

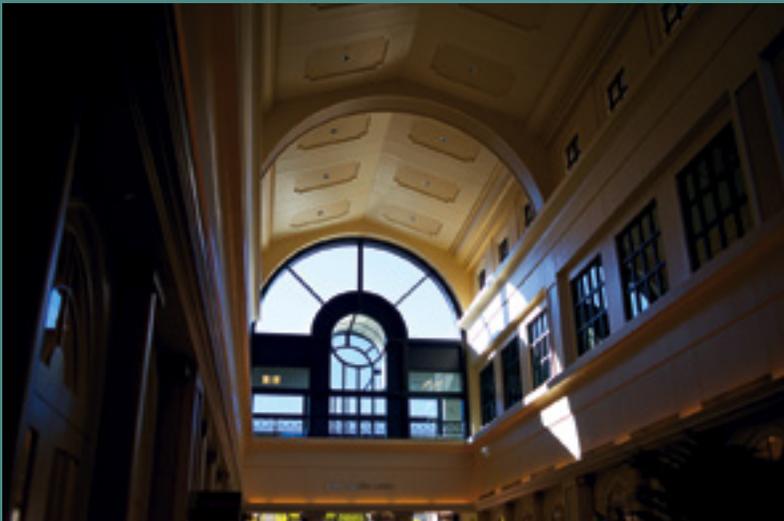


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# Our mission.

To excel at the delivery of healthcare to our community.



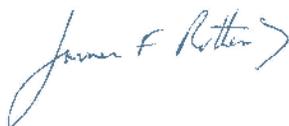
# Dear friends

**A**s a nonprofit community institution, Huntington Memorial Hospital relies on community philanthropy to underwrite key programs and services, and to help us remain at the forefront of quality care. By partnering with us to ensure the very best of care here, donors have an unparalleled opportunity to impact the well-being of our community and our region.

The hospital's current and most pressing funding needs can be categorized within three overarching funding priorities: caregiver excellence, innovation, and community health. Recent generous gifts are already supporting a variety of exciting initiatives within these priority areas. Thanks to community contributions:

- Huntington Hospital is fostering *strategic physician partnerships* to further enhance care delivery and, as a result, care quality.
- Our *Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation* is elevating the practice of nursing here, through a range of innovative nurse education and research programs.
- *Huntington Hospital Neurological Rehabilitation Center* is providing leading-edge rehabilitation services for a growing number of patients in our region with stroke and other neurological impairments.

At Huntington Hospital, private support makes a difference that is felt region-wide. Please join me and the many other residents of our area who have made the choice to support quality care close to home.



**James F. Rothenberg**  
*Chairman of the Board*



# Quality care with our community at heart.



**On our cover:** Vincent James Joseph (also pictured above) was born at Huntington Memorial Hospital in February 2014. In lieu of the traditional blue, Vincent sported a special red hat during his hospital stay, in honor of National Wear Red Day®. The event helps raise awareness for women's heart disease.

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has made significant  
contributions to  
Huntington Memorial  
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are (standing, from left)  
Susan, David, Paul,  
Debbie and Violet, and  
(seated, from left) Olivia,  
Mrs. Ouyang and Lily.*



# Entrepreneurial Philanthropy

*When Paul L.H. Ouyang's father developed life-threatening pneumonia in 1991, all his family wanted to learn as much as they could about the condition and the available options for treatment. "We compressed years of learning into a very short time to understand what was going on with my father," Paul says, "and we were very fortunate that the staff of Huntington Memorial Hospital, and especially Dr. Michael Gurevitch, helped us to manage, not just on a clinical level, but on a personal level, at a difficult time. My father remained in critical care for a while," Paul adds, "and we wanted to thank the hospital for the excellent quality of care afforded him and for the compassion extended to us."*

**T**HE OUYANG FAMILY has made significant philanthropic contributions to Huntington Hospital since then. Paul and his wife, Debbie, along with Paul's siblings, Lily, David, Jasmine, and Violet and their spouses, have collaboratively provided numerous leadership gifts. At the same time, Paul's personal commitment to the hospital has continued to grow. From first participating on the Finance Committee, he has gone on to become a board member, a lifetime trustee and chair of the Finance Committee.

"The more you get involved with the hospital," he notes, "the more you understand the complexity of achieving its mission— and the more you understand this complexity, the more you want to assist in providing the solutions."

## Looking at quality

The Ouyang family's initial gifts included support toward capital projects at the hospital, including the West Tower and the Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center. Their most recent gift will help the hospital keep pace with a continually changing healthcare landscape through further quality enhancements.



“What we’re supporting,” explains Debbie, “are new programs that have the capacity to impact quality of care in meaningful ways.” The family’s recent gift is designated towards “planning and implementing programs that will help the hospital better respond to identified needs of its community,” she says. One example would be the introduction of hospitalists focused on providing immediate, high-level maternity care.

“The field of healthcare is increasingly moving away from an emphasis on measuring the number of beds available and the number or types of procedures conducted,” explains Paul. “It’s the *quality* of care that we want to measure and continuously improve. The whole healthcare system must evolve with this in mind.”

Improving the health of a community, Paul notes, is “a broad and ambitious mission and, in some cases, success cannot purely be measured quantitatively.” He adds that, in the past, fundraising outreach in the healthcare field typically focused on physical facilities or technologies — or on expanding capacity or reach. Today, “We recognize that it’s more difficult to raise money for things you can’t physically touch and see,” Paul says, “but we also know that such things — things like improving a care-delivery *process*, for instance — can make a critical difference. We’re committed to helping and encouraging developments in this area.”

### **Prepared for change**

“We may not know all the answers at any one time,” Paul concedes. “To succeed, I think healthcare today requires a good dose of the entrepreneurial spirit — in terms of challenging the norm, mapping out new initiatives, thinking of possibilities beyond the comfort zone, and entertaining new visions to meet the community as well as the physician needs of tomorrow. This kind of activity is happening every day at Huntington Hospital.”

Paul exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit. Originally from Taiwan, he lived in various countries (his father was in the diplomatic corps) before attending boarding school in New England. He went on to Amherst College and then The Wharton School a few years after. He began his career at J.P. Morgan and later joined KPMG to help launch its new financial advisory division, but made a significant career transition in 1996 to follow an entrepreneurial path. Since then, he has held leadership positions with start-up companies including Tickets.com and mp3.com. Subsequently, he co-founded Vivendi Universal Net USA and the NTI Group. In 2009, he co-founded his latest company, CareerArc Group LLC, where he currently serves as co-chairman, president and chief operating officer.

Debbie was born in Manila, the Philippines, and moved with her family first to Vancouver, Canada, and then to the United States. She attended Yale University and then The Wharton School where she and Paul met. Debbie went on to work for Royal Bank of Canada and Banque Nationale de Paris (now BNP Paribas), but left her successful career to focus on raising the Ouyangs’ two daughters, Jennifer and Olivia — now 25 and 22. During that time, Debbie also served on the boards of Flintridge Preparatory School and the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House, and continues to be engaged in community affairs.

### **Instilled with charitable spirit**

Paul and Debbie note that their parents set an active example of self-reliance and of helping people in need. (Debbie’s father and mother were both doctors who provided care to patients in central California.) Paul also benefited from the kindness of his host family while in boarding school and college, and emphasizes that scholarship support made it possible for him to obtain a high-quality education. He speaks appreciatively of the generosity of strangers and the underlying principle of paying it forward.

It is perhaps no surprise that, given this history, the Ouyangs give generously to several educational programs at academic institutions and are also making a meaningful difference through significant family gifts to Huntington Hospital. “You realize you wouldn’t be where you are without the help of others,” Paul says, “and so you look for ways to pay it forward. We are very fortunate to live in a community where so many people support the hospital through their philanthropy.” ★

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*An avid saxophone player, Michael “Mick” Lukan (left) was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2010. After his diagnosis, Mick’s biggest fear was that he would no longer be able to play his beloved instrument. After undergoing treatment — including surgery, radiation and chemotherapy — at Huntington Hospital Cancer Center, Mick is today cancer-free. The outstanding care he received from our multidisciplinary team not only saved his life, he says, but has helped ensure that he will be playing the saxophone for many years to come.*

*Mick’s story is but one example of the value of high-quality, patient-centered care at Huntington Memorial Hospital. Community partners like the Ouyang family recognize that great care relies on world-class providers and the very best practices — and, through their contributions, they are bringing lifesaving benefits to patients like Mick, every day. Visit [www.HuntingtonHospital.com/Main/News/98.aspx](http://www.HuntingtonHospital.com/Main/News/98.aspx) to learn more about Mick’s story.*

RUTH AND JOHN PASQUALETTO, JR.  
BILL AND PATTI JAMESON

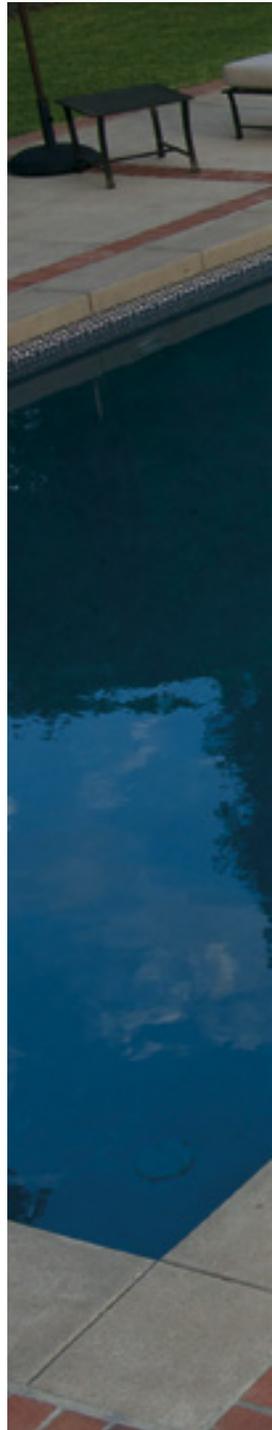
# Philanthropy that Spans Families, Generations

*Siblings Ruth Pasqualetto and Bill Jameson were introduced to Huntington Memorial Hospital early in life. “My brother was a bit accident-prone,” explains Ruth with a smile. (Bill concurs. “As a child, I was a frequent flyer at Huntington Hospital,” he says, noting that one of his first encounters with the hospital was for stitches to the head after falling out of a tree.)*

**R**UTH AND BILL’S PARENTS — Barbara and Frank Jameson — “have always been fond supporters of the hospital,” Ruth notes, and supporting Huntington Hospital is now a time-honored family tradition: Ruth and her husband, John Pasqualetto, Jr. were among the founding members of SCRUBS, a group of next-generation philanthropists supporting the hospital. Bill and his wife, Patti, are also SCRUBS members and have, in addition, influenced the contribution of significant capital support for the hospital through Patti’s family foundation (The Ann Jackson Family Foundation, named for Patti’s grandmother).

## **From the beginning**

Ruth and John Pasqualetto’s two children were born at Huntington Hospital, as were Bill and Patti Jameson’s four children. With the birth of the Pasqualetto’s daughter, Carolyn, some 14 years ago, the couple’s personal involvement grew deeper, they say. “Carolyn was born with an intestinal problem, called a malrotation,” explains Ruth. “At five days old, she was taken to the hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit. They performed surgery to ‘unkink’ her intestines, as well as removing her appendix. She stayed in the hospital for two and a half weeks. The care there was just phenomenal... so warm, comforting and professional.”



*Siblings Ruth Pasqualetto and Bill Jameson, along with their spouses, are generous SCRUBS donors. Pictured here are members of the Pasqualetto and Jameson families (standing, from left) Brady Jameson, Carolyn Pasqualetto, Ruth Pasqualetto, John Pasqualetto Jr., Patti Jameson, Bill Jameson, and Charlie Jameson, and (seated, from left) Matthew Pasqualetto, Will Jameson and Maggie Jameson.*



“A lot of community hospitals have closed over the past five to 10 years. I wouldn’t want the hospital that’s in our own backyard to join them. You never know when you’re going to need the hospital, and we value the comfort of knowing it’s half a mile from our home.”

*Members of our medical staff, from left, Stephen Treiman, MD, medical director, PICU; Jamie Powers, MD, medical director, NICU; and Ernie Maldonado, MD, chair, children’s services, are pictured in Huntington Memorial Hospital’s newly renovated PICU. Generous support from SCRUBS members, including the Pasqualettos and the Jamesons, has been instrumental in upgrading children’s services facilities.*



The Pasqualettos joined forces with several other couples who had been positively impacted by neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) care at the hospital. Together, the group helped to raise \$1 million for NICU equipment, via dinner events and social gatherings. “As we did so, we also helped raise awareness of the need for a younger generation to become involved and we used that momentum to grow into a larger, ongoing group,” says John, explaining how their initial efforts ultimately led to the creation of SCRUBS.

### **From one generation to the next**

Ruth Pasqualetto was herself born at Huntington Hospital and grew up in San Marino. She graduated from the University of Southern California in 1987. John, who was born in Burbank, grew up mostly in Northern California, but returned to the Los Angeles area to attend USC, where the couple’s paths first crossed.

