded that she had learned,” Jud notes.

Marilyn and Jud also demonstrated their love of adventure and the outdoors in other ways, with vacations often designed around their active lifestyle and including not only skiing, but also cycling, golf, tennis, hunting and fishing. Closer to home, the two have been involved, individually or together, with local organizations including Kidspace Children’s Museum; The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens; and USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as with Huntington Hospital.

“The hospital has taken good care of me and I recognize that,” says Jud, “and Marilyn and I have always felt that the emergency department is particularly important to our community. You never know when you might need it,” he adds. “There have been many times when I should have checked out of this world and they’ve saved me.”



Doryce's family has grown to include seven grandchildren — including Taylor Carey, pictured here — and one great grandchild.

Doryce McCutchan

Affectionate appreciation.

Doryce McCutchan was teaching in South San Francisco when a friend introduced her to Thomas McCutchan. “I noticed him at a party,” she recalls, “and he smiled and I smiled....” It was the start of a relationship that lasted more than 55 years, before Tom passed away in 2014.





t the time they met, Tom had returned from service in Korea and was working as an engineer in Northern California. The couple married and, in 1961, moved to Southern California when Tom was transferred by his company to work on a project in Sun City. Several moves later, they settled in San Marino, where Doryce still lives.

Tom received care at Huntington Hospital on a number of occasions. He underwent bypass surgery here and was treated for various other health conditions. “His entire medical team took such wonderful care of him,” says Doryce. “We feel like the care he received gave us twenty more years of Tom,” she adds, “and we’re very thankful.” She praises Michael Gurevitch, MD; R. Fernando Roth, MD; Lori Wynstock, MD; and Todd Dietrick, MD, as well as the late William Corey, MD, and other clinicians who participated as members of Tom’s care team over the years. “I feel like we owe so much to the doctors at the hospital,” she says.

As a way of expressing their gratitude, Tom and Doryce became President’s Circle members — and Doryce continues to provide generous annual support. The couple’s gifts have spanned more than two decades to date, typically in the form of unrestricted support.

Fun with family

Doryce grew up in the Los Angeles area and earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California. She taught in Downey before moving to Northern California to work, and meeting Tom. While she loved teaching her fifth-grade students, she eventually left the classroom to raise the McCutchans’ two children.

Son, Tom Jr., followed in his father’s footsteps to become an engineer. Daughter, Katie, who was born at Huntington Hospital, holds a Master of Business Administration. Doryce also has seven grandchildren — the three youngest of whom were born at Huntington Hospital — and one great grandchild.

Tom Sr. grew up in Healdsburg, Sonoma County. His family had come west from Virginia in 1863. They owned several ranches, where they grew hops, pears and prunes. Eventually, the land was converted to vineyards and Tom’s two brothers took over their management while Tom embarked on his career in engineering.

After the McCutchans settled in Southern California, Tom founded his own company, McCutchan & Associates. It specialized in the development of subdivisions and retirement communities throughout Southern California.

The ranch where Tom grew up was on the banks of the Russian River, and Tom was an avid fisherman. Then, “When our children were young,” Doryce says, “he learned to fly fish and that changed our whole life.” From then on, she notes, “Most of our family trips involved fishing and I also learned to fish, or I’m afraid I’d have been left home,” she adds with a laugh.

The family took to the water in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, amongst other places, but one of their favorite places to fish was the White River in Colorado. “It’s a beautiful place and Tom was in seventh heaven there!” says Doryce. Teaching the McCutchan children to fly fish was also a source of particular delight for Tom, she adds. “He and Tom Jr. would practice fly fishing in the front yard,” she says. “It was quite a scene!”

A focus on children

Doryce is a keen and accomplished artist, though with characteristic humility she downplays her own talents and singles out her teachers Diana Hecht and Gene Fox Fowler for special praise. She particularly enjoys creating portraits of her grandchildren, she says.

In addition, she has been involved in a number of community organizations over the years, with an emphasis on those benefiting children: As a member of the



Pasadena Guild of Children's Hospital for 35 years, Doryce has helped to organize the group's annual gala and its popular Treasures & Trivia Rummage Sale. In addition, she was a longtime member of the Nine O'Clock Players, an auxiliary of Assistance League of Los Angeles. The auxiliary runs a children's theater, with special performances for children from low-income communities and for children with disabilities, who would not otherwise have an opportunity to see live productions. Doryce has volunteered in various capacities, including performing on stage, overseeing wardrobe, and providing support to young audience members.

Supporting compassionate care

When Tom passed away at the hospital, Doryce was at his bedside. Tom Jr. and Katie rushed to be at her side and, meanwhile, "The nurse never left me," says Doryce. "She was wonderful — and when I called to let [primary care physician] Dr. Wynstock know Tom had died, she was at the gym, but she came right away. That's just the way the doctors and nurses are at Huntington Hospital. They're so compassionate and caring.

"Pasadena is very fortunate to have such an outstanding hospital in our own community," she adds. "How can we miss? The talent is right here in town. Every hospital visit, every interaction we've had with the hospital's staff has been positive. Through sad, happy and even scary moments, the doctors and nurses are always so kind. Tom was very fond of the doctors and even when he was very sick he never gave up, because I think they gave him hope.

"I feel like we owe so much to the hospital," Doryce continues. "I contribute because I know it would please Tom and because I want to make sure Huntington Hospital can care for more people like they cared for him."



Members of the Pasadena Area Respiratory Health Foundation's board of directors are, from left, Dennis Slattery, Richard Ward, Betty Ho and Reyneiro Castro, MD. The foundation's renewed support is designated toward our Pasadena Community Asthma Program.

Pasadena Area Respiratory Health Foundation

Helping children breathe more easily.

Growing from early roots in the 1930s, the Pasadena Area Respiratory Health Foundation continues to evolve in response to our region's health needs. "We were originally known as the Pasadena Lung Association," says Dennis Slattery, president of the foundation's board of directors, "and mainly raised money to provide care to children and adults diagnosed with tuberculosis."



Later incorporated as a private charitable foundation, the organization changed its name to reflect its interest in responding to a broader range of respiratory conditions. At Huntington Hospital, for example, foundation support has been instrumental in creating and sustaining our Pasadena Community Asthma Program, a widely recognized model of best-practice services for children with asthma and their families.

Support for pediatric respiratory care

A portion of the Pasadena Area Respiratory Health Foundation's most recent gift is supporting the work of our asthma program's clinics. Staffed by physician specialists, the clinics provide asthma screening, diagnosis, treatment and education for children ages 0 to 12. These services help to decrease the incidence of serious asthma episodes, reduce long-term respiratory damage, and reduce resulting school absenteeism among children with asthma.

In addition, renewed foundation funding is helping to offset other costs associated with our asthma program, including bedside education for children who are hospitalized, in-home asthma-management services

for patients following release from the hospital, and provision of asthma-related medical supplies for children whose families cannot afford to purchase these items themselves.

"It's rewarding to us," says Dennis, "to see what is being accomplished for children, thanks to our involvement with the hospital."

Improved well-being

Recently, the Pasadena Area Respiratory Health Foundation announced a new stage in its development, transitioning from its status as a private charitable foundation to become a donor-advised fund. Notes Dennis, "This gives us greater flexibility to support organizations like Huntington Hospital that are doing important work in the field of respiratory health care." (Previously known as the Pasadena Respiratory Health Foundation, the foundation also updated

its name to include the word "Area," reflecting an expanded geographic focus, Dennis adds.)

Serving with Dennis on the foundation's four-member board are Betty Ho, Richard Ward and Reyneiro Castro, MD. Dennis explains that the board — like the foundation itself — has evolved over time, to encompass talents appropriate to its needs. "We decided that if we divided responsibilities among ourselves based on our individual areas of expertise," says Dennis, "then we could accomplish our goals without hiring staff. This in turn allows us to use more of the foundation's funds to improve the well-being of people with respiratory conditions in our region. It is truly a labor of love," he adds. Community leaders Pat Lachelt, Corene Pindroh, Anne Pursel and Kevin Lake, MD, have also previously served on the foundation's board.

A longstanding commitment

Beginning with its work as the Pasadena Lung Association, "There was definitely an emphasis on helping children, as well as on addressing respiratory disease," says Dennis. "Things have since continued to evolve. Over the years, there was a perception that TB was a thing of the past," he explains, by way of example, "but that's no longer so. We're now seeing an increase in its incidence again. We benefit from having a doctor on our board," he adds, "and we work to remain attuned to what is going on in the field."

Over the years, the foundation has improved the quality of care at the hospital in various ways — helping us acquire ventilators and monitoring systems to further enhance care for patients with respiratory disease, for example. Thanks to its most recent renewed support toward our Pasadena Community Asthma Program, local children with asthma will continue to receive the help they need and — by diagnosing and treating these children promptly — we can reduce further damage to their respiratory systems, providing long-term benefits.

"The foundation's support is helping children in ways that will last a lifetime," says Huntington Hospital President and CEO Stephen A. Ralph. "We're deeply grateful for its longstanding commitment to the hospital and to our region."

"The foundation's support is helping children in ways that will last a lifetime."

Thanks to generous funding from the Pasadena Area Respiratory Health Foundation, local children with asthma will continue to receive the help they need.





Annual Fund and President's Circle
Support wherever the need is greatest.

Huntington Annual Fund is one of the important ways in which community members help us remain responsive to local need. More than 3,000 annual-fund donors provide approximately \$3 million in unrestricted, flexible operating support each year. We are deeply grateful to those who are already involved: Their support helps bridge the gap between available revenue streams and the actual costs of providing care.

Donors to Huntington Annual Fund receive exclusive benefits (see below), including — for those providing gifts of \$2,000 and above — membership in the President’s Circle of Huntington Hospital. President’s Circle donors provide approximately 80 percent of annual-fund contributions to the hospital and we are particularly grateful for their generous support.

We encourage you to join President’s Circle members and other annual-fund donors today, to ensure the continued availability of high-quality care close to home.



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The above PLUS

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- Discount at our S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop.

For more information about how you can contribute to Huntington Annual Fund or become a President’s Circle member, please contact Lia Peterson Miller, director, annual giving, at (626) 397-3241.

