Our Mission

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

Our Foundation

For over forty years, Sequoia Hospital Foundation has partnered with our community to support and enhance Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital’s life-changing and life-saving programs. Foundation support has touched every one of the hospital’s patient care departments and in doing so has impacted the care every one of Sequoia’s patients receive each day.

Last year more than 800 donors gave generously to support our mission and we are pleased that every donation raised locally stays local and 100 percent of every gift is used to benefit the donors' area of choice.

Recent gifts have supported essential equipment for Sequoia’s award-winning Heart and Vascular Institute, a new dual-source CT scanner, caregiver response and resiliency programs for our physicians and staff, scholarships to train the next generation of nurses, cutting-edge technology for cancer diagnosis and treatment, support for our family-favorite Birth Center, emergency medicine and so much more.

Currently the Foundation is raising funds for robotic joint replacement technology and enhancements to the Sequoia Hospital Breast and Diagnostic Center.

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Dear Friends,

It is with a heart full of gratitude, we express our thanks to you for supporting Sequoia Hospital during the 2021-22 fiscal year. As a combined effort, this was a significant year to raise a total of $3,140,000 from 844 donors.

This impact report showcases the level of care provided through your generosity. In review of this past fiscal years’ accomplishments, we are pleased to announce the funding of the Imaging for Tomorrow campaign to bring a new dual-source CT scanner to Sequoia. We also reflect on the milestone of 40 years here as a foundation, while also paying tribute to Gloria Kennett through her continued support of the Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program. Take a moment to look through this annual report to learn more.

Our community of donors like you, range from local leaders, grateful patients, hospital staff and physicians, and businesses and organizations who provide grants. Together, we are able to make a difference within each department and actively impact the lives of each patient served.

Once again, thank you for your trust and support of Sequoia Hospital.

With gratitude,

Beverly Joyce, MD  
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There is a story of kindness behind every dollar donated to Sequoia Hospital Foundation.

Here we show you the dollars and cents of serving the common good through philanthropy.
Giving by the numbers

Total dollars raised

$3,140,000  2022

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

Transfers to the hospital

$3,720,000  2022

Transfers made by Sequoia Hospital Foundation to Sequoia Hospital show collaboration as monies are transferred when donor intent has been met.

Total donors

844  2022

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

Anticipated planned gifts

$1,784,000  2022

As an investment into the future, estate or legacy gifts demonstrate the support for Sequoia Hospital, today and in the years to come.
How funds are raised

At Sequoia Hospital Foundation a diverse group of donors supports our work through a variety of ways—annual donations, grants, campaign gifts, and attending events. We, and the patients we serve, are forever grateful.

Donations, both large and small, enable the Foundation to provide cutting-edge technology, build and support health education and community outreach programs, and support those who cannot afford the costs of health care.

Total assets

\[ \$19,016,427 + \$5,679,040 = \$24,695,467 \]

- Investments
- Contributions
- Total

Total liabilities and net assets

\[ \$13,987,613 + \$10,707,854 = \$24,695,467 \]

- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- Total
Your support at work

In fiscal year 2022 these are the top eight areas that were funded through donations made to the Foundation.

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What does it mean to be not-for-profit?

The Sequoia Hospital Foundation supports key initiatives and programs at Sequoia Hospital and is a non-profit corporation under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 501(c)(3) recognizes the Sequoia Hospital Foundation as a charitable organization exempt from federal income tax, while section 509(a)(1) recognizes that as a stand-alone public charity, our mission is to support Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital, itself a public charity.

100 percent of your donations benefits the cause.

It is our belief that every gift is special, regardless of the amount. Each donation is a true gesture of humankindness through an open sharing of dialogue unique to the opportunity to give. As stewards of each philanthropic dollar, we will ensure the intent of your donation fulfills the cause of your choice.
In honor of 100 years

On March 11, 2022, Gloria Kennett celebrated her 100th birthday among family and friends. The event, hosted by the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, raised more than $350K for nursing education.

Lloyd H. Dean, former CEO of CommonSpirit Health joined through a video message, “Gloria, it was your vision four decades ago that helped establish Sequoia Hospital Foundation. It has been your tireless efforts to help this foundation raise more than $80 million dollars to support quality care for those within your community.”

“I am honored to celebrate your centennial birthday and to express my gratitude for all you have made possible for so many others. Thank you.”

—Lloyd H. Dean
Former CEO of CommonSpirit Health

Since 2005, the Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program has awarded 122 scholarships totaling more than $1,352,000 to students in the Sequoia Hospital/San Francisco State University Bachelor of Science Nursing program at College of San Mateo. The scholarship program trains highly-skilled, compassionate care professionals as well as addressing the global nursing shortage.

During the reception, Sequoia Hospital Foundation announced the implementation of the Gloria Kennett Founders Scholarship. This substantial scholarship will be awarded to one exceptional student each year who exemplifies the true heart of Gloria Kennett and family centered care.

To initiate the Gloria Kennett Founders Scholarship, the Board of Sequoia Hospital Foundation pledged $100,000 in matching funds to the event’s fund-a-need. With an outpouring of support, more than $350,000 was raised to benefit the Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program.

This celebration in honor of Gloria Kennett was made possible by the committee co-chairs, Darlene Woodson and Sandy Ferrando, along with Carolyn Rianda, Paula Uccelli, Ann Griffiths, Marylue Timpson and Marie Zahn.

Most noteworthy of Gloria’s support at Sequoia Hospital, is through her constant encouragement of the next generation of care providers.
About the Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program

The Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship program, awarded by Sequoia Hospital Foundation, provides financial support for student nurses in the San Francisco State University Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) program at College of San Mateo.