It was not until four years later, however, when they were both living in Hermosa Beach, that a mutual friend reintroduced the couple. Eventually, the two married and bought their first home in the San Gabriel Valley, where they have lived ever since. John is director of sales and purchasing at Jones Wholesale Lumber Company, where he has worked since college. Ruth worked in market research and in administration for a doctor’s office before leaving to raise the couple’s children and pursue charitable endeavors. (Carolyn is a freshman at Mayfield Senior School. The couple’s son, Matthew, attends Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.)

Over the years, Ruth has volunteered with Pasadena Children’s Guild and Kidspace Children’s Museum’s Circle of Friends, and has served on the board of Mothers’ Guild at St. Francis High School in La Cañada. She is also a member of the parent board at Mayfield Senior School and is involved in other multigenerational philanthropic endeavors including Pasadena National Charity League (with her daughter), and the Diggers Garden Club (with her mother).

John characterizes himself as an outdoorsman: “I love to fly fish and be in the outdoors,” he says. Yet while he likes to be “away from people, away from crowds,” he also appreciates his home community and the people and institutions that make it a great place to live. “It’s important to have a community hospital that provides professional, responsible care for our community,” he emphasizes.

In turn, he feels a responsibility to give back: “Without our involvement today, future generations won’t enjoy the benefits of the hospital,” he says.

### **Here when you need it most**

With four active children — Will, Brady, Charlie and Maggie — the Jamesons have, like the Pasqualettos, made frequent use of Huntington Hospital’s services,

and share their commitment to provide support. “A lot of community hospitals have closed over the past five to 10 years,” says Bill. “I wouldn’t want the hospital that’s in our own backyard to join them. You never know when you’re going to need the hospital,” he adds, “and we value the comfort of knowing it’s half a mile from our home.”

The Jamesons say that their philanthropic involvement here is part of a tradition they learned from their parents and grandparents — and that they are hoping to pass on to their four children. “I think that it is always best to lead by example,” says Bill. “I hope when our kids see us supporting community organizations, they’ll follow our lead.”

Bill and Patti met after college in 1990, introduced by a mutual friend. Patti grew up in Santa Barbara, and came to Los Angeles to work in advertising for Grey Advertising, following her graduation from Stanford University. Today, she is focused on raising the couple’s four children. Bill is a San Marino native. After attending the University of California, Berkeley, he returned to the Los Angeles area to pursue his law degree at Loyola Law School before joining O’Melveny & Myers LLC as an employment litigation attorney. He now serves as a health insurance attorney with Cigna.

### **Making time to give back**

Despite their busy lives, the Jamesons also find multiple ways to serve their community. Bill has served on the board of the Boy Scouts of America’s San Gabriel Valley Council for the past 10 years. Patti is involved with the children’s schools — Polytechnic School and La Salle High School — and is a former member of Pasadena Children’s Guild, Kidspace Children’s Museum’s Circle of Friends and the Spiritual Care Guild of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. The couple are also part of Hillsides’ H100 group of next-generation supporters and have supported both Foothill Family Service and Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services over the years.

Involvement with Huntington Hospital was a good fit for both of them, Patti and Bill agree. “Growing up in the community, it was always natural to support Huntington Hospital,” Bill says. “When SCRUBS began fundraising to enhance the NICU, we saw an opportunity for us to extend the support my parents had historically provided,” and the couple’s involvement grew from there.

After all, says Patti, “SCRUBS is full of wonderful friends working to support a cause we believe in — and having fun while doing it!” ★

KAREN AND LARRY TASHJIAN

# Honoring a Medical Leader, Supporting the Best of Care



**K**AREN AND LARRY Tashjian have been blessed with good health, a loving family, great community and some success in business. “Giving back to the community is the very least we can do to try to make a difference in the lives of others,” Larry says.

To this end, the Tashjians have, for years, been deeply involved with their *alma mater*, the University of Southern California. Among other gifts, the couple has endowed The Center for Investment Studies for graduate students at the USC Marshall School of Business, from which 475 students have graduated. (Most of these graduates now have investment careers on Wall Street.) The center has experienced significant growth and has recently expanded to include an undergraduate program, as well.

**Honoring excellence in heart care.** It was their strong relationship with USC and its ties to Huntington Memorial Hospital that in 2013, inspired Karen and Larry to make a significant donation to the hospital benefiting cardiovascular services. A good friend of the Tashjians, Vaughn Starnes, MD, chairs the USC Keck School of Medicine’s department of cardiothoracic surgery and directs the school’s cardiothoracic residency training program.

Since 1995, Huntington Hospital has served as a training site for cardiothoracic surgery fellowship students from USC. Along with surgeons on our staff, these fellows help meet the needs of cardiothoracic surgery patients at the hospital. General surgery residents in Huntington Hospital’s graduate medical education program also obtain experience conducting transplant surgeries at USC’s Keck Hospital.

In addition, Pasadena surgeons from the USC Cardiothoracic Surgeons Group, founded by Dr. Starnes, are members of Huntington Hospital's medical staff. The relationship with USC extends to other areas of the hospital's work, as well, such as oncology and pharmacy services — and the dean of the USC Keck School of Medicine serves on Huntington Hospital's board of directors.

"Karen and I wanted to make a gift that would recognize the importance of high-quality cardiac care, help our community, and honor Dr. Starnes," says Larry, who lost both his father and his brother to heart disease. "We couldn't think of a better place to direct that gift than to Huntington Hospital. It's the place where all these pieces come together."

**Shared passions.** Larry and Karen are Southern California natives and moved to the Pasadena area in the early 1980s, shortly after they were married. They fell in love with the community and Larry continues to enjoy working in Pasadena. He grew up in Fresno. His father, a pharmacist who graduated from USC, encouraged in him what would prove to be two lifetime passions: the stock market and Trojan football.

After completing a Master of Business Administration at USC, Larry worked for Bank of America, becoming the bank's youngest branch manager in California — but his heart was elsewhere. "I wanted to work on Wall Street," he says, and when the opportunity arose, Larry joined a former USC professor's investment counseling firm in Century City. Since those early days, Larry's passion for the investment world has never waned. "I was lucky to find my calling in life at a very early age and have thoroughly enjoyed every day of my career on Wall Street," he says.

Larry joined Pasadena-based Provident Investment Counsel in 1981. The firm was sold in 1996 and Larry retired from the role of chief executive officer in 2001, subsequently establishing CAM Capital Advisors, which he continues to operate in Old Pasadena.

Like Larry, Karen has strong ties to USC: Her father, Dick Danehe, played football for the Trojans. (He later played professionally with the Los Angeles Dons and then enjoyed a successful advertising and broadcasting career.) Karen followed in his footsteps, graduating from USC with a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism, before pursuing a career in advertising. She left the workforce to raise the Tashjians' three children,

Andrew, Matthew and Courtney, who have each continued the Tashjian legacy of service, through Scouting, two-year international service missions and volunteering with autistic students.

**Charitably minded.** Today, with the children grown, Larry and Karen have more time to focus on their philanthropic pursuits. In addition to his involvement with the Center for Investment Studies at the Marshall School of Business, Larry also sits on the advisory council of USC's entrepreneurship program. He has served on the advisory board for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and on the boards of the San Gabriel Valley and Glendale councils for Boy Scouts of America. In addition, he serves on the National Advisory Board of the Marriott School of Management at Brigham Young University.

When the Tashjians' daughter participated in the renowned Los Angeles Children's Chorus, Karen got involved in fundraising for the organization. She went on to serve on its board of directors. She has also volunteered at the Assistance League of Flintridge. She particularly cherished her experiences with Huntington Hospital's Pet-Assisted Therapy (PAT) program, where she and the Tashjians' Golden Retriever, Hannah, volunteered regularly until the well-loved pet passed away.

Part of the reason Karen volunteered at Huntington Hospital was to experience the hospital environment, she explains. "My eyes were really opened," she says. "In particular, I saw that everyone at Huntington Hospital treated each patient with dignity and respect. It gave me a real sense of the organization's humanity and compassion."

**Community care, community support.** Karen's familiarity with Huntington Hospital's caring environment proved important in 2013, when she was rushed here for trauma care, following a serious car accident. "My experience as a volunteer had overcome any apprehension I had about hospitals," she says. "I just felt completely nurtured during my stay."

Her experience, following closely on the heels of the Tashjians' commitment of support, further confirmed that their philanthropic investment was sound. "Living in the community as long as we have," says Larry, "we know a lot of people whose lives have been touched by Huntington Hospital — and we know it's only able to do what it does thanks to this community's support." ★



*Karen Tashjian and the Tashjians' Golden Retriever, Hannah, participated in Huntington Memorial Hospital's Pet-Assisted Therapy program.*





RUDY MELINAT

# A Strong History of Service

*During the height of World War II, U.S. Army Air Corps Captain Rudy Melinat flew 30 covert operations from England under cover of darkness, as a B-24 bomber pilot. The mission: to provide essential demolition supplies and equipment to French resistance fighters.*



**R**UDY HAD ARRIVED in England on his 28th birthday, after completing flight training. Exactly one year later, he returned to the United States and promptly married his longtime sweetheart, Gloria Ellerman. The two had met at a summer camp seven years earlier, but Rudy chose to wait until after his return from Europe to wed. “I didn’t want to leave behind a young, beautiful widow if something happened to me,” he explains.

### **Setting down roots**

After his tour of duty, Rudy was awarded the Air Corps Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Upon returning to the United States, he was also granted a 30-day leave from the Air Corps (today, the Air Force), which provided him the opportunity to honeymoon with his new bride.

Through a series of Air Corps posts thereafter, Rudy trained to become an instrument instructor, retiring from military service following the war’s end. He and Gloria returned to Rudy’s home in Royal Oak, Michigan, where he resumed his career at Reichhold, the chemical

manufacturing company for which he had worked before the war. (Today, Reichhold is a multinational supplier of resin composites and coatings, for industries as diverse as transportation, marine, wind energy and architecture.)

Rudy was rapidly promoted to a sales position with the company, moving with Gloria and the couple’s infant son, William, to the Los Angeles area to take up his new position. (He was general manager of Reichhold’s operations in Southern California at the time of his retirement.) Settling in Altadena, the Melinats subsequently welcomed two more sons, John and Edward, into the world. Today, William and his family live in Altadena, while Edward and his family are San Jose residents. Gloria and John are both deceased.

### **Early memories**

Rudy was born the youngest of 11 children, in the small town of Odessa, Minnesota, where his father was pastor of a small Lutheran congregation. Recalling his early childhood, Rudy notes that his first memory is of Armistice Day, 1918, when he was 2 years old. “The parsonage was about two blocks from city hall, where they had a fire bell, and they rang that bell all night,” he says.

*Rudy Melinat with a photograph of his late wife, Gloria.*

“I contribute because of the hospital’s excellent reputation and — since my sister was a nurse — I grew to appreciate hospitals and the people who work in them even more.”

When Rudy’s father retired early as a result of illness, the family moved to Royal Oak, a suburb of Detroit, where they had relatives. Rudy attended schools in the area, graduating during the Great Depression. After attending Western Reserve University for a semester, he left school to take a nightshift job at Ford Motor Company. “My two older brothers had lost their jobs, and I needed to help support my family,” he explains.

#### **An appreciation for care**

Rudy — now 97 — remains active, working out regularly at the Altadena Senior Center. During retirement, he has also made time for community involvement, having served as a board member of the senior center, as well as of an organization serving children with developmental challenges. He provides philanthropic support to several local organizations, and has been a regular donor to Huntington Memorial Hospital for more than two decades.

“I contribute because of the hospital’s excellent reputation,” he says, “and — since my sister was a nurse — I grew to appreciate hospitals and the people who work in them even more.”

Rudy has also experienced the hospital’s care first-hand. “I went to Huntington Hospital for my

first surgery, and over the years have experienced six more procedures there, all with excellent care,” he says. Among those procedures were two hip replacements and a four-way heart bypass surgery.

In gratitude for care received, Rudy made generous stock contributions — in 2009 toward expansion of the hospital’s Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center and in 2011 toward Huntington Hospital Heart and Vascular Center’s recovery unit. More recently, he has created a challenge gift through HEART (Heart Education Association for Rehabilitation and Treatment), with the goal of leveraging additional community support toward cardiac rehabilitation at the hospital.