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- Annual complimentary hospital self-parking.
- Invitation to annual President’s Circle Member recognition dinner.
- Invitations to Discover Huntington Hospital events.
- Access to complimentary flu shots each fall, as available.

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- Annual complimentary valet parking.
- Annual recognition on President’s Circle donor wall in our main lobby.
- Invitation to annual private President’s Circle Associate dinner seminar with hospital physicians and executive leadership.

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- Invitation to annual Medicus Society VIP cocktail reception.
- Annual stewardship report on use of your funds.

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- Invitation to special evening with the president, physicians and trustees of Huntington Hospital.

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All of the above PLUS

- Permanent recognition on the Chairman’s Council Wall, located in our main lobby.
- A Huntington Hospital Gold Card. *For benefits associated with the Gold Card, please call the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.*

Karen and Thomas Knudsen with their children, from left, Kathleen, Kendall and Connor.



Annual Fund

Karen and Thomas Knudsen Gifts inspired by family.

“Huntington Hospital is like my second home,” says Manager, Emergency Services, Karen Knudsen, RN. “My colleagues here are an extension of my family.” Karen joined the hospital as a nurse in 1998. She has served in her current position since 2009, and oversees a team of approximately 200 staff, including nurses and technicians, in our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center.

Karen and her husband, Thomas, also provide philanthropic support to the hospital. “Several years ago, I was asked to contribute to an employee fundraising drive,” Karen says, “and Thomas and I felt it was the natural thing to do.” The couple has been contributing consistently ever since. “This is our community hospital, too, and we want to help ensure that the best resources are available here,” notes Karen.





Committed to doing the very best

In recent years, Karen helped lead efforts to expand and reconfigure our Emergency & Trauma Center. The significant project increased the number of treatment beds available from 21 to 50 — and increased our trauma-care capacity by a factor of four. “As a result of this expansion,” she says, “we’re able to provide care for even more patients, as local need expands.

“Community support made this happen,” Karen adds, “and I took decision-making for the project very seriously — in the way I’d want if I’d donated all the funds myself. I wanted to be sure that the funds raised were used in the very best way possible.”

This commitment is also reflected in Karen’s approach to patient care: “My goal, and how I orient my employees,” she says, “is to treat every single patient as you’d want your loved ones to be treated. In everything, from how we clean the room, to how we welcome the patient, to how we provide care itself: Treat each patient as if he or she were someone you love.”

An early career decision

Thomas was born at Huntington Hospital and grew up in La Cañada. He is an attorney for Pepperdine University. The Knudsens have three children — Kathleen, age 15, Kendall, age 13, and Connor, age 9 — all of whom were also born at the hospital. The family has also relied on our Emergency & Trauma Center to treat a variety of injuries and, more recently, Karen’s mother received care here.

Karen grew up in the San Francisco Bay area. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and worked as a nurse at VA San Diego Hospital before joining our staff. “I always wanted to go into health care,” she notes. “My mother had an injury that required her to be hospitalized when I was in my teens. I became part of her care team and that experience spurred my interest in the field.”

During her first exposure to work in an emergency department, Karen knew it was where she wanted to be. “You get to connect with people in a very immediate way. It’s an honor,” she says. In addition to her other duties here, Karen is certified as a mobile



intensive care nurse. These specially trained nurses respond to radio calls from paramedics who are *en route* to the hospital, providing input that allows care to begin even before patients arrive at our Emergency & Trauma Center.

Active at work and beyond

The Knudsens are active community leaders: Karen has coached American Youth Soccer Organization Region 13 soccer for several years, and is a board member of the La Cañada Community Center. Thomas is a member of the La Cañada Spartan Boosters Club, which raises support for athletic and other extracurricular programs at La Cañada High School.

“All three of our children are athletic,” Karen says. “If I’m not at the hospital, you can usually find me on some kind of sporting field cheering on my kids.” In addition, she enjoys photography, gardening and cooking.

Inspiring philanthropy

“I’m proud of what we do at the hospital to bring lifesaving care to patients in our region,” adds Karen, who is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration to further enhance her work. “I think it’s amazing how much the hospital supports our education,” she says. “Thanks to donor-supported scholarships and tuition reimbursement, we’re able to learn and grow so we can give back to the community at an even higher level — and donor support also helps us to invest in the best technologies,” she adds, “so the nurses and physicians here have the equipment they need to do their jobs.

“As part of my own job, I’ve met many donors,” she adds, “and I find it really fascinating to learn what moves them to give. Part of what inspires our own contributions,” she continues, “is that we’re so proud of this hospital and its work — and we want the best resources to be available to care for *our* family, as well.”

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President's Circle Cocktail Reception *Acknowledging generosity.*

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS who make annual contributions at the Medicus Society level and above receive special benefits in recognition of their generosity. We are extremely grateful for their strong support, which helps make important care advancements possible.

Recognition for these thoughtful donors includes invitation to an annual cocktail reception, at which members gather with key administrators and board members from the hospital — as well as with other like-minded philanthropists. The event also provides important updates on the hospital's work.

This year's reception took place at the Valley Hunt Club on Thursday, June 23, 2016. The more than

100 guests in attendance enjoyed delicious *hors d'oeuvres* and met with hospital board members including William Bogaard, Armando Gonzalez, Scott Jenkins, Allen Mathies, Jr., MD, Lois Matthews, Kathleen Good Podley, and Rosemary B. (Rary) Simmons. Stephen A. Ralph, president and CEO, also mingled with guests during the event, prior to delivering the evening's remarks.

Exclusive update

During his presentation, Steve welcomed guests and thanked them, on behalf of everyone at the hospital, for their continued support. He also offered an overview of the hospital's recent accomplishments, including our



1. John and Ruth Pasqualetto, and Laney and Tom Techentin.
 2. Jud Roberts and Rary Simmons. 3. Cindy and Scott Jenkins.
 4. Bill Young and Elizabeth Arnett. 5. Armando Gonzalez and Brenda Berg. 6. John Kassabian, MD, Mary Kassabian, and Chris Hedley, MD.
 7. Lois Matthews, and Allan and Arlene Miller.

redesignation as a Magnet® hospital. Magnet designation is the gold standard in nursing. Fewer than 7 percent of hospitals nationwide hold this prestigious designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

In concluding, Steve once again conveyed the hospital's deep gratitude to President's Circle members for their help in ensuring superior health care for patients in our region. Following his remarks, Steve engaged in a lively question-and-answer dialogue with guests, providing further information about the hospital's work and plans.

President's Circle members enjoy a variety of exclusive benefits. If you are interested in joining the President's Circle, please contact Lia Peterson Miller, director, annual giving, at (626) 397-3241.



President's Circle Associate Member Dinner

Valued support for compassionate community care.

ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2016, Associate-level members of Huntington Hospital's President's Circle gathered at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. During an exclusive dinner event, the hospital recognized these thoughtful donors for their generous annual support.

At this year's event, approximately 100 guests mingled with executive leadership, while enjoying an elegant meal. Hospital board members in attendance included Sharon Arthofer, Scott Jenkins, Lois Matthews and Deborah Williams. Stephen A. Ralph, president and CEO, and Jane Haderlein, senior vice president, philanthropy and public relations, were also on hand to greet guests.

Caring for the whole person

Delivering the evening's keynote address was Abilene Enriquez, MD, medical director, palliative care. Our palliative care program provides an array of multidisciplinary services for patients — and for their loved ones. In this specialized field of medicine, caregivers provide an extra level of treatment and support for patients who have been diagnosed with a serious, progressive illness. Palliative care may be appropriate at any stage of such an illness and can be provided in conjunction with curative treatment.

During her remarks, Dr. Enriquez emphasized that palliative care focuses on the whole person — addressing

the physical, psychological, social, emotional and spiritual aspects of an illness. Goals of treatment include alleviating symptoms and pain, maximizing quality of life, and supporting patients, family members and other loved ones. In closing, Dr. Enriquez thanked President's Circle members for the important role they play in bringing such compassionate community care to everyone in our region.

Dr. Enriquez is a graduate of the University of the City of Manila College of Medicine. She completed a residency in family medicine at Stanislaus County Health Services Agency and a fellowship in palliative medicine at the Institute for Palliative Medicine at San Diego Hospice. "Huntington Hospital's palliative care team is here to provide comfort and help patients avoid suffering, which can come in many different forms," she says. "We support patients and their families every step of the way." In addition to her role as medical director of the palliative care program at Huntington Hospital, Dr. Enriquez is also a member of our internal medicine teaching faculty.

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 2. Huntington Hospital President and CEO Steve Ralph, Joan Caillouette, and Sue Ralph. 3. Cathi Chadwell, Ginny Lechler, and Sally and Russ White. 4. Abilene Enriquez, MD. 5. Rod Shingu and Lorraine Koyama. 6. John Heffernan and Jae Townsend, MD. 7. Meg Coulter, and Charleen and Arden Albee. 8. Ann Proctor and Sally Bell.







Frances and Daniel Biles

NICU experience inspires ongoing support.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS WITH AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT, Fran and Dan Biles met in college. After graduation, Dan enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He and Fran were married following his completion of officer training.

The couple describes the next several years of their life as a period spent living out of suitcases. Two years in Michigan were followed by Dan being stationed in Alaska for a year at a remote radar site, while Fran returned to California. The couple's son, Daniel, was born just six months before their next move — to Germany. During their three years in Europe, their daughter, Nicole, was born.

Fran and Dan continue to enjoy international travel: "Travel breaks down barriers between people and brings history to life," says Fran, a self-described history buff. At the same time, their lives are deeply embedded in their home community of San Marino — and the couple has deep ties with Huntington Hospital: Four generations of their family have been born here.

Dan's father, as well as Dan himself, were welcomed into the world at the hospital, as was Fran and Dan's youngest child, Robert. Most recently, Nicole gave birth to triplets

Fran and Dan Biles treasure this photo of their grandchildren, Alex, Max and Ella von Thaden. Born at Huntington Hospital, the triplets received care in our neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and are now thriving. Opposite page: Fran and Dan have supported our NICU, which provides the highest level of neonatal care in our region.



at the hospital. The three infants — who each weighed less than three pounds at birth — spent two months in our neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

It is a period Fran describes as “one of the most difficult in our lives.” However, she adds, “Spending so much time in the NICU also gave us a first-hand understanding of how fabulously everything works there, and deepened our appreciation for the hospital as a whole.” She and Dan are profoundly grateful, they note, for the love and care shown to their grandchildren by hospital staff and the couple has chosen to demonstrate their appreciation through generous annual philanthropic support.

