



# Your Impact on Healing

2024 - 2025 Annual Impact Report

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As part of CommonSpirit Health, our mission, vision and values inform every aspect of our work each day, and remind us that we serve our patients, their families, our communities – and also each other.

## Our mission

The mission of Sequoia Hospital Foundation is to develop and secure funding for the benefit of Sequoia Hospital.

## Our vision

A healthier future for all, inspired by faith, driven by innovation and powered by our humanity.

## Our values

### Compassion

Care with listening, empathy and love.

Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

### Inclusion

Celebrate each person's gifts and voice.

Respect the dignity of all.

### Integrity

Inspire trust through honesty.

Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

### Excellence

Serve with fullest passion, creativity and stewardship.

Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

### Collaboration

Commit to the power of working together.

Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

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# A message from leadership

Dear Friends,

As we share this annual impact report, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and the collective achievements it has enabled this past year. Our entire team at Sequoia Hospital understands that philanthropy is key to our excellence, empowering us to deliver top-tier care through innovative programs, advanced facilities, and essential tools for our clinicians.

This year, the Sequoia Hospital Foundation proudly raised an outstanding **\$13,765,000 from nearly 700 dedicated donors**. A highlight of this success is a **generous, anonymous five-year commitment of \$12.6 million**, set to launch a new era of excellence in our surgical and cardiovascular care.

As you read the inspiring stories within, remember it is your compassion and generosity that drive our ability to provide exceptional care. Our mission continues, and with your ongoing partnership, we will keep making a profound difference in the lives of every patient.

Thank you for your confidence and steadfast support. We are profoundly grateful for you.

With gratitude,



Lindsey R. Hincks  
Chief Philanthropy Officer



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believes every act of humankindness  
is worthy of celebration and every  
expression of gratitude deserves  
recognition.



# Giving by the numbers



\$13,765,000

## Total dollars raised in 2025

This year, our donors came together to realize the power of generosity and gratitude in our community. The results have been inspiring.

\$3,875,000 | 2024  
\$2,018,000 | 2023  
\$3,140,000 | 2022  
\$11,540,000 | 2021



\$4,776,000

## Transfers to hospital in 2025

Transfers made by the Sequoia Hospital Foundation to Sequoia Hospital show collaboration as monies are transferred only after the obligations of donor intent have been met.

\$3,395,000 | 2024  
\$3,082,000 | 2023  
\$3,720,000 | 2022  
\$4,300,000 | 2021



672

## Total donors in 2025

Donors bolster innovation, bring together our community and serve the vulnerable. Together we accomplish what none of us could do alone.

659 donors   2024	844 donors   2022
782 donors   2023	789 donors   2021

Together  
we heal.

# Your kindness in action

## A New Era of Excellence

Sequoia Hospital Foundation is proud to announce that it has been awarded a remarkable \$12.6 million commitment from a generous, anonymous donor. This transformative five-year gift will usher in a new era of excellence in surgical and cardiovascular care at Sequoia Hospital.

The significant investment will be allocated across two areas:

**Advancing Surgical Innovation (\$6.5 Million):** This portion of the funding will revolutionize Sequoia's Operating Rooms. Key projects include a comprehensive renovation of the Cardiovascular Hybrid Room, creating a cutting-edge space for complex, minimally invasive heart procedures, and the acquisition of a da Vinci Xi Surgical Robot, enhancing surgical precision, reducing recovery times, and offering the latest in robotic-assisted surgery to the community.

**Continued Cath Lab Excellence and Honoring a Legacy (\$6 Million):** This allocation will strengthen Sequoia Hospital cardiovascular services. It will fund a vital renovation of the Cath Lab Pacemaker Room, improving capacity and efficiency for life-saving device implantations. Furthermore, a permanent legacy will be established with the creation of the "Dr. R. Hardwin Mead Cardiovascular Endowed Fund," ensuring ongoing support and innovation for the Cath Lab services in perpetuity.

While the primary focus of this extraordinary gift is on surgical and cardiovascular advancements, the donor will also be the presenting sponsor at the 39th Annual Steven San Filippo Memorial Golf Invitational, marking a fitting conclusion to a long-standing fundraising tradition.

This unprecedented act of generosity will keep Sequoia at the forefront of healthcare innovation, significantly enhance patient outcomes, and solidify its commitment to providing exceptional care.



Dr. R. Hardwin Mead founded Silicon Valley Cardiology in 1984 with Dr. Roger Winkle and for the past 41 years has been a leader in research, patient care and innovative medical technology.

He grew up on the north side of Chicago and caddied as a youth, attending Northwestern University on a golf caddy scholarship. He completed his internships, residency, chief residency and cardiology fellowship at Stanford University Hospital and has implanted over 3,000 pacemakers and defibrillators.

Sequoia Hospital is deeply grateful for Dr. Mead and all that he does for our community.



# Your kindness in action

## A legacy of lessons

Tom and Lisa, deeply rooted Peninsula residents, built a life centered on family and community, instilling those values in their daughters, Nicole and Paige. Through active involvement in their lives as their daughters matured, Tom and Lisa found a new way to teach: through philanthropy.

"We see this as our 'last lesson' to them," Tom shares. "Giving back—your time, talents, or treasure—is part of who we are."

With that spirit, they updated their family trust to include charitable giving, ensuring their values are passed on. As a financial planner, Tom understands that legacy is about more than finances—it's about instilling purpose.

For their gift to the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, they were inducted into the 1950 Sequoia Society, which honors individuals who include the hospital in their estate plans.

Tom and Lisa value the tangible impact of their support on patient care, seeing new tools and programs come to life. They particularly appreciate Sequoia's focus on its people, especially through employee-driven Impact Grants, seeing it as a strength of the organization.



Lisa and Tom Cortopassi and their daughters Paige and Nicole

Tom encourages others, saying, "As parents, we get one more opportunity to teach what matters, direct a portion of your legacy and inspire the next generation." For Tom and Lisa, their choice to give isn't about recognition, but about embodying their family values, proving, as Tom says, "Don't just tell me, show me."

## Invest in Sequoia

Your legacy can forever benefit local healthcare when you remember Sequoia Hospital Foundation in your will or trust.

[sequoia.mygiftlegacy.org](https://sequoia.mygiftlegacy.org)



2025 scholarship recipients

## Kennett Scholarships Propel Future Nurses

The Sequoia Hospital Foundation, in collaboration with San Francisco State University, awarded \$150,000 in Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarships to 11 students. This vital program, honoring Dr. Kennett's legacy of compassionate care, has now distributed over \$1.6 million, supported by a growing \$1.1 million endowment, investing directly in the future of nursing.

For a full list of recipients:  
[sequoiahospitalfoundation.org/kennettscholarship](https://sequoiahospitalfoundation.org/kennettscholarship)



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