“The hospital has a very excellent post-op cardiac rehab program,” says Rudy, who participated in the program himself for a year. “I was then able to design my own workout, based on what I had learned,” he notes, “and I’m still exercising five days a week!” ★



**H**untington Annual Fund is one of the important ways in which community members help Huntington Memorial Hospital 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 attractive recognition, 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.*

***Support Wherever the Need is Greatest***

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# ***Annual Fund and President's Circle***

## ***Annual Fund Benefits***

### **Donor \$1-149**

- Receipt of all Huntington Hospital publications

### **Partner \$150-499**

The above PLUS

- Recognition in the hospital's annual report

### **Advocate \$500-1,999**

All of the above PLUS

- Discount at Huntington Hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop



## ***President's Circle Benefits***

### **Member \$2,000-4,999**

All of the above PLUS

- Annual complimentary hospital parking
- Invitation to annual President's Circle Member Recognition Dinner
- Access to complimentary flu shots each fall, as available

### **Associate \$5,000-9,999**

All of the above PLUS

- Annual complimentary valet parking
- Annual recognition on President's Circle donor wall, located in Huntington Hospital's main lobby
- Invitation to annual President's Circle Associate dinner seminar with hospital physicians and executive leadership

### **Medicus Society \$10,000-24,999**

All of the above PLUS

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

### **Colleague \$25,000-49,999**

All of the above PLUS

- Two complimentary tickets to the Huntington Hospital *Fall Food & Wine Festival*

### **Patron \$50,000-99,999**

All of the above PLUS

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

### **Chairman's Council *Cumulative lifetime giving of \$100,000 or more***

All of the above PLUS

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

*For more information about how you can contribute to Huntington Annual Fund or become a President's Circle member, please contact Lia Peterson Miller in the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.*

*President's Circle Associate Member Dinner*

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# *Recognizing Support for High-quality Care*

*On September 12, 2013, Huntington Memorial Hospital hosted its annual President's Circle dinner seminar for Associate-level members. The intimate event, held at an elegant golf club, provided top hospital leaders with a special opportunity to thank President's Circle members who make contributions at the Associate level and above.*

**D**uring the event, titled *A Legacy of Care: The Future of Quality at Huntington Hospital*, members of the important donor group enjoyed an appetizing meal in a beautiful setting, enhanced by blue-and-white floral arrangements and soft lighting. Board members in attendance included Jim Rothenberg, chairman — who hosted the event on behalf of the hospital — as well as Kathleen Good Podley, Lois Matthews, and David Kirchheimer. Senior hospital executives including Stephen A. Ralph, president and CEO; Jane Haderlein, senior vice president, philanthropy and public affairs; and Bonnie Kass, RN, senior vice president, hospital operations, also mingled with guests during the event.

## ***At the forefront of care***

The keynote address, given by David Lourié, MD, director, minimally invasive surgery and bariatric surgery at Huntington Hospital, was the highlight of the evening. Dr. Lourié noted that Huntington Hospital was one of the first in the United States to offer minimally invasive (laparoscopic) surgery. He described his own involvement in performing the earliest minimally invasive surgeries here in 1990 and discussed the design and development of our state-of-the-art laparoscopic operating rooms — some of the first in existence.

Dr. Lourié underscored some of the significant patient benefits made possible by laparoscopy, including reductions in

both surgical complications and recovery time. The hospital's leadership in the field of minimally invasive surgery, he added, is in keeping with our overarching commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care. This commitment has also included the acquisition of two state-of-the-art da Vinci® robotic surgery systems, which further enhance minimally invasive procedures.

Dr. Lourié is considered a leader in the performance of advanced surgical procedures and is particularly well-known for his expertise in minimally invasive surgery. Having received a bachelor's degree with honors from Oberlin College, he completed his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine. He then received postgraduate training in general surgery through Huntington Hospital's graduate medical education program.

Dr. Lourié went on to practice medicine in our region, and was appointed as the hospital's director, minimally invasive surgery and bariatric surgery, in 1993. He is a distinguished member of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons and a fellow of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. His private practice is located in Pasadena, and specializes in laparoscopic, bariatric and general surgery.

Huntington Hospital is proud to be at the forefront of innovation in medicine — and we are grateful to President's Circle members for their ongoing support, which helps make important care advancements possible. ★

*Highlights of the February 20, 2014, President's Circle dinner event will be featured in the fall 2014 issue of Advocate.*



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**Clockwise from upper left:** 1. Guests in attendance at the September 2013 President's Circle dinner seminar included, from left, Nancy and Perry Preusch and June Banta. 2. From left, Micah Kass; David Lourié, MD, director, minimally invasive surgery and bariatric surgery; Laleh Lourié, MD; and Bonnie Kass, senior vice president, operations, were among those attending the event. The dinner included a presentation from Dr. David Lourié regarding Huntington Memorial Hospital's minimally invasive surgery program. 3. From left, Huntington Hospital board member Lois Matthews, Sonia Singla, DO, and Anne Rothenberg enjoyed mingling with guests during the event. 4. Karen Mandeville, left, and Russell and Sally White were among President's Circle members at the event. 5. From left, Jack and Ann Hall, Henry Graham Zoff, MD, Christine Rose and Woody Zoff (seated) also attended the exclusive event, held at an elegant golf club.



*President's Circle members Allison and Todd Dietrick, MD – here with their children, Reed and Lars – have provided generous support to Huntington Memorial Hospital over the years.*

*Allison and Todd Dietrick, MD*

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## ***Shared Vision, Shared Values***

*Todd Dietrick, MD's deep connection to Huntington Memorial Hospital began during his childhood, when he would accompany his father (a cardiac surgeon who recently retired from Huntington Hospital's medical staff) on his rounds at the hospital. "Being at Huntington Hospital was a great thrill for me," Dr. Dietrick says. "Watching my dad and his colleagues care for patients at the hospital inspired me to choose medicine as a career."*

**R**aised in San Marino, Dr. Dietrick attended high school at Polytechnic School and earned his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College. He obtained his medical degree at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and pursued a residency in orthopedic surgery at Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center, where he served as chief resident. During his training at USC, Dr. Dietrick was recruited by Huntington Hospital's renowned orthopedist Richard Diehl, MD, to join Pasadena's Congress Medical Associates. Dr. Diehl saw a growing need

in the community for a specialist in arthritis reconstruction and total-joint-replacement surgery, and encouraged Dr. Dietrick to seek fellowship training in that specialty.

In 2004, Dr. Dietrick completed a fellowship in adult arthritis reconstruction and joint-replacement surgery at the University of California, San Diego. He returned to Pasadena with his wife, Allison, and began private practice, specializing in hip and knee replacements, with Congress Medical Associates.

Like her husband, Allison is a Pasadena-area native (she was born at Huntington Hospital).



She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and obtained her law degree from Harvard Law School before returning to the Los Angeles area to work for O'Melveny & Myers LLP. She and Dr. Dietrick met and married while he was a medical resident. Allison practiced commercial litigation with O'Melveny for a decade before retiring to raise the Dietricks' children, daughter Reed, age 7, and son Lars, age 4. Both were born at Huntington Hospital. The Dietricks have thus seen the hospital not only from the perspective of Dr. Dietrick's role as a care provider, but as recipients of care.

"Huntington Hospital is a great place," Dr. Dietrick says. "It's a community hospital with a level of care far beyond the community hospital norm." By way of example, he points to the hospital's recent recertification as a Center of Excellence in orthopedic care. The hospital earned a perfect score for its joint-replacement program from the Joint Commission, which administers the certification process, and which recognized our pain-management program as on par with that offered by leading university medical centers.

"Huntington Hospital is one of a very few hospitals to receive this accreditation," Dr. Dietrick points out, "and it's possible precisely

because of the things that make the hospital so exceptional. We provide the highest-quality clinical care in a caring environment — and that's a combination that makes a huge difference for patients and their families."

### ***Making health a top priority***

The Dietricks further experienced the hospital's care when Allison's father received lifesaving cancer surgery here. Dr. Dietrick notes that our community is blessed to have access to Huntington Hospital because its services are of such a high caliber. "Local patients do not have to travel far to receive exceptional medical attention," he says. "At Huntington Hospital, they obtain premier care close to home."

"When you're anxious about the health of a loved one," Allison adds, "it's extremely reassuring to be at Huntington Hospital, where you feel comfortable with the quality of the medical staff and confident that everyone is doing everything they can for your family member."

Going beyond Dr. Dietrick's involvement on our medical staff, the Dietricks have chosen to support the hospital via philanthropic donations. "We want to make sure the hospital remains viable and can continue to deliver exceptional and

*From left, orthopedic surgeons Todd Dietrick, MD, and Paul Gilbert, MD, were instrumental in helping Huntington Memorial Hospital obtain recertification by the Joint Commission as a Center of Excellence in orthopedic care.*

“We provide the highest-quality clinical care in a caring environment — and that’s a combination that makes a huge difference for patients and their families.”

compassionate care,” Dr. Dietrick says. While there are many worthy causes, the Dietricks prioritize giving to the hospital, he adds. “As one of my senior partners used to say, ‘Your health is your wealth.’ We believe that supporting Huntington Hospital brings the vital benefit of health to our entire community.”

Adds Allison, “We are both actively involved in the community, serving on various boards and supporting local charities, but we can’t think of a more important organization to support than Huntington Hospital. We’re very lucky that it’s there for us when we need it.”

Dr. Dietrick’s inside view as a member of the hospital’s medical staff has further influenced the couple’s philanthropic decision-making. He is impressed, he emphasizes, by the caliber of his medical colleagues and of the hospital’s staff. “We believe in Huntington Hospital,” he notes, “largely because we believe in the strength of people who work there.”

### ***Giving 100 percent***

“Todd gives his all to his patients,” Allison observes of her husband, “so it makes sense for us to support the hospital that supports his work. The better Huntington Hospital is, the better care he

can provide. We want to do our part to help maintain its university-level standards of care.”

After contributing to Huntington Hospital for several years through SCRUBS, the Dietricks have more recently added to their support through membership in the President’s Circle. “The relationship between charitable giving and quality of patient care is obvious to me, and critical to the hospital,” says Dr. Dietrick. “Our ability to provide the highest caliber of care is a direct result of community support. The hospital’s reputation for quality allows it to attract excellent physicians and other staff,” he adds, “which in turn generates further support and promotes a continued cycle of excellence.”

For more than 120 years, Huntington Hospital has been a leading healthcare provider and a major source of pride for its region, Dr. Dietrick continues. “With ongoing philanthropic support, this hospital will remain a pillar of the community for many more years,” he adds. “Thanks to my father’s involvement, I’ve grown up at this hospital. Now, I want to be a part of its work — both as a physician and as a donor — for a long time to come.” ★



*Mindy and Gene Stein*

# *Supporting a Healthy Community*

*Mindy and Gene Stein define a healthy community as one in which healthy families support vibrant local institutions — and vice versa. Through their family foundation, Tikun Olam, which is Hebrew for “repairing the world,” the couple and their three adult children are personally doing all they can to create healthy communities, and promote healthy outcomes for children and families. The Steins’ involvement with Huntington Memorial Hospital is but one expression of their significant philanthropic involvement, which includes support for local, regional and national causes.*

**A** good community hospital,” says Gene, “attracts young families and professionals who want to live in a place with good healthcare, and it helps them take care of themselves.” In turn, he adds, “When you have a community that’s attractive to residents and potential residents, you become proud of it and want to support its continued prosperity.”

### ***Life’s work***

Mindy was raised in San Antonio, Texas, and attended college there. She is a speech therapist by training. Gene was born in Chicago and moved to Los Angeles with his family as a child. After obtaining a bachelor’s degree in engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles, he pursued a master’s degree in business administration at Harvard University.

Following graduation, Gene satisfied his selective service requirement via a two-year post with the United States Public Health Service in Washington, D.C., serving in the office of the surgeon general. He and Mindy met while she was in the nation’s capital.

The Steins relocated to California following their marriage. Here, Mindy continued to work as a speech therapist, in hospital and school settings, while Gene began work at Capital Group. He has enjoyed a long and distinguished career with the firm, working in a number of investment units over the years. He currently serves as senior vice president, Capital World Investors, and vice chairman of Capital Strategy Research.

“I didn’t really know the nature and culture of the organization before I joined it,” Gene says of Capital Group, “but I was fortunate to find myself in a place where the leadership had created an extraordinary work environment. It’s a group of smart, nice people who work hard in the interest of their clients.”

### ***In the service of others***

His description may also be applied to the Steins’ work on behalf of their

community. The La Cañada Flintridge residents are deeply involved in the region they have called home for more than 30 years. Mindy, who left the workforce to devote more time to the Steins’ myriad philanthropic pursuits, began her community involvement with their children’s schools: She has participated in the work of the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Foundation, and has served as president of the school district’s Parent Teacher Association. She also became the first female board chair for Flintridge Preparatory School.

In addition, Mindy has held leadership board roles at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, Union Station Homeless Services, and Children’s Bureau, where she served as chair. She also has been involved in a number of other charitable organizations.

Like Mindy, Gene has provided volunteer leadership at the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Foundation, where he helped establish a permanent endowment fund. He has chaired Pitzer College’s board of trustees and remains a board member. He is also a member of LA Opera’s board of directors. In addition, he serves on the Investment and Financing Advisory Committee for the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

Gene and Mindy are both members of the national board for Zero to Three, an organization that is aligned with one of their own philanthropic priorities: early childhood development.

Recognizing their outstanding community involvement, the Steins are recipients of a Spirit of Philanthropy award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ Los Angeles chapter, and have received a Changing the World for Children award from Children’s Bureau.

### ***Multigenerational philanthropy***

“Philanthropy started very early on in our family life,” Mindy says. “During the holidays when our kids received gifts, we also asked them to make a

donation to a charity — and to share the reason *why* they’d chosen that particular organization.”