Long-term engagement

Fran was born in Los Angeles, where her grandfather farmed. Dan grew up in the San Gabriel Valley (South Pasadena and San Marino) and attended local schools. Both studied at California State University, Los Angeles, where Fran earned bachelor’s degrees in history and home economics and Dan graduated with bachelor’s degrees in English and industrial education. He taught industrial arts at South Pasadena Junior High School (now South Pasadena Middle School) while finishing his credential.

While Dan’s military service involved living in other areas of the United States and overseas, he and Fran ultimately returned to the San Gabriel Valley, and Dan began work in the insurance industry. He is currently a senior vice president of Hub International, which offers a broad range of insurance products and includes a healthcare specialty.

In addition to a busy work schedule, Dan is the immediate past president of the San Marino City Club, a community and civic organization founded in 1926. He is also a member of the Order of Malta, which locally supports health clinic services near St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles, for those who cannot otherwise afford care.

Fran taught school for a year before leaving the workforce to raise the couple’s three children. She has been a member of the National Charity League, Inc., for almost 30 years and has served as president of its San Marino Chapter. She has also volunteered in many capacities with the Pasadena Showcase House and is the creator and editor of



“50 Years of Pasadena Showcase Design Houses,” a lavishly illustrated book that revisits each of the showcase houses from 1965 to 2014 and provides information about their 50-year history.

In addition, Fran is a member of the Luminaires and recently co-chaired a fundraising event benefiting the Doheny Eye Institute. She and Dan support Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens, where Fran served as a docent for 10 years, and they are long-time members of Holy Family Church.

A better place

In addition to their three adult children, Fran and Dan have eight grandchildren, and “The hospital has been an important part of our lives,” Dan says.

“The doctors and nurses there have provided compassionate care to our family,” adds Fran. “When my mom passed away there,” she says, “the nurses were especially kind, and when our three grandchildren were in the NICU, the doctors always kept our family informed. Watching the nurses at work truly moved us and we appreciated how they encouraged us to touch and bond with the babies.”

Fran and Dan are members of the President’s Circle of Huntington Hospital, and have provided faithful annual support over the past decade. While some of their gifts have been designated toward our NICU, they have also included unrestricted support, allowing the hospital to allocate funds as needed to achieve the greatest impact.

“We want to make the community where we live an even better place for everyone,” notes Dan, “and Huntington Hospital is an important part of the community.”

Adds Fran, “Through our gifts, our goal is to help ensure that other families can receive the same superior care that our family has received from the hospital.”

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Nancy Wayte
Motivation: excellence.

IN PART INSPIRED BY HER MOTHER'S example as a volunteer in Chicago, Nancy K. Wayte appreciates active women who are working to improve their communities. Her own desire to make a personal difference has also guided her involvement with organizations in our community — including Huntington Hospital.

Nancy and her late husband, Alan, began contributing to our work more than a decade ago. Today, Nancy continues to provide annual support as a member of the President's Circle of Huntington Hospital.





President's Circle





Remarkable help

The Waytes' support was also influenced by their personal experiences: "The hospital has taken care of everyone in our family," Nancy says, "and Alan and I felt an obligation to participate and give back."

For her part, Nancy has received care including three back surgeries, as well as related physical and occupational therapy, here. "I don't think I've ever been in a hospital that was any better," she says. "I'm so grateful Huntington Hospital is right down the street."

While physical therapy helps to increase mobility following injury or surgery, occupational therapy is designed to help patients resume daily activities at home, at work and in the community. In Nancy's case, she says, it helped her relearn how to do everything from getting dressed to going up and down stairs to loading the dishwasher without pain. "It was remarkable," she says of the program — and when Alan spent more than two months as a patient here, she adds, "The doctors and nurses were all terrific."

Nancy singles out other areas of the hospital for special praise, too. "I *love* the gift shop," she says, of the hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop. "While Alan was in the hospital, I also discovered breakfast in the cafeteria," she adds. "I'd get there to visit after the morning care routine was finished, but one day I got there early and tried the breakfast — and after that I kept coming earlier!"

Career path

While Nancy began her undergraduate education studying art history at Wellesley College, she ultimately graduated from a studio art school in order to pursue her real interest: working as an artist. Her early career was spent mostly in fashion illustration, including a stint at Filene's in Boston. Later pursuing freelance work, Nancy also became a mother — and "I learned very quickly that you can't have a two-year-old and a bottle of ink anywhere close to each other," she laughs. "That was the end of my career as an artist."

She and Alan married in 1975. Each had children from prior marriages: Nancy's two daughters, Lee Anne and Mary Beth, and Alan's three children, David, Larry and Marcia. Alan, who passed away in January 2015, had practiced law in downtown Los Angeles

Opposite page: Nancy has benefited from physical therapy at the hospital. Unrestricted support like hers helps make this and many other programs possible. At right: Nancy and her late husband, Alan, began contributing to the hospital's work more than a decade ago.



for more than 50 years. He also served as an adjunct professor of law at Pepperdine University Law School, USC Gould School of Law, and Southwestern Law School, where he taught courses in real estate transactions.

Inspiring connections

Nancy began volunteering at the Los Angeles Music Center the day the doors opened in 1965 and has long been an active volunteer with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Committee, which raises funds for the orchestra's work with music education for youth. In addition, Alan was a member of the Executive Committee of The Los Angeles Philharmonic's board — serving as secretary for 38 years.

Shortly after moving to the San Gabriel Valley, Nancy also became a member of the Pasadena Wellesley Alumni Club. "I came to know so many interesting, smart women of all ages through this group," she notes. In addition, she is part of The Town Club — a local women's organization, established in 1927 to provide women with a place to meet, entertain, and share cultural, intellectual and social activities. "It's turned out to be an enormous treasure to me," she says. "The women I've met and the friendships I've made through these two groups have been terrific."

When it comes to her support for the hospital's work, Nancy notes that strong women like her friends Rosemary B. (Rary) Simmons and Lois Matthews, both of whom serve on our board of directors, have helped influence her decision-making. "These women work very hard to help ensure the hospital continues to provide superb care. It's very inspiring to me," Nancy says.

"I don't feel compelled to provide unrestricted dollars to every organization I support," she adds, "but my experience with Huntington Hospital has always been so wonderful and I have such deep respect for board members like Lois and Rary. I'm perfectly confident letting them decide how my contributions can be put to best use."

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Maureen and Nestor Michelena *Thoughtful service and support.*

FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES, Maureen Michelena has been making a difference for patients and families at Huntington Hospital, through her volunteer service. Initially volunteering with the chaplain's office, as part of the hospital's spiritual care program, she now logs regular volunteer hours in our critical care unit (CCU), where she helps staff the reception desk and assists in helping visiting family members, amongst other duties. "I really enjoy being able to give people some comfort," she says.

Maureen and her husband, Nestor, are also President's Circle members who provide annual, unrestricted philanthropic support toward our work.

While Nestor himself initially considered a career in medicine, romance intervened and his plans changed: "My father was a doctor," Nestor says. "He was from Peru and received a scholarship to come to the United States to attend medical school. I always thought I'd become a doctor too, but then Maureen and I got married young and it seemed like a good idea to pursue something faster than medical school!"

Nestor enrolled at Whittier College School of Law and, after passing the bar exam, founded Berger & Michelena with his colleague Louis Berger. Located in downtown Los Angeles, the firm is well known for its work on behalf of workers' compensation and personal injury clients. Maureen worked as a teacher for several years, before leaving the workforce to raise the couple's five children.

The Michelenas are also active members of their parish, and Maureen is involved in the work of Ronald McDonald House. Three years ago, she returned to the workforce, helping at Berger & Michelena. Gradually, her work hours have increased from two days a week to at least four. "It's a new way of life for both Nestor and me!" she laughs.

An accomplished family

While the Michelenas are both engaged in the firm, they point to their children as their greatest accomplishment. "An adult's views are shown mostly through their children, and so we feel we should focus on their accomplishments more than our own," says Nestor. "We're lucky to have five amazing children, who are all very successful."

The Michelenas' two daughters, Mary and Patty, are both attorneys who practice at major law firms in downtown Los Angeles. Two of Maureen and Nestor's three sons, John and Michael, are also attorneys. John is a partner at Berger & Michelena and has been with the firm for 20 years. Michael is a Los Angeles County District Attorney in the Hardcore Gang Division. The couple's oldest son, Nestor, is a lieutenant who works in administration with the California Highway Patrol in Sacramento.

With all but one of their children living locally, "Everyone still gathers at our home in Pasadena for family celebrations, which we just love," Maureen says. This now includes the Michelenas' seven grandchildren, five of whom were born at Huntington Hospital.

Maureen and Nestor's oldest grandson, Alex, recently graduated from Johns Hopkins University with honors in biomedical engineering and computer science. Their oldest granddaughter, Emily, is currently studying at Santa Clara University, while granddaughter Ellie is a junior at Mayfield Senior School this fall. Their four other grandchildren are elementary school students.

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First-hand experience

Maureen and Nestor have experienced our high-quality care on several occasions. Most recently, Nestor underwent triple bypass surgery here and received post-surgical care in our CCU. "We already knew about the quality of care thanks to my volunteer experience," says Maureen, "and sure enough, the doctors and nurses all went above and beyond when Nestor was a patient."

Nestor agrees: "I don't think anyone considers heart surgery fun," he says, "but my experience was so much better thanks to the exceptional care I received." He continues to participate in our cardiac rehabilitation program, which offers comprehensive services to people recovering from coronary artery disease and cardiothoracic surgical procedures. The program provides extensive assessment, individualized exercise programming and heart-healthy nutrition counseling, among other things. "It's exceptional," Nestor says. "I continue to be very impressed with the quality of the care."

The right place for care

Generous President's Circle donors together provide approximately 80 percent of annual funds contributed to the hospital and Maureen and Nestor have been faithful supporters for several years. In addition to their unrestricted donations, which the hospital allocates wherever they are needed most, the Michelenas also recently provided thoughtful funding to purchase a new television for the nursing lounge in our CCU. As a volunteer on the unit, Maureen feels particularly invested in supporting the nurses there, and "The TV was getting old and we wanted them to have a new one," she explains, simply.