The family’s collective philanthropic involvement was further formalized with the creation of the Tikun Olam Foundation in 2001. “We were searching for ways to involve our kids further in philanthropy,” explains Gene, “and by that I mean not necessarily *our* philanthropy, but a passion for *being* philanthropic.”

“Coincidentally, as we were developing the foundation, our two daughters were pursuing training as a child psychiatrist and a pediatrician,” says Mindy. Thus was born the foundation’s focus on underserved children, ages prenatal to 3, and their families. Mindy and Gene, along with their children, Shana, Julie and Andrew, and four non-family members sit on the foundation’s board. The Steins’ son recently joined Bain Consulting following completion of a master’s degree in business administration. Mindy and Gene also have three grandchildren.

### ***Helping to ensure sustainability***

The Steins view their charitable involvement at Huntington Hospital as a natural outgrowth of their desire to help children and families achieve healthy outcomes. “We want to support the hospital and ensure its health, so that in turn the hospital can provide quality care to local residents and improve the health of our community,” says Gene. “If the hospital had to rely solely on patient fees and reimbursements, it wouldn’t be able to do nearly as much as it does.”

“It might be easy not to think about the hospital until you need it,” says Mindy, “but it really *can’t* be ‘out of sight, out of mind.’ I think people would be truly sorry if the hospital weren’t here, so we have to figure out how we, as a community, can ensure that it’s *always* here.”

“After all,” adds Gene, “you can’t build an excellent healthcare resource like this overnight. It has to be supported on an ongoing basis.” ★

*Joyce and Donald Nores*

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# *Enriching the Lives of Others*



*While you may never have met Joyce or Donald (Don) Nores personally, it is almost certain you have held something created by their company, Digital Printing Systems, in your hand. The parking, toll, transit, event and other types of tickets their company produces are distributed throughout the United States — and to multiple countries worldwide.*

**D**on is a native Californian and grew up in Alhambra. After receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration from Loyola University (now Loyola Marymount University), he served in the United States Air Force, before pursuing additional studies in business at the University of Southern California. In the late 1950s, he started work with a ticket-printing company and remained there until 1971, when he founded Digital Printing Systems.

The company grew significantly over the years and — once the couple's three children were older — Joyce also joined the team as vice president and treasurer. The couple retired in 2006, though Don continues to serve as chairman of Digital Printing Systems' board of directors.

### **Recipients of care**

Joyce was born in Chicago, but came to the San Gabriel Valley with her family early in life, when her father was transferred here for work. She graduated from Mayfield Junior and Senior schools and has been involved there as a teacher, board member and honorary trustee over the years since. Her continued support for this and other local organizations exemplifies her *alma mater's* motto: "Actions not words."

During Don's service in the air force, the Noreses lived outside California, but they returned to the San Gabriel Valley thereafter, and Joyce took a position as director of a San Marino preschool. She left to raise the couple's three children, Jim, Brian and Nancy, all three of whom are now adults. All live locally.

The Noreses also have eight grandchildren. The couple notes that various members of their family have turned to Huntington Memorial Hospital for care, including emergency care, over the years. Don himself spent three months at the hospital in 2012, they add, "So we've sampled a broad range of its care!" says Joyce.

### **Harmonious involvement**

Even prior to Don's extensive inpatient experience, Joyce and Don had already provided philanthropic support to the hospital. "We were attracted to it based on its good reputation," notes Don.

In addition, the couple count several physicians who are on staff at the hospital among their friends, and have other friends and acquaintances who have received treatment here. "Given all of these things," says Joyce, "we made the decision that we should provide support."

The Noreses' active involvement in local charities represents an important part of their lives, Joyce adds. Indeed, they are such strong advocates for the nonprofit organizations they support that it would likely be impossible to know them without learning something about these organizations' work. They are particularly — and deservedly — proud of Don's role in establishing the Los Angeles Master Chorale. "I happened to be in the right place at the right time," he recalls, "when a wonderful gentleman by the name of Z. Wayne Griffin presented us young guys in the Los Angeles Junior Chamber with the idea of getting the Master Chorale off the ground."

After starting up the Master Chorale and helping to run the business side of the operation for its first year, Don and co-founder Marshall Rutter remained on the board for many years and are today directors *emeriti* of the organization, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014. Joyce has also been intimately involved and co-chaired the Master Chorale's anniversary gala.

Mementoes of the Noreses' participation in the work of the Master Chorale can be found throughout their Granite Park Place home, including framed sheet music of their favorite choral piece, Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium," signed by the composer. The piece was premiered by the Los Angeles Master Chorale in 1994. (Also taking pride of place in the Noreses' home are two antique carousel horses: Joyce requested a carousel horse as a gift, and "I managed to stall her for a couple of years," says Don, "but she kept coming up with the same request...and now we have two!")

In addition to Huntington Hospital and the Master Chorale, the Noreses also support a variety of other organizations, including Loyola Marymount University and Loyola High School (which Don attended), and Holy Family Services Adoption and Foster Care. "We feel strongly about supporting organizations that enrich our lives as well as the community," he adds, "and the hospital certainly does that." ★



*Lynn and Jerry Myers*

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## *An Eye for Excellence*

*“It’s about the eye,” Lynn Myers responds, when asked what has drawn her and husband, Jerry, to the important artworks they have collected from around the globe. The couple reconstructed their Pasadena home to accommodate and display their extensive collection, which encompasses works both ancient and modern.*

**L**ynn majored in fine arts at Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts and later, in ceramics at Claremont College. She is an accomplished artist, and several pieces on display in the Myerses’ home are her own creations. In addition, the couple’s collection includes several works by artists with whom she studied.

In addition to their eye for excellence in art, the Myerses have recognized the high-quality healthcare provided by Huntington Memorial Hospital, and have provided generous philanthropic support over more than 25 years.

“Huntington Hospital is one of the most outstanding hospitals in California,” says Lynn. “It has done wonderful things for this community.”

### ***Growing success***

Both Jerry and Lynn were born in Illinois — he in Decatur and she in Evanston. Jerry moved to La Jolla, California, at age 7, and later to Del Mar. He attended the University of Arizona, obtaining a degree in business.

Lynn came to Los Angeles as a child and lived in the area until moving to Massachusetts to attend college. She and Jerry met after both had returned to California, and were



married in 1971. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Jerry worked in various jobs following graduation. After several years with securities firm Hayden, Stone & Co., he entered the restaurant business, opening the Sawmill restaurant in Pasadena in 1973. The restaurant was the result of a series of fortuitous circumstances: Lynn's father owned the building and asked Jerry if he might put it to good use. The person who introduced Lynn and Jerry to each other worked with some major restaurant chains and another friend was involved with the original Chart House restaurant. "I thought we needed something like that here," Jerry says.

As the restaurant became a success, Jerry acquired the property on Lake in which the original Sawmill restaurant was housed, and opened a second restaurant in Arcadia. The restaurants became known, in particular, for their salad bar, with dressings made from scratch.

Jerry sold the restaurants in 1993, and now manages commercial real estate.

### ***Family philanthropy***

Jerry and Lynn are international travelers who have visited Africa, India, Burma, Cambodia, Europe, and South America. Many of their artworks were acquired during their trips abroad. Their philanthropic and volunteer interests, however, tend to be focused closer to home. Lynn and her brother, Mitchell B. Howe, Jr., along with their children, are involved in the work of the family's Lucile Horton Howe & Mitchell B. Howe Foundation. Lynn has helped direct foundation support toward organizations including the Pasadena Humane Society, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, the Shambala Preserve (a wildlife sanctuary for big cats, located in Acton, California), and Huntington Medical Research Institutes (where Lynn is also a board member), among others.

Lynn is also a member of the Pasadena Art Alliance, Junior League of Pasadena, and the Pasadena Guild of Children's Hospital. Jerry served on the South Lake Avenue Parking Commission.

### ***Noteworthy advancements***

Lynn's first memory of Huntington Hospital dates back to her childhood, when she visited her brother after he had undergone surgery. Thinking she would cheer her sibling with a visit from his pet parakeet, "I brought it with me to the hospital," she recalls. "When he looked out of the window to say hello, I let the parakeet out of its cage so it could fly up to see him." (They never saw the parakeet again, she admits with a sigh.)

Today, Lynn marvels at how much the hospital has advanced over the years. "Huntington Hospital is really at the forefront of medicine," she notes. "It's amazing to see this wonderful institution and how it's become one of the most outstanding hospitals in the nation. The doctors are outstanding, and its programs have grown in strength over the years."

"If we ever need lifesaving care," adds Jerry, "it's comforting to know that the hospital with the only trauma center in the San Gabriel Valley is right in our backyard. We support Huntington Hospital because we know it provides the very best of care," he adds. "It's helped so many people and we see our gifts as a great investment." ★



# Make a Difference for Tomorrow, Today

Huntington Memorial Hospital's Legacy Gift Society members are 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 local residents.

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 generate a reliable stream of income for the lifetime of a donor or loved one.

Huntington Hospital is 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 Benefits*

- Invitation to annual Legacy Gift Society appreciation luncheon
- Invitation to an insider tour of Huntington Hospital's campus
- Discount at Huntington Hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop
- Counsel from Huntington Hospital's director of planned giving, as needed
- Recognition in Huntington Hospital's annual report
- Receipt of all Huntington Hospital publications

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

- Permanent recognition on the Legacy Wall of Honor, located by the hospital's main entrance
- A Huntington Hospital Gold Card. For benefits associated with the Gold Card, please call the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.
- Annual complimentary hospital parking, including valet service
- Invitation to an annual private dinner seminar featuring physician experts from the hospital

*For more information please contact Jack Brickson, director, planned giving, at (626) 397-3241, or via email at [jack.brickson@huntingtonhospital.com](mailto:jack.brickson@huntingtonhospital.com). You can also visit [www.HuntingtonHospital.com/giftplanning](http://www.HuntingtonHospital.com/giftplanning) in order to learn more.*

# Gratitude for Long-term Support

LEGACY GIFT SOCIETY LUNCHEON

**H**untington Memorial Hospital hosted its annual Legacy Gift Society Luncheon at The Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena on November 13, 2013. During the event, hospital leaders thanked donors who have expressed their intention of supporting the hospital via estate-related gifts. The more than 50 guests in attendance also received information regarding a variety of initiatives underway at Huntington Hospital.

Stephen A. Ralph, Huntington Hospital's president and CEO, kicked off the event by expressing gratitude to Legacy Gift Society members, on behalf of everyone at the hospital. He also provided an update regarding expansion of our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center. Steve then informed guests about other

exciting hospital initiatives, including the recent purchase of new robotic surgery equipment, as well as refurbishment of the hospital's pediatric and pediatric intensive care units.

#### **SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF CARE**

During his remarks, Steve emphasized the importance of planned giving in helping Huntington Hospital provide the finest medical care to all patients, in an environment of compassion and respect. Legacy Gift Society members, he noted, truly help the hospital to remain at the forefront of medicine — and safeguard the future of care for our region.

Following Steve's remarks, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in further discussion, while enjoying dessert and coffee. Jack Brickson, director, planned giving, provided closing remarks, once again thanking Legacy Gift Society members for their valued support. ★

*Huntington Hospital provides many meaningful opportunities for donor education and engagement. To find out more about upcoming events, or the ways in which your involvement can make a lifesaving difference, please contact Jack Brickson, director, planned giving at (626) 397-3241 or at [jack.brickson@huntingtonhospital.com](mailto:jack.brickson@huntingtonhospital.com). We also encourage you to visit [www.HuntingtonHospital.com/giftplanning](http://www.HuntingtonHospital.com/giftplanning) in order to learn more.*

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**Clockwise from upper left: 1.** William and Cynthia Wang attended a special luncheon for Legacy Gift Society members in November 2013. **2.** Huntington Memorial Hospital's president and CEO, Steve Ralph, shared updates regarding hospital initiatives with luncheon guests, and thanked them for their support. **3.** From left, Ruth Christensen, Chuck Waterman, Jean Freshwater and Rosemarie Baldivia were among those in attendance at the luncheon. **4.** Norman and Claire Slaughter attended the luncheon, held at The Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. **5.** Legacy Gift Society member Magdalena Ferrante was also among the event guests.



## LEGACY GIFT SOCIETY



*Over the course of his career as a dentist, David Stevenson went above and beyond in caring for those in need. So great was his help for the native peoples of southeastern Alaska, in fact, that he was formally adopted into the Tlingit tribe of that region. During the 20-hour ceremony, which ran through the night, David and his wife, Susana (Sucy), were thanked and recognized — and David was accorded a tribal name that recognizes his kindness and compassion.*

# Generosity of Spirit

DAVID AND SUSANA STEVENSON

**I**n addition to their generous involvement in caring for underserved Alaska Natives, David and Sucy are long-time supporters of Huntington Memorial Hospital. In 2001, they created a charitable remainder trust benefiting the hospital, and they have added to the trust since. In addition, they have created a charitable gift annuity at the hospital, and have provided regular gift support over many years.

“We have great affection for the hospital, and for all the services it provides to the community,” says David. “There’s no other place like it.”