Maureen adds that she and Nestor have also had the opportunity to witness the hospital's care from one additional perspective, as her sister, Patricia Johnson, RN, is a member of our nursing staff: Having worked in surgery for several years, Patricia now serves as a nurse navigator, providing support, education and guidance to improve outcomes for patients with chronic diseases.

Given their knowledge of the hospital, Maureen and Nestor had a ready answer when he was preparing for heart surgery and their children asked whether there was any other hospital they should consider for his care. "We knew this was exactly where he needed to be," says Maureen, "and we were right."

Opposite page, top: Nestor Michelena underwent triple bypass surgery at the hospital and continues to participate in our cardiac rehabilitation program. Debby Schlesinger, RN (right), works with patients in the program, which provides individualized exercise plans, education and other services. Bottom: In addition to providing unrestricted support toward our work, the Michelenas also recently funded the purchase of a new television for our critical care unit's nursing lounge.







Robert Siew, MD, and Mark Hafeman
A caring connection.

HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN AND DONOR ROBERT SIEW, MD, credits his mother with encouraging him to enter the field of medicine. His parents, who both immigrated to the United States from China, met and married in New York, NY, where his father obtained a doctorate in chemistry and became a professor. After obtaining a master's degree, his mother also pursued a career in science, working in the laboratories at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and at Columbia University Medical Center — and later, in a private laboratory.

Dr. Siew was born in New York and pursued his undergraduate studies at Cornell University, before moving to New Orleans to attend Tulane University School of Medicine, courtesy of the U.S. Air Force. When the air force transferred him to California (where he served as a general medical officer, based in San Bernardino), “I immediately noticed the difference in the weather between California and New Orleans,” he laughs — and he was eager to stay.

It was during his time in San Bernardino that Dr. Siew became acquainted with Huntington Hospital. “I began researching programs to complete my residency requirements,” says Dr. Siew “and I heard wonderful things regarding Huntington Hospital. It has a strong reputation and it quickly became my first choice.”

In addition to his work at the hospital, Dr. Siew served as the medical director, adult medicine, at Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (now known as ChapCare) for several years, before entering into private practice.

Varied interests

In 1992, Dr. Siew met his partner, Mark Hafeman, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena. The couple lives in Glendale with their Doberman, Cheerie.

Mark was born in Colorado, and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He completed his bachelor’s studies at Georgetown University, obtaining degrees in philosophy and history. He also holds master’s degrees in business administration and in education. He has worked as a teacher and licensed real estate broker for more than 30 years, and remains active in the real estate field, as he and Robert own several multi-family residential properties. In addition to engaging in a wide array of community and business activities, Mark practices meditation and the healing arts, and is a past board member of the Spiritual Arts Institute.

Now retired from teaching, Mark dedicates significant time to painting: He is an award-winning *plein air* artist and his work is available through several local galleries. He also has a YouTube channel (under the name Marc Waveman) dedicated exclusively to his art. “When someone purchases one of my paintings,” he notes, “I’m committed to donating 25 percent of my income from the sale to Huntington Hospital.”

Dr. Siew also enjoys artistic pursuits — and describes music as a chief extracurricular passion. An accomplished singer, he attends voice classes at the Colburn School in Los Angeles once a week. He is also part of the Opera Doc program for LA Opera. (Through the program — founded by another Huntington Hospital medical staff member, Allan Edmiston, MD — physicians volunteer at opera performances, where they provide care as needed.)

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Compelling reasons to give

“Robert is very focused,” says Mark. “While I’ve taken a more eclectic approach in my education and career, he has dedicated his life to medicine” — and it is in part Dr. Siew’s experiences in medicine that have led the couple to provide such enthusiastic annual support for Huntington Hospital, they note. In addition, they recently included the hospital in their estate plan.

“I trained there. I work there. I love the people. It’s a very good hospital. It’s at the leading edge in numerous disciplines,” Dr. Siew notes. “This is a community hospital that’s more like a university medical center. It’s of national stature. I think everyone understands how important it is to have a great hospital in the area. One day your life might depend on it.

“Huntington Hospital’s competitive advantage,” he adds, “comes from community support. Hospital finances are complex. It can be difficult to understand all the complexities and appreciate what it costs to provide exceptional care. From an inside perspective, however, I clearly see how philanthropic support allows the hospital to go above and beyond.”

SCRUBS

A new generation of support.



Formed in 2005, SCRUBS engages next-generation community philanthropists in the work of Huntington Hospital. Members of this dynamic group make annual contributions that help sustain and enhance high-quality care for our community.

Most recently, SCRUBS completed a \$1.8-million fundraising effort in support of our Campaign for Pediatrics. This philanthropic commitment helped underwrite the renovation and refurbishment of our pediatric department and pediatric intensive care unit — ensuring that children in our region continue to receive the very best of care in the very best of medical facilities.

In 2016, this group of enthusiastic next-generation philanthropists is raising unrestricted support toward the hospital's most pressing operating needs.

BENEFITS

SCRUBS

By making a contribution of **\$300 or more** to Huntington Hospital, SCRUBS members support our goal of serving all who turn to us for expert medical care, regardless of the ability to pay. SCRUBS members enjoy the following benefits, in gratitude for their charitable support:

- Invitations to interact with physicians, hospital administrators and other SCRUBS members at twice-yearly *Let's Get Personal* events.
- Invitations to educational events featuring medical experts.
- Recognition in our annual report.

SCRUBS Partner

In addition to regular membership benefits, SCRUBS Partners — those who make a gift of **\$1,000 or more** — are invited to a special dinner event at Gale's Restaurant in the fall.

SCRUBS Society

SCRUBS members who give **\$10,000 or more** qualify for membership in the SCRUBS Society. These leading SCRUBS supporters receive the following, in addition to regular membership benefits:

- Special recognition on our campus.
- Access to exclusive receptions and tours.
- Annual complimentary hospital valet parking.

Those making **cumulative gifts totaling \$100,000 or more** receive all of the above benefits, plus:

- A Huntington Hospital Gold Card. *For benefits associated with the Gold Card, please call the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.*
- Permanent recognition on the Chairman's Council Wall, located in our main lobby.

For more information about SCRUBS membership, please contact Lia Peterson Miller, director, annual giving, at (626) 397-3241. For information about SCRUBS Society membership, contact Tracy Smith, director, major gifts, at (626) 397-3241.



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On July 15, 2016, Huntington Hospital hosted *Drinks on the Links* at Annandale Golf Club in Pasadena. The special bring-a-friend event brought SCRUBS members and their invited guests together for fun and networking — and to learn more about the hospital.

More than 100 SCRUBS members and their guests mingled on the club's Commons and enjoyed expansive views of the stunning golf course, during the event. They sampled casual gourmet food and signature drinks from the full bar, and enjoyed live music provided by Debra Davis and the Band of Gold.

A global project with local impact

Mark Powell, MD, chair, pediatrics, provided the evening's keynote address. He thanked SCRUBS members on behalf of everyone at the hospital. The group has generated more than \$7 million in philanthropic support since its inception. In 2016, members are raising unrestricted support toward our most pressing operating needs.

During his remarks, Dr. Powell also introduced a special fundraising initiative, through which SCRUBS members can help The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project construct a new clinic in Kisongo, Tanzania. The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project was established by medical staff member Kimberly Shiner, MD. This innovative outreach program provides free medical, surgical, social work and educational services to patients living with HIV/AIDS, as well as those with orthopedic and other health needs, in rural Northern Tanzania, Africa.

Every other year, Dr. Shiner, additional members of our medical and administrative staff, and internal medicine and general surgery residents, travel to Tanzania to provide free medical and surgical care, and conduct home-health visits. The new clinic there will bring significant benefits to patients, including easier access to care and more reliable power and water supplies.

Dr. Powell, who has traveled to Tanzania as a volunteer with The Phil Simon Tanzania Project, emphasized that SCRUBS' support for the project will also help make an important difference in our own region. "When in Tanzania, you don't have access to the kinds of advanced technology or equipment available at Huntington Hospital," says Dr. Powell. "Instead, you must rely solely on your diagnostic and clinical skills. I can tell you from personal experience that this further strengthens your ability to care for patients at home."

We are deeply grateful for SCRUBS' support. For more information about membership in this dynamic group, please contact Huntington Hospital's office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.





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On September 12, 2016, SCRUBS Partners and SCRUBS Society members gathered at Gale's Restaurant for *A Night at Gale's*. The exclusive dinner event provides a special opportunity to thank SCRUBS members who contribute \$1,000 or more each year.

Gale Kohl and Rene Chila, co-owners of the Pasadena eatery, once again generously hosted the event this year. Complementing the delicious four-course Northern Italian dinner they donated, guests enjoyed wine pairings from Napa Valley's Cakebread Cellars. Gale and Rene, as well as a representative from Cakebread Cellars, were on hand to share information about the menu and wine pairings.



An extraordinary commitment

Huntington Hospital President and CEO Stephen A. Ralph thanked those in attendance for their important contributions, as did Kimberly Shriner, MD, chair, Graduate Medical Education Committee. The Pasadena physician — who also delivered the evening's keynote address — specializes in infectious diseases, and has been a member of Huntington Hospital's medical staff since 1994.

In 1996, Dr. Shriner established our Phil Simon Clinic, an outpatient center, dedicated to treating patients with HIV/AIDS. She continues to serve as the clinic's director. In 2001, she founded The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project. This innovative outreach program provides free medical and surgical care — and conducts home-health visits — for patients living with HIV/AIDS, as well as those with orthopedic and other health needs, in Northern Tanzania, Africa.

During her presentation at the SCRUBS event, Dr. Shriner provided information about a special fundraising initiative, through which SCRUBS members will have the opportunity to help The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project construct a new clinic in Kisongo, Tanzania. She explained the significant benefits of the project, which will provide enhanced care and access for patients in this medically underserved region.

Every other year, Dr. Shriner, along with other members of our medical and administrative staff and internal medicine and general surgery residents, travels to Tanzania to care for patients. She emphasizes that the experience helps medical volunteers further hone their skills — thus making a difference when it comes to caring for patients in our own region, also.

“Huntington Hospital's commitment to The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project is truly extraordinary,” says Dr. Shriner. “It's very rare for a local community hospital to be involved in such a significant global health project. SCRUBS' support will help make a difference in the lives of patients in Tanzania, and here at home, too.”

Gale's dinner events are a special benefit of SCRUBS Partner-level and SCRUBS Society-level membership. They bring together SCRUBS members, along with physicians and executive leaders from Huntington Hospital, in intimate settings that facilitate personal interaction.



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1. Denise Ranalli and Jennifer Montoya. 2. Kimberly Shriner, MD (far right), shares information about The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project with SCRUBS members. 3. Gale Kohl (far left), co-owner of Gale's Restaurant, speaks with Steve Ralph, and Jim and Becky Sarni. 4. McCall Avery and Sharon Grey. 5. Mark Powell, MD, and Michele and Andy Esbenshade. 6. Emma Pineda, Dorey Huston, Sherylin Boyer, and Georgia Miller.



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Enthusiastic SCRUBS supporters Lindsay and Walt Becker with their children, from left, Wyatt, Willow and Liam.

Advocates for the best of care.

Walt Becker has sage advice when it comes to achieving success in the entertainment industry. “You have to be an advocate for projects you’re passionate about,” says the accomplished director, screenwriter, producer and best-selling author. “You can’t get things done by remaining passive.”





This commitment to active advocacy and getting things done has also guided Walt and his wife, Lindsay, with regard to their participation in Huntington Hospital's SCRUBS support group — which helps engage a new generation of philanthropists in our work.

"We had met Lauren and Kevin Bender and were impressed by them and by the group's other leaders," says Walt. "They're all so passionate and such great advocates for the hospital. That level of commitment isn't something you see every day and we wanted to be part of it."

Personal experiences

A Pasadena native, Walt holds a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master's degree from the USC School of Cinematic Arts. Within just seven years of graduation, he had written and directed his first film, *Buying the Cow*, starring Brian Reynolds.

Since then, Walt has directed several other successful films, including *Van Wilder*, *Wild Hogs*, *Old Dogs* and, most recently, *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip*. For the small screen, he directed *Glory Daze*, which aired on TBS. He has also written several novels — among them *Link*, which remained on the Los Angeles Times' best-seller list for four weeks, and *Misconception*, which he co-authored with nationally known trial attorney Robert Shapiro. "I love finding some fact about nature or science and putting a spin on

it," he says. *Link*, for example, came out of an anthropology-related article he had read.

On the other hand, "Some of the material is loosely based on personal experiences," he adds, including *Wild Hogs*, which was in part inspired by riding motorcycles through Europe with his father. "For some reason, the stories based on personal experience have always been comedies!" he laughs.

Lindsay grew up in Riverside, California. She began modeling at age 13 and, after graduating from high school, had the opportunity to travel around the world thanks to her career. After living briefly in Paris, France, she returned to California and enrolled at the University of California, San Diego, where she earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. Lindsay and Walt met

during her final semester at the school.

"My parents were both pharmacists," Lindsay says, "and I always thought I'd go to medical school."

However, those plans were put on hold after she and Walt married

and started a family, she notes.

The family lives in La Cañada Flintridge. "We chose to move here because it's such a family-friendly community," says Lindsay. The Becker's three children, Liam, Wyatt, and Willow, attend La Cañada schools and are active in sports: Liam plays water polo; Wyatt plays rugby and football; and Willow plays soccer.

A focus on children's causes

The Beckers provide enthusiastic support for a number of organizations that are working to improve the quality of life for children and families

"It's a world-class place and we're proud to support it."





The Beckers made a leadership gift to SCRUBS' Campaign for Pediatrics, supporting renovation and enhancement of our pediatric and pediatric intensive care units.

in this region. In addition to their involvement in SCRUBS, Lindsay is a board member of La Cañada Junior Women's Club, which raises support for local nonprofit organizations, and she is involved with the Becker children's schools as a Parent Teacher Association member. Walt coaches their children's soccer and football teams and both he and Lindsay are active at St. Bede the Venerable, where Lindsay participates as a member of the Parish Council of Women. (In support of his profession, Walt also serves on several committees of the Directors Guild of America.)

With regard to their philanthropic contributions, "Most of the

organizations we support are focused on lifting up children in some way," says Walt. The Beckers' leadership gift to SCRUBS' Campaign for Pediatrics, for example, has helped renovate and enhance our pediatric and pediatric intensive care facilities.

"We feel strongly about supporting Huntington Hospital, since it's in our backyard," says Walt. "It's nice to know that if and when scary things happen, the hospital will be there for our family."

"It's a world-class place," adds Lindsay, "and we're proud to support it."



Huntington Hospital's Legacy Gift Society recognizes those who have expressed their intent to provide for the hospital through an estate-related gift. Such thoughtful and foresighted philanthropy helps sustain excellent care for future generations of residents in our region.

A variety of planned giving vehicles are available, including but not limited to bequest gifts made through a will or living trust; gift annuities; distribution of retirement plan funds; and charitable remainder trusts. In many instances, such planned gifts not only make a difference at our region's leading medical center, but also provide important income and/or tax benefits to the donor. Some even generate a reliable stream of income for the lifetime of a donor or loved one.

We are pleased to recognize Legacy Gift Society members in a variety of ways (see below). We invite you to join other members of the Legacy Gift Society in providing for the future of care at Huntington Hospital.

Legacy Gift Society



Make a difference for tomorrow, today.

Legacy Gift Society Benefits

- Invitation to annual Legacy Gift Society appreciation luncheon.
- Complimentary self-parking at the hospital.
- Discount at our S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop.
- Complimentary annual flu shot.
- Counsel from our director of planned giving, as needed.
- Recognition in our annual report.
- Receipt of Huntington Hospital publications.

Legacy Gift Society members who have made irrevocable planned gifts with a present value of \$100,000 also enjoy:

- Permanent recognition on the Legacy Wall of Honor, located at our main entrance.
- A Huntington Hospital Gold Card. *For benefits associated with the Gold Card, please call the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.*
- Complimentary valet service at the hospital (in addition to the complimentary self-parking available to all Legacy Gift Society members).
- Invitation to an annual private dinner seminar, featuring physician experts from the hospital.



Huntington Hospital will host an exclusive luncheon for Legacy Gift Society members on December 8, 2016, at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. Guests will have the opportunity to learn about key hospital initiatives — and meet hospital leaders. For more information, please contact Jack Brickson, director, planned giving, at (626) 397-3241, or via email at jack.brickson@huntingtonhospital.com.

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Greetings! You are receiving this informative eNewsletter as a service we are providing to our friends and supporters. You will find up-to-date, helpful information on topics that impact your quality of life, your finances and your legacy. We are pleased to share with you articles about savvy living and personal planning, as well as gift stories, finance news, the latest from Washington, and other timely information. Please contact us if we can run a proposal or be of assistance to you.

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E-NEWS LETTER

Did you know that we publish an informative e-newsletter on topics related to planned giving? Our e-newsletter features information on gift planning, financial issues, and other timely topics. Visit www.huntingtonhospital.com/giftplanning to sign up to receive this valuable resource.

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Planned Giving Advisory Council *Educational seminar for donors.*

On June 14, 2016, Huntington Hospital hosted an educational seminar, entitled *On the Road Again: Investment & Tax Strategies In An Uncertain Environment*, at The University Club in Pasadena. The event was held in collaboration with the hospital's Planned Giving Advisory Council, which provides valuable input on issues related to planned giving — that is, gifts made as part of a donor's financial and/or estate planning — and helps plan seminars and events related to this important topic.

Attendees enjoyed cocktails and *hors d'oeuvres* during the informative event. Jane Haderlein, senior vice president, philanthropy and public relations, and Jack Brickson, director,

planned giving, were on hand to greet guests and thank them for their participation.

Planned Giving Advisory Council member Linda Torossian, a partner at Taylor Summers Torossian & Lansing LLP, welcomed guests. She then introduced the evening's featured speakers: Ivor Schucking, research analyst, Western Asset Management, and Michael Hatch, financial advisor and principal, The Sterling Group.

Following Linda's remarks, Ivor provided guests with insights into the current economic climate. Thereafter, Michael shared important information about planned gift strategies that can provide tax advantages for the donor while simultaneously benefiting community institutions such as Huntington Hospital.



Opposite page, left: Ivor Schucking, research analyst, Western Asset Management, and, right, Michael Hatch, financial advisor and principal, The Sterling Group. Above: 1. Linda Torossian, Planned Giving Advisory Council member, and Dikran DerSarkissian. 2. Shody Chow and Young Kim, MD. 3. Chuck Stanislawski, and Arlene and Allan Miller. 4. David Covell, Rob and Laurie Vanderwall, and Jennifer Lorenzen.

Huntington Hospital is pleased to offer meaningful opportunities for education and engagement to our legacy gift donors. To find out more about upcoming events, or the ways in which a planned gift to the hospital can make a lifesaving difference, please contact Jack Brickson, director, planned giving at (626) 397-3241 or at jack.brickson@huntingtonhospital.com. We also encourage you to visit www.huntingtonhospital.com/giftplanning to learn more.



In addition to including Huntington Hospital in her estate plan, Louise Harris has provided annual support over many years. Louise's late husband, Marshall (pictured with her, opposite page), was a steadfast volunteer at the hospital.

Louise Harris *Support from the heart.*

Louise Harris cites three important influences when discussing her foresighted estate gift to Huntington Hospital: Her late husband, Marshall, was a steadfast volunteer here, providing errand and escort services every week for more than a decade and

“I want to honor Marshall’s longtime involvement,” Louise says. “I also want to give back to the community, and I’m deeply impressed with the hospital’s outreach in the community and its great programs,” she adds. “I see it as much more than a hospital.”

Among other care experiences here, Louise has received two knee-replacement surgeries, and she also underwent surgery after a fall-related injury. Particularly mentioning Richard Diehl, MD, and Todd Dietrick, MD, her orthopedic surgeons, she praises “the quality of care and the personal interest all the hospital’s staff members take in their patients — and not just during treatment,” she adds. “They’ve always been good about following up to see how I’m doing afterwards.”