### LOVE AND LIVELIHOOD

David and Sucy both came to the United States as immigrants — he from the Czechoslovak Republic, after losing most of his family during World War II, and she from Honduras. They met while students at UCLA, and have been married for more than 57 years.

Out of love for his new home country, David enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Korean War. Following this, he obtained a degree in public health from the University of California, Los Angeles, and then enrolled in dental school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Following graduation, he joined the United States Public Health Service Dental Corps, bringing dental care to disadvantaged patients.

Later, David returned to California, and established a private practice in South Pasadena. Retired from this practice, he continues to serve as a clinical professor in prosthodontics at the Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California.

The first volume of David's memoirs, titled "A Spirit Unbroken — Memoir of a Holocaust Survivor," was recently published and made available for sale on Amazon. It details his experiences as a young teenager during the Holocaust and his subsequent immigration to the United States.

Sucy and David met at UCLA. Following their marriage, they moved to Cleveland, where Sucy was a liaison between the Mexican government and the Ohio firm Arthur G. McKee and Company. She played the role of breadwinner while David completed his studies.

Today, Sucy owns and operates a fully licensed travel agency, located in South Pasadena. Her company employs a staff of four, specializing in deluxe cruises and tours. She has served as the official travel agent for both the American Dental Association and Federación Dental Internacional (World Dental Federation) for pre- and post-congress tours.

The Stevensons have two children — a daughter and a son — and "five intelligent, gorgeous grandchildren," notes Sucy. Their daughter, Maria, is a linguist and their son, Mark, an endodontist.

### A CAUSE WORTHY OF SUPPORT

Sucy and David came to appreciate Huntington Hospital's compassionate care, they say, when Sucy's father was a patient here. He had recently retired and when diagnosed with lymphoma, his insurance company canceled his coverage. (This was in the early 1960s, when insurance companies were not regulated in the same way they are now). The Stevensons, a young couple with a sizeable higher-education debt, were struggling to meet the medical costs, when the hospital's Patient Assistance Fund stepped in to help.

"It was more than a blessing," says Sucy, "and more than financial aid. It was the preservation of my father's dignity." In gratitude, the Stevensons made their first gift — as much as they could afford — in December that same year. They have been contributing ever since.

"We know we can depend on the hospital when we need medical care," says David, "and we're happy to support such a worthy cause." Of their planned gifts, he adds, "It's not at all complicated to establish these kinds of gifts and we really see it as a win-win proposition. With our gift annuity, for example, we receive an income each calendar quarter, and we see this vehicle as a much better investment than a savings account — not just financially but because the hospital is helping so many people in our community."

### AT THE TOP OF THE LIST

The Stevensons are today active Villa Gardens residents. The sale of their former home in South Pasadena generated funds that they added to their existing charitable remainder trust, benefiting the hospital. "There's no question that one of the primary reasons we moved to Pasadena was to be even closer to Huntington Hospital," says David, "and because we feel such great affection for it, we wanted to do something more to help." At the same time, he adds, "This kind of gift can lower your capital gains tax, which is definitely an advantage people should keep in mind."

The Stevensons hope others will be inspired — as they themselves have been — to put Huntington Hospital at the top of their giving list. "Having the hospital so close to home gives us a sense of security," Sucy says. "If the hospital provides other people with the same level of comfort, then I hope they'll consider supporting this great organization." ★

## SCRUBS

FORMED IN 2005, SCRUBS engages next-generation community philanthropists in the work of Huntington Memorial Hospital. Members of this dynamic group make annual contributions that help sustain and enhance high-quality care for our community. Most recently, SCRUBS members have pledged to raise \$1.8 million by the end of 2014 toward the Campaign for Pediatrics at Huntington Hospital. This ambitious philanthropic commitment supports refurbishment of the hospital's pediatric department and pediatric intensive care unit (PICU).

SCRUBS recently introduced *Bring it Home* — the final phase of this important fundraising effort. Contributions to *Bring it Home* will help ensure that our community's children continue receiving the very best of care in the very best of medical facilities. Huntington Hospital's work in this regard is more essential than ever since we are now the only remaining hospital in the San Gabriel Valley with an inpatient pediatric department and PICU. We are deeply grateful for SCRUBS members' support.



### **SCRUBS Benefits**

Membership in SCRUBS is available via annual contributions starting at \$300. All SCRUBS members enjoy the following benefits yearly:

- Invitations to interact with physicians, hospital administrators and other SCRUBS members at two *Let's Get Personal* events
- Recognition in the hospital's annual report

### **SCRUBS Partner Benefits**

In addition to regular membership benefits, SCRUBS Partners — those who give \$1,000 and above — are invited to attend a special fall dinner event at Gale's Restaurant.

### **SCRUBS Society Benefits**

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:

- Recognition on a special SCRUBS donor wall in Huntington Hospital's pediatric unit
- Access to exclusive receptions and tours

SCRUBS members who contribute at the \$25,000 level and above qualify for additional prominent recognition in our pediatric unit.

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 our Chairman's Council Wall, located in the hospital's main lobby

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

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## *A night at* **GALE'S**

**P**artner-level SCRUBS members gathered at Gale's Restaurant on September 16, 2013, for a special dinner event to thank them for their commitment to Huntington Memorial Hospital. Hosted once again by Gale Kohl and Rene Chila, co-owners of the Pasadena eatery, the popular annual event featured a delicious four-course Italian dinner and pairings from the renowned Piedmont winery Michele Chiarlo.

SCRUBS is currently raising funds toward Huntington Hospital's Campaign for Pediatrics, in support of refurbishment and reconfiguration of the hospital's pediatric department and pediatric intensive care unit (PICU). The group is now in the final year of its fundraising effort and is working hard to *Bring it Home*. (See sidebar on page 43 for additional details.)

### ***A covenant with the community***

Huntington Hospital President and CEO Stephen A. Ralph was on hand at the Gale's event to thank Partner-level SCRUBS donors for their important contributions. Paula Verrette, MD, senior vice president, quality and physician services, and chief medical officer at the hospital, also thanked guests. Dr. Verrette, a respected pediatrician who practiced for 24 years before joining the hospital's executive team, cautioned against taking high-quality pediatric care for granted. She praised SCRUBS members' involvement, noting that their donations can help save the lives of children in our community.

"When a child is sick with a fever that won't break, or when he's crying in the middle of the night and won't stop, Huntington Hospital will be here for you," she said. "Our covenant with the community

is this: You are here for us so we will be here when you and your kids need us."

Dr. Verrette also recognized several of the hospital's leading pediatric experts who were in attendance, including Ernie Maldonado, MD, chair, children's services; Mark Powell, MD, vice chair, children's services; Steve Chen, MD, pediatric surgeon; and Stephen Treiman, MD, medical director, PICU. Exceptional specialists such as these are drawn to the hospital thanks in part to a superior care environment made possible through community support.

Expert care — provided in a state-of-the-art pediatric department and PICU, generously supported by SCRUBS and other community donors — is essential in ensuring the best health outcomes for our region's children. ★

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



**Clockwise from upper left: 1.** Those attending an exclusive dinner event for Partner-level SCRUBS members at Gale's Restaurant in September 2013 included, from left, Lindsay and Walt Becker; Kevin Bender, SCRUBS co-chair; and Charlie Smith. **2.** SCRUBS members also in attendance included Paul Johnson, who also serves on the hospital's board of directors, and Lisa Evans. They are pictured here with Huntington Memorial Hospital President and CEO Steve Ralph (right), who thanked donors for their support. **3.** Paula Verrette, MD, senior vice president, quality and physician services, and chief medical officer, also thanked SCRUBS members, whose gifts are helping to ensure the best of medical care for children in our community. **4.** From left, Rick and Megan Foker and Ruth and John Pasqualetto, Jr., at the event. **5.** Members of our medical staff who attended the event included, from left, Ernie Maldonado, MD, chair, children's services; Mark Powell, MD, vice chair, children's services; Steve Chen, MD, pediatric surgeon; Paula Verrette, MD, senior vice president, quality and physician services, and chief medical officer; and Stephen Treiman, MD, medical director, PICU. Second from right is Kellie Treiman, MD.

## *A Thirst* FOR GOOD

**Opposite:** Gale Kohl, and her husband, Rene Chila, are owners of Gale's Restaurant on South Fair Oaks Avenue in Pasadena, just a few blocks from Huntington Memorial Hospital. Over the years, the couple has supported Huntington Hospital in a variety of ways. They host an annual dinner event at their restaurant for Partner-level SCRUBS members and they regularly participate in Huntington Hospital's Fall Food & Wine Festival. Recently, Gale and Rene had special bottles of Evian water designed by Diane von Furstenberg for sale at their restaurant. Proceeds benefited cardiovascular services at the hospital.



*Huntington Memorial Hospital is especially grateful to SCRUBS members who have made leadership gifts toward both the expansion of our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center and toward the hospital's Campaign for Pediatrics. They are (standing, from left) SCRUBS Co-chairs Kevin and Lauren Bender; Stephanie Harvey; Sonia Singla, DO; Casey and Catherine Adams; Kristin Chapman, MD; SCRUBS Co-chair Mabell Paine; Charlie and Tracy Smith; and Katherine Johnson; and (seated, from left) J. Dale Harvey; Neil Singla, MD; Greg Chapman; SCRUBS Co-chair Tony Paine; and Paul Johnson. Not pictured are SCRUBS Co-chairs Tina and Phil Baker; SCRUBS Co-chairs Michele and Tom Carter; Mia and Justin Dean; Anne and Dan Goodwin; Courtney and John Hotchkis; and Victoria and Alfred Mordecai.*



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### *The Campaign for Pediatrics at Huntington Hospital.*

**H**untington Memorial Hospital is deeply appreciative for the involvement of SCRUBS in supporting important hospital initiatives. In the past, the group has provided leadership support toward expansion of our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center. Most recently, SCRUBS members have pledged to raise \$1.8 million toward the hospital's Campaign for Pediatrics by the end of 2014. They have raised more than two-thirds of their goal at press time.

In January, SCRUBS kicked off the final year of this important fundraising effort on behalf of our region's youngest patients, with the *Bring it Home* initiative. Contributions to *Bring it Home* will help underwrite renovation and refurbishment of Huntington Hospital's pediatric and pediatric intensive care units — bringing essential upgrades that enhance our ability to provide world-class care, and that increase the comfort of pediatric patients and their families. This important work would not be possible without the generosity of SCRUBS members. ★



PLAY ALONG FINISH STRONG

# SCRUBS

## GET *in the* GAME

**O**n March 7, SCRUBS members were encouraged to *Get in the Game* at a fun, sports-themed event at Rose Bowl Stadium. Already, SCRUBS is two-thirds of the way toward raising the \$1.8 million the group has pledged in support of Huntington Memorial Hospital's Campaign for Pediatrics. The campaign, which concludes in December 2014, will help underwrite renovation and refurbishment of the hospital's pediatric and pediatric intensive care units. The final, yearlong phase of the campaign has been dubbed *Bring it Home*.

### ***Setting the pace for the home stretch***

At the group's *Get in the Game* event, SCRUBS Co-chair Kevin Bender thanked fellow members for their generosity toward the Campaign for Pediatrics, and updated them on the campaign's progress. He also announced the Pacesetter Challenge Fund, a matching challenge created to build excitement and encourage participation in the final stretch of the campaign.

The Pacesetters — a group of 10 families who have made generous leadership gifts or pledges of \$25,000 each — were introduced at the event. Through their combined contributions, the Pacesetters will match all new gifts toward the campaign, up to \$250,000. The Pacesetter Challenge Fund represents SCRUBS' largest matching gift to date. (See complete listing of Pacesetters at right.)

*Get in the Game* took place in Rose Bowl Stadium's brand-new, state-of-the-art Terry Donahue Pavilion. From the venue's Acura Loge Lounge — the pavilion's most exclusive space — SCRUBS members enjoyed indoor and outdoor views of the iconic stadium's field and scoreboard. Event guests enjoyed ballpark-gourmet appetizers. ★

*Huntington Hospital appreciates the support of SCRUBS — a dynamic group of next-generation philanthropists. Founded in 2005, this committed and passionate group is helping to ensure the future of exceptional medical care in our local community. For more information about how you can become a SCRUBS member, please contact Lia Peterson Miller in the office of philanthropy, at (626) 397-3241.*

### **THE PACESETTER CHALLENGE FUND**

Huntington Memorial Hospital is most grateful for the generous support of the 10 families who stepped up as Pacesetters.

***Jennifer and  
Christopher Allen***

***Michelle and Mac Chandler***

***Orsi and Jeff Crawford***

***Mia and Justin Dean***

***Megan and Rick Foker***

***Courtney and  
John Hotchkis***

***Alison and Greg Molinelli***

***Ruth and John Pasqualetto***

***Anna-Christine and  
Christopher Rising***

***Rebecca and Jim Sarni***



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SCRUBS members at Get in the Game included, clockwise from top left: **1.** Andy and Michele Esbenshade, Amanda and Winter Horton, and Heather and Matthew Jiggins. **2.** Jennifer and Mark Montoya. **3.** Chad and Kathleen Hopper. **4.** SCRUBS Co-chairs Tom and Michele Carter. **5.** Walt and Lindsay Becker. **6.** Lisa and John Cloud. **7.** Some of the generous Pacesetters: Jeff and Orsi Crawford, Mac and Michelle Chandler, Justin and Mia Dean, Chris and Jennifer Allen, Courtney and John Hotchkis, Megan Foker, John Pasqualetto Jr., and Ruth Pasqualetto. Not pictured are Rick Foker, Alison and Greg Molinelli, Anna-Christine and Christopher Rising, and Rebecca and Jim Sarni.

*Jennifer and Chris Allen are generous SCRUBS members. The Allens' support for Huntington Memorial Hospital helps ensure that others receive the same level of high-quality care their family has counted on over the years. They are pictured here with their three sons, from left, Dylan, Bode and Will.*



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*“They saved my life, and they brought this little person into the world and saved his life,” says Jennifer Allen of her recent experience — and that of youngest son Bode — at Huntington Memorial Hospital. “If we didn’t have this top-notch care available in our community, we’d be telling a very different story right now — and my husband Chris might be telling it by himself.”*

*Jennifer and Chris Allen*

# GRATITUDE PERSONIFIED

In November 2012, when Jennifer was 18 weeks pregnant with the couple’s third child, she was diagnosed with a serious complication of pregnancy, requiring hospitalization and extended bed rest.

### ***Helping hands***

During Jennifer’s extended hospital stay, the Allens wanted to keep life as normal as possible for their older sons, Will and Dylan. “Every day they got to spend at least an hour with their mom at Huntington Hospital and say good-night to her,” says Chris. “That simply wouldn’t have worked if the hospital were far away.”

From November 1 to March 1, when Jennifer’s hospital stay ended, friends, family — even complete strangers — coalesced to bring food to the



“We invest in Huntington Hospital because we want to make sure others have the same peace of mind that the hospital gave us.”

Allens' home each day. This freed Chris to work, care for the children and visit Jennifer regularly, at this stressful time. “Everyone helped,” says Chris, gratefully. “We could never possibly thank them all enough.”

#### ***Investing in peace of mind***

Three months into Jennifer's hospital stay, she began experiencing additional health problems, and required an emergency Caesarean section. Born prematurely, Bode was rushed to the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), while Jennifer was moved to the adult critical care unit. “It was a rough ride,” she says, “but it really helped to have a team of doctors I trusted telling me, ‘Hey, we're going to solve this’ — and to know Bode was in a safe, good place. At every turn, there were doctors and nurses going the extra mile to make sure everything was okay.” (Today, mother and son are in good health and Bode celebrated his first birthday on February 11.)

“The only thing that allowed me to get any sleep at night was knowing that Jenn and Bode were getting great care,” Chris adds. “We invest in Huntington Hospital because we want to make

sure others have the same peace of mind that the hospital gave us.” The couple are SCRUBS members and most recently provided generous support toward the SCRUBS Campaign for Pediatrics.

#### ***Of love and softball***

The Allens met in Washington, DC, where both worked on Capitol Hill. Jennifer, who was born and raised in San Marino, received her degree in English from the University of Southern California. Shortly after graduation, she moved to the capitol to work as executive assistant to New Jersey Congressman Frank LoBiondo.

Chris was born in Philadelphia and raised in Haddonfield, a small town in New Jersey. He pursued undergraduate education at The College of William & Mary and received a master's degree in business administration from USC. He worked in the offices of several senators and members of Congress during his time in Washington.

Jennifer and Chris met in the office of Representative Jay Kim of California. “I ran a co-ed congressional softball team,” Chris explains, “and women players were at a premium, so the minute she walked into the room, I asked if she owned a



*Thanks to lifesaving care provided by Huntington Memorial Hospital, the Allens' youngest son, Bode, is now in good health.*

glove and knew how to play softball.” (“My glove was in a closet in California, but I agreed to play anyway,” Jennifer laughs.)

The pair became engaged and decided to move to California to start their lives as a married couple. Once here, Jennifer worked for her mother, who owned Pasadena fashion boutique Armoire. The pair later opened Flutter in Pasadena, a boutique they ran together until Jennifer’s mother retired. “In the meantime, I’d had two of our kids,” Jennifer explains, and “I wasn’t ready to take on a store of that size alone, but I wasn’t ready to take a breather either.” She now is an independent stylist catering to clients throughout the San Gabriel Valley, bringing fashion to them through local boutiques, as well as the New York-based company Worth.

Chris began the California chapter of his career as director of public relations for U.S. Sales Corporation. After working in various other positions, including executive director of government affairs under former Los Angeles Mayor, Richard Riordan, he returned to USC — this time as a member of staff. He currently serves as director of corporate relations for the university’s Marshall School of Business.

### **Good works**

In addition to their involvement with Huntington Hospital as SCRUBS members, the Allens give back through involvement in Friends of Foothill Family Service and in Kidspac Children’s Museum’s Circle of Friends. Chris is vice chair of the board of directors for FVO Solutions, a nonprofit that helps at-risk youth, veterans and those with disabilities overcome barriers to employment, and a member of Marshall Partners, a USC alumni board. The Allens are also involved in their children’s school, Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus, and Chris is “doing everything in my power to be the best little league baseball coach in the San Gabriel Valley,” he adds.

The couple’s ties to Huntington Hospital are especially strong as a result of their care experiences, they note. “The hospital has really been there for us and our kids, and for our extended family,” Chris says. “I work with people from all over LA,” he continues, “and even people who don’t live in our area know of Huntington Hospital and say we’re really lucky to have it.” ★



*Steve Battaglia, MD, with his wife, Una, and the couple's children, John, Emily, Andrew and Matthew. The Battaglias provide generous philanthropic support to the hospital through their participation in SCRUBS.*

*The Battaglia Family*

## A PHILOSOPHICAL AGREEMENT

*Like his father and his grandfather before him, otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor) Steve Battaglia, MD, was already focused on a career in medicine early in life. “There was never an epiphany of any kind,” says the La Cañada native. “I just always knew I was going to be a physician.”*

**D**r. Battaglia pursued his chosen career path first by obtaining an undergraduate degree in science and technology studies from Stanford University, followed by a year of research at the National Institutes of Health. He then completed his medical degree at the University of Vermont, followed by a medical residency at Northwestern University in Chicago.

He moved to California in 2002, with his wife, Una, to join the Pasadena practice his father,

Chuck Battaglia, MD, had established in 1975. The father-son practice remains closely affiliated with Huntington Hospital. Both physicians are members of the hospital’s medical staff. Dr. Battaglia Jr., served as chief of otolaryngology at the hospital for six years and is chief elect for the department of surgery for 2015-2016.

Una Battaglia also has a background in healthcare. She holds a master’s degree in physical therapy from Northwestern University, and worked as a physical therapist at Huntington

*Chuck Battaglia, MD, and his son, Steve Battaglia, MD, are both otolaryngologists and members of Huntington Memorial Hospital's medical staff.*



Rehabilitation Medicine Associates until the couple's first child, Emily, now 9, was born. Today, Una is a stay-at-home-mom to the couple's four children, Emily, John, Andrew and Matthew, all of whom were born at Huntington Hospital.

### ***Finding a sense of community***

Following their move from Chicago, the younger Battaglias quickly became involved in their new community. "Steve grew up in La Cañada," says Una, "but he was away for 14 years for college, medical school and residency. Volunteering was a great way for us to get involved in our new community — and to get to know people here."

The couple now live in San Marino, where Una has been involved in the Battaglia children's schools — including board membership at St. Edmund's Nursery School. She is also a member of the Friends of Foothill Family and has volunteered with Pasadena Children's Guild in the past. Dr. Battaglia, Jr., participates as a volunteer with Flintridge Preparatory School, where he mentors students who are interested in careers in

medicine. The practice he runs with his father also provides training in otolaryngology for Huntington Hospital's internal medicine residents.

### ***Helping in many ways***

When the younger Battaglia couple learned about Huntington Hospital's SCRUBS support group, they decided to participate — providing funds toward expansion of the Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center. More recently, they contributed additional funds toward pediatric and pediatric intensive care unit enhancements.

In providing such support, they were following a longstanding family tradition: Dr. Battaglia, Sr., and his wife, Lisa, have been contributing to the hospital since 1992. In addition, Lisa has volunteered with Huntington Collection, an upscale resale store whose revenues help support the hospital's work. "I think we're so fortunate to have this great institution right here in our community," Lisa says, "and we all feel it's important to help in as many ways as we can."



*Dr. Battaglia and his wife, Lisa, are longtime donors to Huntington Hospital.*

### ***Recognizing excellence***

Dr. Battaglia, Sr., was born and raised in Pennsylvania, the son of a pediatrician. He attended Bucknell University, then Temple University School of Medicine, moving to Los Angeles for his otolaryngology internship at Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center. He then spent several years as a physician for the U.S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. He and Lisa married in 1967 and have four children.

Both he and his son emphasize that their practice is philosophically aligned with Huntington Hospital — most especially in terms of a commitment to quality healthcare. Says Dr. Battaglia, Jr., “Our relationship with the hospital is a deeply symbiotic one. We’re involved in numerous ways, because we feel the hospital deserves significant contributions of time, effort and funds from us. After all,” he adds, “if the hospital were no longer here, it would be difficult for local physicians like us to provide patients with access to a full range of high-quality care.”

When Una Battaglia became a patient in 2013, the family had an additional reason to be grateful to Huntington Hospital. “The nurse who held my hand before surgery...the anesthesiologist who was so comforting...*everyone* gave me such a lot of love and support,” she says, “and we’re here to support the hospital in return. Your health is such an important part of your life!”

Adds Dr. Battaglia, Sr., “Our community is fortunate to have such an excellent hospital, with excellent subspecialists and excellent nursing care. In our opinion, it’s the number-one hospital in the area.” ★

# ***Guild and Support Group Directory***



## ***Welcome Stacy Miller***

**W**e are pleased to announce that Stacy Miller was recently named as Huntington Memorial Hospital's new director of volunteer services. In her new role, Stacy oversees all aspects of volunteer services: More than 1,500 volunteers help to provide numerous services to patients and visitors throughout the hospital, as well as staff the S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop.

Stacy first joined Huntington Hospital in 2001 as an administrative assistant in volunteer services. She was subsequently promoted to supervisor of errand and escort, a position she held for 10 years.

Stacy graduated from California State University, Long Beach, with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in marketing.

Please join us in congratulating Stacy on her new position.

### ***Altadena Guild***

*Sharon Morrisey, president  
www.altadenaguild.org*

### ***Fall Food & Wine Festival***

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

### ***Flintridge-La Cañada Guild***

*Lauren Shen, 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***

*Lora Wagner, president  
www.ncljrsofsanmarino.org*

### ***San Marino Guild***

*Tays Bogue, president  
P.O. Box 80194, San Marino, CA 91108-8194*

### ***Women's Auxiliary***

*Diane Martin, president  
www.facebook.com/pages/  
Womens-Auxiliary-of-Huntington-Hospital/161099143914020*

### ***Huntington Collection***

*Linda Stephens, manager  
766 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105  
(626) 535-2468  
www.theHuntingtonCollection.com  
Open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays noon to 6 p.m.*

### ***S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop***

*Geri Hamane, manager  
(626) 397-5208  
Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.,  
Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.*



*Each year, Huntington Memorial Hospital's Volunteer Leadership Council provides a college scholarship for an outstanding young hospital volunteer.*

# **Volunteer Leadership Council**



*Members of Huntington Memorial Hospital's Volunteer Leadership Council include (back row, from left) Bill Young, Jane Haderlein, Lauren Shen, Justene Pierce, and Gregory Thompson; (middle row, from left) Ginny Lechler, Allison Regan, Debbie Williams, and Priscilla Gamb; and (front row, from left) Tracy Smith, Geri Hamane, Linda Stephens, and Lora Wagner.*

## **Coordinating Efforts, Benefiting Care**

**H**untington Memorial Hospital's Volunteer Leadership Council is comprised of current and immediate past presidents of the hospital's support groups. The council meets quarterly, providing a forum for support groups to share information with each other and with hospital staff. During meetings, members also coordinate dates for upcoming special events, discuss new fundraising activities and ideas, and receive updates on hospital initiatives. Council members and other members of their respective support groups then work together year-round to generate needed funding, helping Huntington Hospital to remain the medical center of choice for our region. In addition, the council recognizes high-school volunteers who bring their great energy and passion to the hospital's work: Every year, it awards a scholarship to one outstanding volunteer who is pursuing a career in a healthcare-related field, as he or she enters college.



# Altadena Guild



Funds raised by the Altadena Guild of Huntington Memorial Hospital support Constance Z. Zahorik Appearance Center. At a recent guild event, guild members presented Yo Zeimen (center) with a check toward services at the center. Yo is the center's licensed cosmetologist. She is pictured here with, from left, Judy Bolenbaugh, Ruth Williamson, MD, Maureen Savage, and Barbara Miller.