In addition to Louise’s estate gift, made in the form of a bequest to the hospital through her will, she has also provided annual support for many years. Her generous unrestricted contributions “express my appreciation for the care I’ve received,” she says. In addition, she notes, “I believe in giving back and it feels good to be able to do so in a meaningful way.”

Building a home together

Louise studied political science and economics at Hood College in Maryland (a liberal arts college founded in 1893 as The Woman’s College of Frederick), earning a bachelor’s degree. Originally from Pennsylvania, she subsequently spent time living in Chicago and in Rochester, New York, before moving to California. She and her first husband lived briefly in Arcadia before settling in Glendora.

After her husband passed away in 1975, Louise remained single for several years. Then, a neighbor introduced her to Marshall. The couple fell in love and married.

Marshall, a lifelong resident of Pasadena, ran a successful wallpapering business and owned a store on Colorado Boulevard. He also invested in several rental properties in Pasadena and in other areas. Louise, too, had made some real estate investments. (Managing multiple property investments still keeps her busy, she notes.) Together, they maintained a home in Pasadena, where Louise still lives.

Taking part

Louise has also had a successful career in human resources, working for several companies in the private sector before joining the staff of California State University, Los Angeles. She spent 17 years at the school, serving as director of human resources at the time of her retirement. In this role, her responsibilities included working with nine unions, serving thousands of employees. “It was a good place to work,” she notes.

An active participant in community life, Louise has also been involved with several local

charitable organizations in our region, including service as president of the Braille Institute’s Auxiliary of Pasadena and of the Green House Gift Shop (which raised money for Children’s Hospital Los Angeles), in the past.

Louise also enjoys oil painting, but is currently finding life too busy to spend a lot of time in her at-home studio, she notes. When time permits, she also likes to travel — with a special fondness for cruises. She used to boat regularly with Marshall (who also had a pilot’s license, having flown in World War II) — and still owns a Boston Whaler. In addition, she enjoys getting together with friends for a game of bridge.

Acknowledging valued services

Louise does not have children of her own but became part of an established family when she and Marshall wed. “I’m very fond of Marshall’s two children,” she says, “and when I married Marshall, I also became an instant grandmother!” (She now has five grandchildren.) Marshall’s son, Lee Marshall Harris, lives in Alta Loma and teaches at St. Mark’s School. Marshall’s daughter, Susan Harris Swinney, is a resident of Arcadia who previously taught at South Pasadena High School.

Also part of the family are Louise’s two Boston terriers, Hobart (Hobie) and Roxie. “Ever since I was a child I’ve had dogs — beagles, an Old English sheepdog, and various rescue dogs,” she says. “They’re so grateful to you for giving them a home and they’re wonderful and loyal companions. I’d be lonesome without them.”

Through her estate, Louise has been careful to provide for family, she notes, and for the continued care of her beloved dogs. “I also decided I’d like to do something for the hospital,” she says. “Marshall enjoyed going there every Monday to volunteer. He really loved the hospital, so when I was reviewing my will, I decided to gift them one of my portfolios.

“I feel fortunate that I’m able to give back,” she adds, “as a tribute to Marshall and as an acknowledgment of the hospital’s really invaluable service to our entire community.”





Ralph Riffenburgh, MD *A farsighted bequest.*

A distinguished ophthalmologist, Ralph Riffenburgh, MD, was a member of Huntington Hospital's medical staff over most of his six-decade career, retiring in 2014. In addition, he maintained a private practice in Pasadena

and taught eye pathology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

Now living in Claremont, Dr. Riffenburgh remains a steadfast supporter of the hospital, providing generous annual contributions. He has also arranged for a gift to the hospital through his

estate plan to support our ability to care for local residents into the future.

“Huntington Hospital is good for the community,” says Dr. Riffenburgh, “and vice versa: Thanks to the community’s support, the hospital remains a level ahead of others, with the highest quality of care, provided by top-echelon medical staff. I want to make sure it maintains its eminence and can continue to offer superior facilities, equipment, research programs and care,” he adds.

Called to service

Dr. Riffenburgh was born in Washington, DC, and grew up in Virginia. He first came to California at age 18, to attend Caltech. After members of his family were involved in a car accident, he returned to Virginia, interrupting his studies to work for a year and then completing a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry at Virginia Tech. Following this, he joined the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. “This offered me the chance to go to medical school,” he notes.

Dr. Riffenburgh completed studies at the Medical College of Virginia and then, “I wanted to get back to California,” he explains, “and I applied for an internship at Huntington Hospital. They had a good pathology program and I wanted to be a pathologist.” However, Dr. Riffenburgh enjoyed interacting with patients and his career plans thus changed. He pursued additional ophthalmology training in St. Louis and was about to move to Philadelphia for ongoing education when, “I got an offer I couldn’t refuse,” he notes wryly. “The Korean War had started and I was required to report to the U.S. Navy.”

Dr. Riffenburgh completed two years’ service in a naval hospital in the Bay Area. Then, after a brief time teaching in St. Louis, he settled back in California, where he has lived ever since. Over his 60 years as a local ophthalmologist, “I sometimes saw three generations in the same family,” he notes. “I like being with people and just loved my patients.”

A full and well-rounded life

Dr. Riffenburgh and his late wife, Angelyn, met at Huntington Hospital: “She was in laboratory training at the hospital when I was an intern,” he notes. Angelyn subsequently took a hiatus from the workforce as the Riffenburghs raised their three sons. (Today, one of them, Stephen Riffenburgh, MD, carries on the family’s involvement, serving as an orthopedic surgeon on

staff at the hospital. The others followed other paths — as a computer engineer and a historian.) When the boys were in school, however, Angelyn returned to work, teaching bacteriology at Los Angeles Valley College for 25 years.

In his own teaching work at the University of Southern California, Dr. Riffenburgh would remind his students, “Try not to live your life *only* in medicine. Try to do other things.” Having a rounded life, he feels, ultimately makes one a better doctor — and during his own career, as well as into retirement, he has certainly lived by his own advice: Dr. Riffenburgh served as a longtime reserve officer with the South Pasadena Police Department and with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department. He flew a Cessna 182 for the sheriff’s department’s Aviation Aero Squadron, performing search and rescue operations in the local mountains.

At age 65, he took up the art of scrimshaw. (“I was no longer practicing surgery,” he says, “but scrimshaw is similar in that it involves a great deal of delicacy.”) Over the last 10 years, he has also become a rather prolific author: His published books include stories about the navy, World War II and the Iraq War, as well as a murder mystery set in Pasadena.

Trust in excellence

In creating a trust vehicle as part of his estate plan, Dr. Riffenburgh provided for family members — and “I also thought we ought to consider Huntington Hospital,” he says. “It’s an excellent hospital; it furnished me with a wonderful place to work; and I’ve made many friends there.” In addition to the hospital, Keck School of Medicine of USC and the Pacific Asia Museum — where Angelyn was a long-time volunteer docent — are named as charitable beneficiaries.

“The quality of care at Huntington Hospital is excellent,” Dr. Riffenburgh notes, “and the caliber of the medical staff is extremely high. To keep doing all the things it does and to stay a level ahead, the hospital needs community support. I want to ensure it remains at the highest level.”



From left, San Marino Area Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. President Ann Boutin and members Liz Lichtman, Justene Pierce and Avery Kral recently presented a check in support of our work. Hospital representatives Shavawn Cox, Jean Maines and Sally Hinckley were on hand to thank them.

National Charity League, Inc., San Marino Area Chapter

Compassionate support for pediatric services.

Founded in 1960, the National Charity League (NCL), Inc., San Marino Area Chapter, is comprised of mothers and daughters who are dedicated to improving the local community through their hands-on volunteerism.

Members devote many hours of service to the community, volunteering at more than 20 philanthropic organizations, including Huntington Hospital. Collectively, they provide more than 17,000 hours of service annually.

The San Marino Area Chapter also owns a resale boutique — Main Street Attraction — in Alhambra, which is staffed by members. Proceeds are contributed to nonprofit organizations in our region and underwrite college scholarships for deserving young women from local public high schools.

Recently, the chapter provided a generous grant that helped us acquire infant mobiles and children’s toys, for use in our pediatric and pediatric intensive care units. Says San Marino Area Chapter President Ann Boutin, “We’re proud to work in partnership with Huntington Hospital in support of our region’s children.”

Many sincere thanks to NCL members for their generous involvement.

Guild and support group directory.

Altadena Guild

Marie Darr, president
www.altadenaguild.org

Fall Food & Wine Festival

Jamie Simpson, office of philanthropy
(626) 397-3241
www.fallfoodandwine.com

Flintridge La Cañada Guild

Jenny Stern, president
P.O. Box 563, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012
www.jumpflintridge.com

HEART

Tracy Smith, office of philanthropy
(626) 397-3241

National Charity League Juniors of San Marino

Nancy Szeto-Ko, president
www.ncljrsm.tofinoauctions.com/2017gala

Women’s Auxiliary

Diane Martin, president
Go to www.facebook.com and search for Women’s Auxiliary of Huntington Hospital

Huntington Collection

Linda Stephens, manager
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(626) 535-2468
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Open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Thursdays noon to 6 p.m.

S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop

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Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.



Lora Wagner, scholarship chair, Volunteer Leadership Council (center), with scholarship recipients Fiona Ramirez (left) and Julia Harbolt.

Huntington Hospital's Volunteer Leadership Council is comprised of current and immediate past presidents of the hospital's support groups and meets quarterly to share information, coordinate dates for upcoming special events, and receive updates on hospital initiatives. Each year, the council awards a scholarship to at least one outstanding student volunteer who is a graduating high school senior, has volunteered a minimum of 40 hours at Huntington Hospital, and is planning to pursue a career in a healthcare-related field when he or she enters college.



Volunteer Leadership Council

Supporting exemplary student volunteers.

On May 26, 2016, Huntington Hospital's Volunteer Leadership Council awarded college scholarships to two outstanding student volunteers:

Fiona Ramirez recently graduated from Monrovia High School. She has volunteered at the hospital since 2014, logging more than 330 hours of service. Among other important activities, she has helped out in our birth certificate office and visited patients at bedside to help them sign up for the hospital's patient portal — myhuntingtonhealth.com.