The Altadena Guild's 63rd annual Home Tour, Art & Architecture on La Solana, will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center and the Altadena Guild Community Service Scholarship at Huntington Memorial Hospital, as well as Huntington Medical Research Institutes. The guild's scholarship program each year recognizes a Huntington Hospital employee who exemplifies community service. A photographic showcase of the homes included in this year's tour will be included in the fall 2014 issue of Advocate. Please visit [www.altadenaguild.org](http://www.altadenaguild.org) for more information regarding the Altadena Guild and their upcoming events.

## Supporting Compassionate Care

**P**hilanthropic contributions from the Altadena Guild of Huntington Memorial Hospital support important services at the hospital's Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center. The appearance center helps patients with breast cancer to manage the aesthetic side-effects of treatment, by offering services that help women look and feel their best at a difficult time. Services include, but are not limited to, assistance in selecting and styling wigs and other head coverings, and in applying makeup. Thanks to generous community partners like the Altadena Guild, appearance center services can be provided at no cost to patients. The center is the only one of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley.

Pasadena resident and NBC4 news personality Lolita Lopez was diagnosed with stage-II breast cancer in 2013. Soon after her first chemotherapy treatment, Lolita decided

to take action — to take back control of her appearance, which had been impacted by her therapy. She turned to Yo Zeimen, our appearance center's licensed cosmetologist, for help.

"My hair has been my badge, my signature," explains Lolita, an on-air reporter for NBC4, who arrived at the appearance center with a flattering new wig in hand. She had Yo shave her head. "I was afraid at first to look in the mirror," Lolita says, "but when I did, I still saw me. I was still there." She left the appearance center not only with a new hairstyle, but with a selection of new scarves and a protective summer hat.

To empower other women battling breast cancer, Lolita recently shared her journey, including the experience of shaving her head, with NBC viewers in a web-based video series. She is grateful for the compassionate care she received from the appearance center — care that was made possible by generous community partners like the Altadena Guild.



NBC4 reporter Lolita Lopez with Jeannie Shen, MD, medical director, breast surgery program.

# Fall Food & Wine Festival



Please join us for the special 30th anniversary of the Fall Food & Wine Festival on October 26, 2014. You will enjoy the San Gabriel Valley's most exciting culinary event while helping support the continued availability of high-quality trauma care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Contact Jamie Simpson at the office of philanthropy – (626) 397-3241 – for further information. You may also visit the event website at [www.fallfoodandwine.com](http://www.fallfoodandwine.com).



During the 2013 Fall Food & Wine Festival, guests enjoyed gourmet offerings from some of our finest local restaurants and regional wine producers, along with upbeat musical entertainment. Proceeds from the annual event support Huntington Hospital Trauma Center.

## Enthusiastic Support for Lifesaving Care

**G**ood food, good wine, great cause! That's what more than 1,700 guests experienced at Huntington Memorial Hospital's 29th annual Fall Food & Wine Festival on October 27, 2013. This year, the popular event raised \$300,000 in support of Huntington Hospital Trauma Center, the only trauma center in the San Gabriel Valley. In keeping with tradition, the festival was held on

the grounds between Parkway Grill and Arroyo Chophouse in Pasadena and was co-hosted by the restaurants' owners, Bob and Gregg Smith. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$3.4 million toward lifesaving trauma care at Huntington Hospital.

The elegant event offered delicious cuisine and wines from some of California's finest restaurants and wineries. In addition to enjoying the numerous treats on offer, guests chatted with old friends and made new ones. The dance floor was

a popular location, thanks to outstanding musical entertainment provided by the band Soulville. Special appearances by three former American Idol contestants added further to the fun.

Planning is already underway for the 30th anniversary of this celebrated event — to be held on October 26, 2014. The festival will take place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sponsors at the champagne (\$5,000) level and above will enjoy a special VIP hour from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., prior to general admission.

# Flintridge La Cañada Guild



The 93rd annual Flintridge Horse Show, hosted by the Flintridge La Cañada Guild, was held Wednesday, April 23, through Sunday, April 27, 2014, at the Flintridge Riding Club. The popular event featured exciting equestrian competitions along with other entertainment. This year, the show was expanded to five days, from four, to offer additional show classes for riders.

A number of popular events were part of the show's lineup this year — including a Friday-night wine tasting and horse show. In addition, the guild once again held a Saturday evening benefit dinner and silent auction.

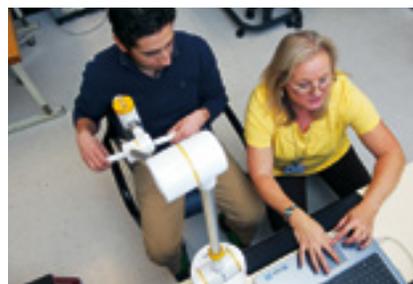
Photographs showcasing the 93rd annual Flintridge Horse Show will be included in the fall 2014 issue of Advocate.



Members of the Flintridge La Cañada Guild include, from left, Allison Regan, Jaime Hefner, Gail Jagels, Lauren Shen, Shannon Loughrin, and Kris Korkunis. Proceeds from the group's annual horse show have supported a variety of care services at Huntington Memorial Hospital over the years.

## Investing in Leading-edge Patient Care

Over the years, funds raised by the Flintridge La Cañada Guild's long-running horse show have supported a variety of care services at Huntington Memorial Hospital. In recent years, the guild contributed toward the campaign to expand and reconfigure the hospital's Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center. Proceeds from the 2014 horse show were designated toward Huntington Hospital Neurological Rehabilitation (NeuroRehab) Center. The center provides leading-edge care for patients who have suffered a stroke, brain injury or other neurological injury or illness.



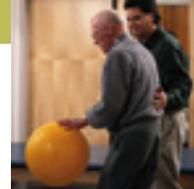
Julie Papadakis, occupational therapist, uses the SaeboReJoyce to treat a patient at Huntington Hospital Neurological Rehabilitation Center.

The guild's support is helping to enhance access to advanced diagnostic and therapeutic services and state-of-the-art technologies that are demonstrated to improve quality of life for individuals with neurological

impairments. Therapies provided at the center include SaeboReJoyce, the latest innovation in upper-extremity rehabilitation technology, and the Ekso™ exoskeleton, a battery-powered bionic suit that provides mobility to patients with spinal cord and other neurological injuries.

Funds raised by the Flintridge La Cañada Guild in support of the NeuroRehab Center will be matched, dollar for dollar, through a generous challenge grant — expanding the impact of the guild's support still further. Huntington Hospital remains grateful for the Flintridge La Cañada Guild's legacy of support. Generosity from guild members helps ensure that our hospital remains a premier center of clinical excellence in our community.

# HEART



*HEART was founded in 1995 by a group of former heart patients at Huntington Memorial Hospital. The group raises funds toward cardiac rehabilitation and other essential cardiovascular services here.*



*Members of Huntington Memorial Hospital's multidisciplinary cardiovascular team include (standing, from left) Debby Schlesinger, RN; Maral Mesrobian, RN; Patricia Fowler, RN; Connie Osher, social worker; Gail Cinexi, RN, director, cardiovascular services; and Paige Sales, registered dietitian; and (seated, from left) Elcio Almeida, cardiac rehabilitation technician; and John Easthope, MD, director, cardiac rehabilitation and non-invasive cardiology. Under Dr. Easthope's supervision, team members help patients improve their heart health including through participation in cardiac rehabilitation.*

## Support for Superior Heart Care

**S**ince 1988, Huntington Memorial Hospital's physician-supervised cardiac rehabilitation program has helped patients enhance their heart health. The program, which offers a comprehensive array of services to those recovering from coronary artery disease and cardiothoracic surgical procedures, includes extensive assessment, as well as an individualized exercise program and heart-healthy nutrition counseling, among other services.

The cardiac rehabilitation team includes registered nurses, a registered dietitian, a cardiac rehabilitation technician, and a licensed clinical social worker, who work together to coordinate care for each patient. John Easthope, MD, the hospital's director, cardiac rehabilitation and non-invasive cardiology, provides

clinical supervision. Team members meet regularly to discuss individual patient progress and update patients' rehabilitation goals.

"Cardiac rehabilitation helps patients prevent future heart problems and improve their overall well-being," explains Dr. Easthope. "We remain committed to the program because it truly has an impact on patients' lives."

"One of the things that makes the program special," says Gail Cinexi, RN, director, cardiovascular services, "is the length of participation we have among patients and staff. We get to know our patients. Some have been coming for more than 20 years. They come in several days a week and see the same nurse each time."



Approximately 300 patients are currently enrolled in the program. Only a small portion of the

cardiac rehabilitation program's budget is covered by insurance reimbursements, however.

In 1993, seeing a need for additional funding, Bill Young, a cardiac rehabilitation program patient, worked with the hospital's office of philanthropy to establish the Heart Education Association for Rehabilitation and Treatment (HEART) Committee. Since then, this group of grateful patients has raised support to expand and enhance the program — including the purchase of new exercise equipment and educational materials, amongst other things. In addition to its primary focus on cardiac rehabilitation, HEART has grown to support other essential cardiac care services and technologies at Huntington Hospital.

"Our work wouldn't be possible without the committee's continued support," says Gail. "We're truly grateful."

# National Charity League Juniors of San Marino



On March 15, 2014, NCL Juniors held its annual fundraising gala, Moonlight Over Paris, at The Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles. In keeping with the theme, the venue was decorated in Parisian style, and guests were treated to a French-inspired menu. Gala attendees also enjoyed music and casino games. Funds raised were directed toward The Helen Hancock Advanced Nursing Degree Scholarship, and toward the important work of the hospital's neonatal and pediatric intensive care units. Visit [www.ncljrsofsanmarino.org](http://www.ncljrsofsanmarino.org) for more information and complete event details.



NCL Juniors members at Moonlight Over Paris, the group's March 15, 2014, gala.

## Raising the Bar through Nursing Education

**F**or nearly four decades, National Charity League (NCL) Juniors of San Marino has provided important support for high-quality women's and children's services at Huntington Memorial Hospital. On September 11, 2013, members of the group visited the hospital for their annual kickoff meeting and dinner. During the event, members had the opportunity to tour the newly remodeled pediatric department and pediatric intensive care unit (PICU).

NCL Juniors has provided significant support toward pediatric facilities upgrades over the past several years, and members were delighted to see the results of their support firsthand. Members also toured Huntington Hospital's

neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) — the only remaining level-III NICU in the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, the evening included a keynote address by Valerie Willis, RN, who cares for patients in the hospital's NICU. Valerie thanked NCL Juniors for their long tradition of support for our region's children.

A doctoral candidate in nursing, Valerie also spoke of her goals in pursuing advanced nursing education. Her additional clinical knowledge and skills, she emphasized, will help her to further improve patient care and outcomes as part of the hospital's NICU team.

### **Supporting nursing excellence**

Inspired by Valerie's commitment to high-quality nursing care, NCL Juniors members have since expanded the scope of their support, to include

funding toward nursing education: The group recently pledged a gift toward The Helen Hancock Advanced Nursing Degree Scholarship. Valerie was the 2013 beneficiary of this scholarship fund, which is named in memory of a longtime Huntington Hospital nurse leader, and which each year helps a current member of our nursing staff to pursue higher education. The first nurse to benefit from NCL Juniors' contribution toward the scholarship program will be announced on May 6, 2014.

Says Lora Wagner, president, NCL Juniors, "Our group is proud to support opportunities for nursing education, which in turn helps ensure patients at the hospital continue to receive excellent care."

# San Marino Guild



The San Marino Guild of Huntington Memorial Hospital supports important women's and children's services here. Pictured are, from left, Kerrin Pittman, San Marino Guild recording secretary; Tays Bogue, San Marino Guild president; Priscilla Gamb, former director, volunteer and customer services; and Peggy Yingling, San Marino Guild parliamentarian. Proceeds from the 2013 Celebrity Series, co-chaired by Kerrin and Peggy, were recently presented to the hospital.

## Energetic Support for Care Innovations

Since 1951, the San Marino Guild has been committed to enhancing medical care for women and children at Huntington Memorial Hospital. This spring, guild members continued their long tradition of fundraising in support of the hospital's high-quality services — and celebrated the 46th season of the group's beloved Celebrity Series.

At the 2014 Celebrity Series opening presentation, popular author Elliot Engel, PhD, returned to the stage for a repeat engagement. His lecture, titled *O. Henry: His Surprise Ending and Beginnings*, took place on February 9, at San Marino Community Church. On March 9, the San Marino Guild's season continued with an appearance by members of the California Institute of Technology's jazz band. William Bing, director of bands at the university, led the spirited group.

The third Celebrity Series event, held on April 10 at the San Gabriel Country Club, involved a springtime luncheon and a fashion show highlighting clothes and accessories from Margie's Apparel and Accessories of San Marino. The popular series came to a close on May 4, with an event entitled *Always in Our Hearts...Harborlites*. The Harborlites Chorus, an award-winning women's show chorus, are known for their lively performances — including barbershop classics, a *cappella* versions of Broadway tunes, and more.



## Innovative care for infants

Since the San Marino Guild's founding, members have raised more than \$1.7 million toward high-quality women's and children's services at Huntington Hospital. Proceeds from the guild's 2014 Celebrity Series are directed towards the purchase of a CritiCool® cooling therapy system to help treat infants in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. Huntington Hospital recently became the first hospital in California to acquire the CritiCool system — the latest in neonatal care technology.

The system involves the use of cooling blankets to prevent or minimize neurological injuries in a variety of circumstances. (In newborns, receiving an inadequate oxygen supply in utero is one potential cause of such injury.) The special blankets surround the baby's body and are programmed to provide precise temperature control. During treatment, parents can comfortably hold their babies, increasing comfort and supporting parent-child bonding. Support from the San Marino Guild toward the purchase of this new technology will help further improve outcomes for Huntington Hospital's youngest patients.

# Huntington Collection



## **Make a difference while you shop.**

Visit the Huntington Collection, located 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. Go to [www.thehuntingtoncollection.com](http://www.thehuntingtoncollection.com) to learn more. Proceeds benefit Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network, a nationally recognized program that helps older adults, as well as adults with disabilities, and their families to live healthily and independently. Visit [www.seniorcarenetwork.com](http://www.seniorcarenetwork.com) for more information about Senior Care Network.



Huntington Collection recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Historical photographs highlight aspects of the Collection's history over three decades.

## **Looking Back: Three Extraordinary Decades**

**W**hen Linda Stephens and Betty MacInnes gather to talk about the Huntington Collection's 30-year history, the stories pour forth. Linda, the Collection's manager, has been employed at this upscale resale store for 25 years. Betty, now the Collection's assistant manager, has been an integral part of the store since its inception and served as manager for many years.

### **Humble beginnings**

Huntington Collection — which raises funds in support of Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network — had its beginnings in a modest building on the campus of Huntington Memorial Hospital. “We began on a shoestring,” says Betty, recalling how “The linens were stored in big piles in the building's bathtub!”

During this start-up phase, Betty held fashion shows at the hospital to promote the new store, with volunteers serving as the models. “I was a bride one year,” recalls Linda, whose involvement with the Collection began as a volunteer.

### **Expanding — and flourishing**

As the Huntington Collection grew in size and moved to its current location on Fair Oaks, across the street from the hospital, Betty and Linda added new programs at the store. “Initially, we were only supposed to have half the building, but Betty kept edging further into the second half,” says Linda.

In the late 1980s, the Collection added a consignment program — still a key driver of store sales — and estate sales to its lineup. The latter program was later replaced by a new Price and Pack service, which includes appraisal, removal of items from the home, and sale. Items may be donated outright, or sold through the Collection on a consignment basis.

While Price and Pack services are especially popular with seniors or others who are downsizing, the Huntington Collection's Saturday Sale is popular with just about everyone — and has been going strong for more than 20 years. On the last Saturday of each month, eager customers wait in pre-dawn lines for deep discounts on their favorite items.

Today, the Collection continues to expand its services: In 2013, a Thursday

Sale was added (sales are now held on alternating Thursdays and Saturdays) — with tremendous success.

### **Service with smiles**

During her long-term involvement, Linda sees the Collection's Boutique as her most significant contribution. “I started curating vintage clothing and accessories as a volunteer,” she says, “and with the dedicated help of our volunteer Kathy Kobayashi, it evolved into the Boutique and has been tremendously successful.”

Betty, meanwhile, laughingly points to her longevity at the Collection as her most significant accomplishment — to date. “I thought I'd be here 10 years and then retire, but I'm still here!” says the store's 30-year veteran.

Betty and Linda express deep gratitude for the support of a team of hard-working service volunteers and advisory board members, as well as hospital leadership past and present. “With the help of all these wonderful people, the Collection has raised more than \$8.6 million in support of Senior Care Network,” says Linda, “and we've had a tremendous amount of fun doing it.”

# Priscilla Gamb



Priscilla Gamb, above left, is pictured with Geri Hamane, manager, S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop.



Priscilla Gamb recently retired from her position as director, volunteer and customer services, at Huntington Memorial Hospital after 27 years of service. Huntington Memorial Hospital honored Priscilla at a reception to celebrate her retirement. She is pictured at the event with members of her family including (back row, from left) David and Emy Hollander, Jim and Priscilla Gamb (holding grandson Cooper Hollander), Brendan Gamb, and Jennifer Cole, and (front row, from left) Evangeline Gamb and Max Gamb.

## Honoring 27 Years of Service

**I**n February, Priscilla Gamb, director, volunteer and customer services, retired after 27 years at Huntington Memorial Hospital. Under her purview, the hospital's volunteer corps grew from 300 volunteers in 1987 to 1,400 volunteers today.

Volunteers help to staff the S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop, and provide numerous services to patients and visitors throughout the hospital. "The *nature* of volunteerism changed during my time at the hospital," says Priscilla. "Over time, volunteers have become involved in even more meaningful ways. Their work adds tremendous value to the hospital and enhances patients' experience here."

### Ahead of the curve in patient satisfaction

Priscilla oversaw many significant changes during her tenure at the hospital, with an emphasis on cultivating the hospital's culture of service. As the head of a task force created by President and CEO Stephen A. Ralph in 1996, she helped create a special initiative that has had a direct and positive impact on patient satisfaction. The far-reaching initiative, called the Patient Experience, involves training for hospital team members at all levels — including executive leadership, clinical and ancillary staff, and volunteers — along with recognition for outstanding service.

Under Priscilla's guidance, these efforts have helped Huntington Hospital achieve patient-satisfaction rates that are in the top quartile — and in some instances, the top 10 percent — nationwide. Such high levels of satisfaction are not confined to patients: "Many staff members have told me

how good it feels to be part of an organization with this type of caring service culture," Priscilla says.

### Leading by example

"Priscilla has been an inspirational presence on our team," says Steve. "She personifies the values of service, commitment and caring and we are extremely grateful for her long and exemplary service."

Geri Hamane, manager, S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop, worked under Priscilla's guidance for 27 years. "She is a wonderful leader," says Geri, "who personally set the tone for our staff and volunteers with regard to customer service and satisfaction. She has been a valuable mentor to all of us."

Volunteers such as Betty Muller — who serves as a volunteer in the hospital's gift shop — also praise Priscilla's work in overseeing the hospital's award-winning volunteer program. Betty describes how Priscilla instilled trust and respect among members of the volunteer corps: "Priscilla exemplifies congenial resourcefulness. She has been supportive and devoted and the consummate professional — and her avid sense of humor has brought delight to all."

When asked about her most satisfying accomplishment at the hospital, Priscilla says that it is not a single experience that stands out. Rather, she says, "It's cumulative. I loved every minute of my time at the hospital. To work alongside an excellent team, to be among staff and volunteers who embody a culture of caring, and to know that something good happened every day because of my department," she adds, "was the most rewarding professional experience of my life."

**INTRODUCING NEW BOARD MEMBERS.** We are pleased to introduce the following exceptional leaders who have joined Huntington Memorial Hospital's board of directors in 2014.



**R. Scott Jenkins**

**Local attorney** R. Scott Jenkins was named to Huntington Memorial Hospital's board of directors in January 2014. Scott is a partner at Hahn & Hahn LLP, a Pasadena law firm that specializes in corporate legal services related to real-estate development, land-use planning, and other issues. Through his work at the firm, he helped develop a far-reaching facilities master plan for the hospital, in the late 1980s. When the State of California revised seismic safety mandates for hospitals, following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, we had already begun work on replacing our older inpatient buildings with more advanced, seismically safe structures, thanks to the plan's foresighted guidance.

Scott's expertise will now help guide the hospital as it provides care for local residents in a rapidly changing health-care environment. "The hospital's board of directors is committed to ensuring that high-quality healthcare is available for all patients in our region," he says. "As just one example, we're fortunate to have the only trauma center in the San Gabriel Valley in our backyard — and we want to make sure that assets such as this remain available for future generations."

#### **Dare to dream**

Scott has been an active volunteer with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association since 1982, and has chaired numerous committees there over the years. He served as the organization's president for the 125th Rose Parade, held

on January 1, 2014, the theme of which was *Dreams Come True*.

"Dreams aren't just a past-tense conclusion," says Scott. "You must set goals, work hard and persevere to make them come true." He relates this to the role of board members, who must "help an organization respond to changing circumstances — such as healthcare reform — by setting goals and developing a strategy to achieve success."

#### **A recognized community leader**

In addition to his duties as president of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, Scott serves in a leadership capacity for several other local organizations. He is the immediate past president of the Foundation of San Marino Community Church, and has also served as president of both the San Marino Unified School District Board of Education and of the San Marino Schools Foundation. In 2003, he was recognized with the Golden Apple Award from the district in appreciation of his many years of volunteer leadership.

Scott is also a past president of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and served on the organization's board of directors for more than 10 years. He is a director of Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuaries and serves as general counsel for Western Justice Center Foundation. He and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters, Courtney and Lindsay.



***Sharon Arthofer***

**Entrepreneur** Sharon Arthofer brings extensive experience along with finely tuned business acumen to her new role on the board of Huntington Hospital. As a board member, her skills will be leveraged in support of what she views as imperatives for the institution: quality, efficiency and accountability.

“The issues Huntington Hospital is dealing with are of national import,” she says, “and I’m so impressed with the hospital’s proactive stance. I believe it’s already ahead of the curve and the challenge for the future is to maintain the high standard of excellence — a standard the community has come to expect.”

#### **Business-minded from the start**

Sharon majored in economics and business, receiving joint bachelor’s degrees in these disciplines from North Carolina State University. She began her career in marketing in New York, New York, first with Nestlé and then with Time, Inc. In 1983, she became an independent entrepreneur with the opening of a retail business in Westchester County, New York.

Sharon grew her business, selling it several years later and relocating to the Los Angeles area with her husband, Frank. The couple has two grown children, Frank and Whitney, both of whom live in New York.

In 1992, Sharon was approached by two Nestlé alumni, who asked for

her help in launching their franchise concept. She drew on her expertise to develop national standards of excellence for the company’s franchises — and personally became the company’s first franchisee.

Today, Sharon still owns two Wetzel’s Pretzels franchises. She and Frank also invest in and develop residential and commercial real estate, with a focus on the Southern California market.

#### **Dedicated to ensuring excellence**

Throughout her career, Sharon has prioritized giving back to her community: She served on the board of Foothill Family Service for six years, including two years as chair. She was also involved in the Arthofer children’s schools — Clairbourn School and Flintridge Preparatory School — as well as at LA Alive!, benefiting the Los Angeles Music Center, and at San Marino Library Foundation. In addition to such volunteer leadership, she served as a marketing and development consultant and interim executive director at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center.

Sharon notes that it is a particularly exciting time to engage at the board level with a healthcare organization. “Huntington Hospital is an organization that enhances the quality of life for so many people,” she says. “I’m honored to make a contribution.”

# Board of Directors



**Back row, left to right:** Carmen Puliafito, MD; Charles Sharp, MD; Paul Johnson; John Mothershead (ex-officio); Jim Rothenberg, chairman; Rary Simmons, director emeritus; Allen Mathies, Jr., MD, president emeritus; Louise Henry Bryson; Steve Ralph, president and CEO; Reed Gardiner; Michelle Quinones Chino; R. Scott Jenkins; Armando Gonzalez; James Shankwiler, MD (ex-officio); and K. Edmund Tse, MD. **Front row, left to right:** Paul Ouyang, treasurer; Jaynie Studenmund, vice chairman; Debbie Williams; Lois Matthews, secretary; Ellen Lee; and James Buese, MD. Not pictured: Sharon Arthofer, Wayne Brandt and David Kirchheimer.

## Dear friends

**E**nsuring the very best of care for you and your loved ones requires that Huntington Memorial Hospital sustain a laser-like focus on quality — and we believe that two of the most important measures of quality in healthcare are patient clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction. After all, quality care is care that places patients at the center.

Private philanthropy is essential to Huntington Hospital in achieving excellence in patient outcomes and patient satisfaction.

Charitable contributions support *excellent outcomes* by helping to create a superior care environment, ensuring the availability of the most promising care technologies, supporting best-practice models of care, and attracting and retaining the best and brightest caregivers.

By underwriting important continuing education and training for our nurses and other members of our workforce, funding from our community also helps ensure positive patient experiences at the hospital, directly influencing *high levels of patient satisfaction*.

In addition, of course, gifts toward the full range of our services — whether provided at the bedside, in outpatient settings, or in the broader community — help to enhance patient outcomes and satisfaction. Thank you for helping us provide our community's residents with the right care, in the right place, at the right time.



**Stephen A. Ralph**  
*President and CEO*





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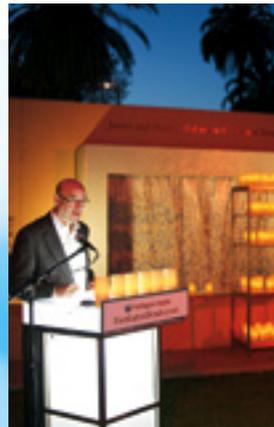




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# *Shine a light.*

*On November 17, 2013, more than 100 lung-cancer survivors, family members and friends attended a special event at Huntington Memorial Hospital to Shine a Light on Lung Cancer. The event was part of a national campaign to raise awareness for lung cancer and provide support to those impacted by the disease.*