Fiona wants to be a registered nurse and is particularly interested in the field of pediatric pulmonology, given her personal experience with asthma. "Throughout my life, I myself have been in the hospital," she says. "My personal belief is that a simple amount of kindness to an individual can extend a mile away." In pursuit of her career goals, Fiona is enrolled at Mount Saint

Mary's University of Los Angeles this fall, where she plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. She credits her volunteer work at the hospital with strengthening her commitment to make a difference as a nurse.

Julia Harbolt is a recent graduate of La Cañada High School. During almost 80 hours of service in our labor and delivery unit and orthopedic/neurology unit, she has helped discharge patients, assemble patient admission packets, run errands and more.

Julia began volunteering at the hospital after her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. "After countless trips to the doctor with my mother and caring for her in our home, I felt my call to be a nurse," she says. "Through volunteering at the hospital and so many positive experiences, I discovered that nursing is in fact the right path for me," she adds. This fall, Julia is entering Azusa Pacific University's BSN program.



Marie Darr, president, Altadena Guild (left), with the recipient of the 2016 Altadena Guild Community Service Scholarship, Tammi Lee Rogers, RN.



In addition to its generous community service scholarship and its support of Huntington Hospital's Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center, the Altadena Guild provides a wide array of services at the hospital. Collectively, the group's members contribute more than 5,000 hours of volunteer service annually, in areas throughout the hospital — including our surgery lounge — as well as at the Huntington Collection and S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop. "The Altadena Guild is dedicated to improving our community through volunteerism," says Marie Darr, president. "I'm very proud to be associated with the guild."

www.altadenaguild.org



Altadena Guild

Recognizing service, supporting staff.

The Altadena Guild's 65th annual Home & Garden Tour — *May Day on Porter* — took place on Sunday, May 1, 2016, with proceeds benefiting Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center. This important program helps patients manage the aesthetic side effects of cancer treatment and to look and feel their best.

Funds raised through the event have also been used to provide the 2016 Altadena Guild Community Service Scholarship. Each year, the guild's scholarship recognizes a hospital employee who demonstrates exceptional service to the community beyond our walls, and who is pursuing further education in a healthcare field. Scholarship funds are designated to help offset education costs.

A new vision for life. The guild awarded their 2016 scholarship to Tammi Rogers, RN, who was recognized by the Scholarship Committee for excellence in community service and in health care. Tammi, who previously worked as a nurse in our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center, currently serves as an admissions coordinator. In this role, she oversees and tracks inpatient flow, bed availability and assignment, and patient transfers — helping to ensure prompt and appropriate response to patient needs. In addition to her work here, she has been an active volunteer with the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House for nearly a decade.

Tammi first became involved with the Ronald McDonald House following the death of her then 3-year-old son, Seth. Growing out of this tragedy, Tammi found what she refers to as a "new vision for life."

Initially, "We helped establish a beautiful butterfly garden at the house in

Seth's memory," she says. She has since volunteered there in other capacities — cooking meals for families staying at the house and more. Most recently, she organized a fun-filled spring event, *Wings of Trust*, which offered food, music, pony rides, face painting, and more, for children and families there.

Through involvement with The Kind Project, Tammi and her friends and family get together to carry out other compassionate acts of service — such as feeding the homeless — during the holiday season. "It's such a rewarding feeling to know that small acts of kindness can have a big impact on someone's life," she says.

Support from the Altadena Guild is now helping Tammi pursue a master's degree in healthcare management at Western Governors University. "I'm so grateful to the Altadena Guild for helping me pursue higher education, so I can grow my leadership skills and make a greater contribution through my work," she says.



Fall Food & Wine Festival

Investing in essential trauma care.



Members of the 2016 Fall Food & Wine Festival Committee include: Linda Barker, Rachel Barker, Garrett Bell, Karen Billman, Brian Birnie, Caroline Birnie, Ave and Will Bortz, Chad Brunochelli, Lynn De Groot, Carter Donaldson, Annabelle and Loftin Dortch, Andrea Falabella, Pinky Lark Farnum, John Ferdenzi, Kristine Giordano, Jane and Tom Glover, John Haglund, Anne Irvine, Shelby Kocee, Art Marin, Janet Mayeda, Bob Michero, Theresé and Lee Mothershead, Greg Richardson, David Ruivo, Nick Salata, Cathy Simms, Jamie Simpson, Kelley and Rob Terrazas, Michele and Greg Thompson (event co-chairs), and Brittany Thompson.

On October 30, 2016, Huntington Hospital and Parkway Grill hosted the 32nd annual *Fall Food & Wine Festival* in support of Huntington Hospital Trauma Center.

Each year, the festival offers guests the opportunity to sample delicious food and wine. It has raised more than \$4 million toward trauma services at the hospital since its inception in 1984. Our trauma center provides prompt, high-quality care for more than 1,200 patients with life-threatening injuries every year.

Good for the community. Proceeds from our annual Fall Food & Wine Festival help us invest in the latest care and technologies, provide ongoing clinical education that ensures our caregivers remain at the forefront in their fields, and more.

Amongst other things, funds raised in prior years have allowed us to acquire new ultrasound equipment known as FAST — focused assessment with sonography for trauma. This advanced technology helps speed diagnosis of bleeding around the heart or abdominal organs, following traumatic injury.

Proceeds from the *2016 Fall Food & Wine Festival* are designated towards the purchase of two state-of-the-art TEG® 6s Hemostasis Analyzer Systems. TEG is used during surgery to determine whether a patient is experiencing problems with coagulation (blood clotting) or bleeding. “TEG provides prompt information about a patient’s blood needs,” says Susan Thompson, RN, critical care unit/trauma services manager, “which in turn allows caregivers to deliver targeted treatment, to further improve patient outcomes.”

The equipment can also reduce the need for blood transfusions during surgery by predicting how a patient’s blood will clot. As a result, it helps ensure the most appropriate use of our blood products.

“Those who sponsor and/or attend our *Fall Food & Wine Festival* help support the continued availability of lifesaving trauma care for local patients in our region,” Susan says. “We’re grateful to everyone who partners with us in this essential work.”

www.fallfoodandwine.com

Flintridge
La Cañada
Guild
Becky Rieck



The Flintridge La Cañada Guild has been actively involved in raising funds, helping to meet a variety of facility and equipment needs at Huntington Hospital, for 60 years. The guild's 96th annual horse show is scheduled for spring 2017.



Becky Rieck joined the Flintridge La Cañada Guild in 2014, following a 30-year career at NBC. “The guild’s current president and longtime member, Jenny Stern, is a very close friend of mine,” says Becky. “I never had the opportunity to participate while I was working,” she adds, “but Jenny encouraged me to get involved after I retired.”

Since then, Becky has become one of the guild’s most active members. As part of her involvement, she regularly volunteers at Huntington Hospital’s S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop. “Two of my sisters are nurses,” says Becky, “and my mother volunteered at a hospital for more than thirty years. Despite that, I always felt less than comfortable in a hospital setting, but that quickly changed when I started volunteering at Huntington Hospital. It’s such a warm and wonderful place.”

Becky’s involvement has also taken on other forms: For the past two years, she has served as chairperson of the silent auction held during the guild’s long-running horse show.

“Becky brings such energy and enthusiasm to everything she does,” says Jenny. “I’m beyond grateful for her service.”

In support of comprehensive stroke

care. Thanks to Becky’s efforts, more than 70 businesses donated items that were auctioned during the 95th annual show, which took place Thursday, April 28, through Sunday, May 1, 2016, at the Flintridge Riding Club. These items included a hot air balloon ride over Napa Valley, a sailing experience in San Francisco, Adele concert tickets, restaurant gift cards, and more. “We even auctioned off two vacation packages to see ‘Hamilton’ on Broadway, including airfare and hotel accommodations,” says Becky. “The response to our requests for support was phenomenal.”

“It’s extremely rewarding to help support my community hospital,” Becky adds. Proceeds from this year’s silent auction are helping the guild fulfill a generous pledge of support toward comprehensive stroke care at Huntington Hospital.



HEART

A commitment to heart health.



Funding from HEART has helped the hospital acquire a state-of-the-art VersaCare Cardiac Rehabilitation Telemetry Monitoring System, for use in our cardiac rehabilitation program. Information is transmitted to the system's display screen, allowing (from left) Elcio Almeida, cardiac rehabilitation technician; Patricia Fowler, RN; Maral Mesrobian, RN; and Debby Schlesinger, RN, and John Easthope, MD, medical director, cardiac rehabilitation and non-invasive technology, to monitor electrocardiography signals as patients exercise.

L eading-edge cardiac care at Huntington Hospital is made possible in part by HEART (Heart Education Association for Rehabilitation and Treatment). HEART was created in 1995, and to date has raised more than \$1 million in support of our work.

The group helps support essential cardiac care services and technologies at the hospital, with a primary focus on our cardiac rehabilitation program. HEART funding has helped sustain, expand and enhance this program, which provides physician-supervised exercise and education to strengthen patients' cardiac health. Amongst other things, HEART support has helped us purchase new exercise equipment and important educational materials.

Supporting innovation. Recently, HEART also helped us acquire a state-of-the-art VersaCare Cardiac Rehabilitation Telemetry Monitoring System, for use in our cardiac rehabilitation program. Staff members use the new system to monitor patients' electrocardiography (ECG) signal during exercise, to provide real-time information about his or her heart

rate and heart rhythm. Any abnormality is quickly identified for intervention.

"Our previous monitoring system was beginning to require frequent maintenance," says Patricia Fowler, RN, patient flow coordinator, cardiac rehabilitation, "but the new technology isn't just more reliable. It also has additional capabilities." For example, a small monitoring device strapped to the patient's waist, along with electrodes attached to the chest, gather information and transmit this to the VersaCare system's screen — and the system can be customized based on each patient's treatment plan, including what level of workout the patient should be engaged in. It can also measure outcomes and generate various reports for physicians.

"The new system will also help us monitor improvements in patients' exercise capacity more easily," Patricia says, "and improvements in exercise capacity translate into improvements in daily life." Overall, by helping us become more efficient, she adds, "the system is helping us deliver even better care. We're extremely grateful to HEART for making all of this possible."

Salene and Joey Giron recently attended a baby shower for parents of children receiving care in our NICU. Baby clothing donated by NCL Juniors is distributed to participants during these special events.



On March 11, 2017, NCL Juniors will host their annual gala, Acts of Shakespeare, at The Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles. Funds raised will be directed toward lifesaving neonatal and pediatric intensive care at Huntington Hospital.

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National Charity League Juniors of San Marino

Making a difference early in life.

National Charity League (NCL) Juniors of San Marino has provided important support for high-quality women's and children's services at Huntington Hospital for more than four decades. In 2016, funds raised through the group's activities are directed toward the lifesaving work of both our neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and pediatric intensive care unit (PICU). Specifically, NCL Juniors has pledged a portion of its fundraising proceeds toward the purchase of a digital pediatric bronchoscope for use in these units. An additional amount

is designated toward our Parent Connection program.

Right from the start. Through Parent Connection, volunteers — parents who have experienced NICU care here — provide important support for families of new infants who are born prematurely or with other critical health issues. "The program really makes a difference for NICU families," says NCL Juniors' President Nancy Szeto-Ko. In addition to one-on-one mentoring, Parent Connection services include educational classes on topics such as breastfeeding and car-seat safety, and more.

NCL Juniors members also donate baby clothes for infants in our NICU. The clothes are distributed through quarterly baby showers, jointly hosted by the unit and Parent Connection.

Participating in a baby shower is exciting for most new parents and, at each event they attend, parents receive

a host of clothing and other important supplies that help them welcome their newborn. However, like most NICU parents, Salene and Joey Giron had never enjoyed a shower for their new daughter, they note. "Mia Grace was born at just twenty-three weeks' gestation," explains Salene, "so we hadn't had a baby shower yet and we didn't have all the supplies we needed."

Along with baby clothing donated by NCL Juniors, our NICU baby showers provide parents with other essential items, too. At each event, games and refreshments — as well as the opportunity to connect with each other, share experiences and provide mutual support — also help create a special experience for new parents.

"The baby shower was really heartwarming," Salene says. "It was a great stress reliever and it helped Joey and me feel like ourselves again. We're so grateful."



Huntington Hospital recently hosted a luncheon to thank San Marino Guild members for their important work over many years. In attendance were (front row, from left) Tays Bogue, Peggy Yingling (guild president), Doreen Mason, Mimi Gerhardt, and Dee Barker, and (back row, from left) Trish Bredesen, Karen Quintana, Sharon Pelton, Barbara Reagan, Cornelia Fuller, Karin Pittman, Nancy Logg, Diane Whitten, Sharla Durant and Phyllis Pascarella.

After 65 years of service to our community, the San Marino Guild disbanded on June 30, 2016. The support group, founded in 1951, provided steadfast support toward high-quality women’s and children’s services at Huntington Hospital.

Saying farewell. “The majority of funds raised have helped the hospital acquire vital lifesaving equipment for children,” says the guild’s most recent president, Peggy Yingling. In total, the group raised more than \$1.8 million since its inception.

To do so, the guild organized a variety of entertaining and educational events — including its beloved Celebrity Series. For more than 20 years, one of the greatest crowd-pleasers in the support group’s calendar was an entertaining lecture by popular author Elliot Engel, PhD. In recent years, members also introduced a spring-time luncheon and fashion show to bolster their fundraising further.

In addition to providing philanthropic support, guild members have contributed thousands of volunteer hours at the hospital every year. In our S. Robert & Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop, they have provided visitors with great customer service. At the Huntington Collection, their work has included everything from sorting donations to shining silver to working in the boutique area and more. For more than 60 years, their work also included hosting regular maternity orientations that provided information and tours of our labor and delivery and maternity units, for parents to be.

“It was a difficult decision to disband — and one that we did not take lightly,” says Peggy. “Many of our members will continue to volunteer at the hospital,” she adds. “We cherish the friendships we’ve made, and we’re proud of the good work we’ve done and the contributions we’ve made to Huntington Hospital and the community over so many years.”

San Marino Guild

Sixty-five years of impactful support.



Huntington Hospital is most grateful for the San Marino Guild’s long-standing support. Please join us in thanking and congratulating guild members for their important work!



Make a difference while you shop. Visit the Huntington Collection, at 766 South Fair Oaks Avenue in Pasadena, at the corner of Fillmore Street. The Collection is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Thursdays, when hours are from noon to 6 p.m.

www.huntingtoncollection.com



Huntington Collection

Sharon Clark

Sharon Clark holds a doctorate in anthropology and a master's in psychology. She worked as a teacher before starting her own business, specializing in public outreach for environmental impact projects. Now retired, she volunteers weekly at the Huntington Collection — where she puts a passion for jewelry to good use: “When I look at jewelry, I feel like I’m looking at little works of art,” she says.

Sharon, who has volunteered at the Collection for nearly four years, is responsible for sorting costume jewelry

and other collectibles. She also cleans pieces and ensures that any needed repairs are made. Once items have been valued, they are marked for sale.

For the Collection’s end-of-the-month sales, Sharon also helps to create displays that highlight specific types of jewelry. The sales are held the last Thursday of every month, except holidays, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Butterflies and turquoise are both examples of recently featured jewelry themes.

A perfect match. The Huntington Collection is an upscale resale store, offering high-quality donated and consignment items, including boutique clothing, collectibles, furniture, jewelry, and tableware, since 1984. All proceeds from the Collection are designated toward Huntington Senior Care

Network, which is nationally recognized for its work in helping senior citizens and adults with disabilities to remain independent and healthy.

Sharon describes volunteerism as “part of our way of life in the United States,” adding, “I’m thrilled to be able to put my love of jewelry to good use by volunteering at the Huntington Collection. It’s a perfect match for my interests and I feel good doing it.”



S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop

**Judi Hessemer,
Ari Kennedy and
Rhonda Kozacik**

Huntington Hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop has long been known for its wide selection of seasonal gifts, gourmet candies, floral arrangements and other tempting items to enhance our patients' and visitors' experience. Now, the gift shop has introduced a new service to make it more convenient than ever for patients to obtain items they need while at the hospital. Now, there is Gift Shop On the Go!

The new program involves volunteers who visit locations throughout the hospital with a cart chock-full of

healthy snacks, cold drinks, personal care items, cellphone chargers, magazines, and a large selection of other items for purchase.

The successful launch of Gift Shop On the Go would not have been possible without the exceptional talents of many individuals. Volunteers Judi Hessemer, Ari Kennedy and Rhonda Kozacik were particularly instrumental in introducing the new service. "These three energetic women were excited about rolling this service out," says Geri Hamane, gift shop manager. "They've spent many hours helping to develop the program, as well as volunteering with the On the Go cart themselves, to ensure that items from the gift shop are available to patients, visitors and staff all over the hospital. We're very grateful for their service."

Friendly help on the go. Ari began volunteering at the hospital in 2008, after moving to Pasadena from Australia via England. Judi, a retired teacher, has volunteered here since 2011, while Rhonda's volunteerism began more

recently, when she signed up specifically to help with Gift Shop On the Go.

"This is a phenomenal program," Rhonda says. "Many times, visitors don't want to leave their loved ones to go get a snack or something to drink, so they simply go without. I find it so rewarding to be able to make their experience at the hospital just a little bit easier."

Judi notes that it takes volunteers about three hours to make a full tour of the hospital with the Gift Shop On the Go cart. In addition to extending an important service, the program's volunteers help create a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our doors. "During our rounds," Judi explains, "we interact with many different people and we're always happy to lend a helping hand and a friendly ear."

"The response to Gift Shop On the Go," adds Ari, "has been overwhelmingly positive and everyone we've met has been very grateful for the service. I'm always asked when the cart will be coming by again!"

Volunteers, from left, Judy Hessemer, Ari Kennedy, and Rhonda Kozacik were instrumental in helping launch Gift Shop On the Go.



The S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop is open seven days a week — Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information about how to get involved as a Gift Shop On the Go volunteer, please contact the volunteer department at (626) 397-5500.

Dear friends

As a nonprofit community hospital, Huntington Hospital relies heavily on the generosity of individuals and institutions to deliver compassionate and excellent medical care to our patients. Your contributions have a direct impact on the entire continuum of health care for our community.



In this publication, you have read about some of the generous donors who are partnering with us to improve the well-being of people throughout our region. Examples of advances made possible by additional community contributions include:

- The very latest in diagnostic services at our Jim and Eleanor Randall Breast Center. Tomosynthesis is a new imaging technique that creates three-dimensional images using multiple x-ray pictures from different angles.
- The highest-quality nursing care, thanks to our Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation. The institute provides a range of innovative educational and research programs that promote elevated nursing practice. It also helps us continue to attract and retain the very best-qualified nurses.
- Optimal outcomes for our youngest patients, supported by new monitoring technology in our premier neonatal intensive care unit.
- Superior, around-the-clock, lifesaving care for more than 72,000 patients annually, in our state-of-the-art Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center.

Private support for the hospital makes a critical difference that is felt region-wide. Please join me and your most generous neighbors in ensuring the highest-quality care remains available close to home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul L.H. Ouyang', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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COMPREHENSIVE, LIFESAVING CARE.

Thanks to care received at Huntington Hospital, Anita Chavez is now cancer-free. When she found a lump during a breast self-examination, “I knew immediately that it was cancer,” she says. “I had a history of developing cysts — and the lump I found felt different.”

Anita’s physician referred her to our Jim and Eleanor Randall Breast Center. Diagnostic tests confirmed that the lump she had found was cancer — and she went on to receive treatment here, via breast surgery as well as radiation therapy and chemotherapy.

Over the course of her care, Anita took advantage of some of the many supportive services — including acupuncture and hypnotherapy — available to our cancer patients. She also turned to our Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center for help managing the aesthetic side effects of cancer treatment.

“Huntington Hospital Cancer Center treats the whole person — mind, body and spirit,” Anita says. “My entire care team was devoted to helping me fight breast cancer and I can’t thank them enough.”



Anita Chavez (second from left) is surrounded by members of her expert care team, including, from left, Ruth Williamson, MD, medical director, radiation oncology, and medical director, breast cancer services; Tina Ivie, RN navigator, breast program; and Jeannie Shen, MD, medical director, breast surgery.