Since its inception in 2005, the scholarship program has provided 122 awards, totaling more than $1.3 million in funding to deserving students.

"I am proud to carry-on the legacy set forth by my husband, Bill, at Sequoia Hospital.

My hope with this scholarship program is for each nurse to receive as much satisfaction and happiness from their careers as my husband did with his, many years ago."

—Gloria Kennett

2021 Scholarship recipients and donors

Dr. Kennett Memorial Scholarship
Walter Baker
Emily Merrifield
Adina Nelson
Fernando Orozco

Robert and Sue O’Donnell Scholarship
Jing Gao

Have a Ball Foundation Scholarship
Thaleia Williams
Yanyan Xu

Danford Fisher Hannig Foundation Scholarship
Tiffany Li
Lara Saliwanchick
Megumi Sasaki

Janine Bullis Valine Scholarship
Leizl Insao

Berdine and Cliff Jernigan Scholarship
Ashley Hijazi
David Steckhahn

Uccelli Foundation Scholarship
Scott Kawamura
Elizabeth Martin

Anonymous Scholarship
Jessica Lopez
Milestones over 40 years

1984 - The Foundation held its first golf tournament.

1985 - Bob Hope performed at the Circle Star Theater in San Carlos as a fundraiser for the Foundation.

2005 - The Foundation awarded its first Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship. *Since then, this program has awarded 122 scholarships totaling $1,352,000.

2008 - The first robotic surgery was performed at Sequoia, using robots that were funded by the Foundation.

2014 - The new patient pavilion opens after a successful multi-million dollar campaign.

2018 - The Foundation launched the 1950 Sequoia Society - to honor individuals who have included the Foundation in their estate plans.

2019 - The Hearts of the Hospital women’s fundraising group was launched and we renamed our annual golf tournament in memory of Foundation Board member Steve San Filippo.

2020 - Sequoia Hospital Foundation received a $10 million gift, the largest in Foundation history, to remodel our catheterization labs.

2022 - Successful completion of the Imaging for Tomorrow campaign to raise $4 million to bring an advanced CT imaging system to Sequoia Hospital.

During a private reception speakers included: Bill Graham, President/CEO of Sequoia Hospital, Ken Tehaney, Immediate Past Chair, Dieter Bruno, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Sequoia Hospital, and Donna Bandelloni (not pictured), Philanthropic Leader.

A reflection of four decades serving Sequoia Hospital

Through gifts, donors share their gratitude for the care provided at Sequoia Hospital and open their hearts while connecting each of us to our community. In the process of giving back by paying our gratitude forward, each of our own lives become richer and more meaningful.

So today as a member of our community, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and thanks for all that you have done and continue to do for Sequoia Hospital. Your leadership and dedication to helping others is inspiring.

All of this was made possible by the generosity of our community.

Thank you for joining us in a meaningful and thoughtful tribute to Sequoia Hospital Foundation’s 40-Years of generosity to our Community.

While our work is never done, there is so much to look forward to in the years to come. Once again, with gratitude and appreciation, Thank You!
Legacy giving

The Sequoia Hospital Foundation’s 1950 Sequoia Society recognizes individuals in our community who have provided for Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital’s future through an estate or planned gift.

Sequoia Hospital’s innovative legacy stems from a group of visionary women in the 1930s who created one of the nation’s first healthcare districts. This group of visionaries, led by Mrs. Dave Beeger, sought to develop a community hospital that strives toward high-quality, personalized care. On October 15, 1950, Sequoia Hospital celebrated its dedication. Each of these women left their thumb print on Sequoia Hospital and it is still alive and well today!

By including Sequoia Hospital Foundation in your estate plans, you are also leaving your thumb print on the future of the hospital. Your legacy will help Sequoia Hospital write its next innovative chapter so we can continue to live up to the high standards of care set forth by its founders decades ago.

The Sequoia Health Equity Partnership

In celebration of World Gratitude Day, the Foundation held a virtual Concert for Humankindness. Nationally, CommonSpirit Health banded together to address health equity within each community. At Sequoia Hospital Foundation, our focus turned to the creation of the Sequoia Health Equity Partnership.

As a donor-supported fund, the goal is to address the health of those most vulnerable in our community.

In fiscal year 2022, funds supported the placement of a diabetes nurse educator in the Samaritan House’s clinic in Redwood City. This outreach program provides at-risk patients the necessary tools and education regarding critical lifestyle modifications (meal planning, activity/exercise and stress management) so they can live with diabetes successfully.

To date, the diabetes nurse educator has provided 77 appointments to 25 unique patients, 96% of Hispanic ethnicity, and all uninsured and low-income. Statistics are demonstrating a reduction in the baseline A1c which measures the risk of diabetes.

Together, we know we can create a more equitable health system that improves physical, social and mental health for everyone.

For more stories of how you and fellow donors are caring for our community, please visit our website.
$4M raised for CT (computed tomography) imaging

Thanks to the support of more than 130 generous donors, we have completed the Imaging for Tomorrow fundraising campaign goal of $4 million to purchase the Siemens SOMATOM Drive with dual-source technology CT scanner for Sequoia Hospital.

The Imaging for Tomorrow campaign funds the purchase of the Siemens SOMATOM Drive with Dual Source technology CT Scanner, coming to Sequoia Hospital in 2023. Versatile and ahead of its time, the quality of this CT imaging will advance Sequoia’s award-winning care to even greater heights.

While Sequoia’s existing 64-slice CT machine utilizes a single imaging head, dual-source CT technology uses two x-ray sources at right angles to each other to double the speed of the test and produce dramatically sharper images of the scanned area. The result is a significant reduction in radiation to the patient and a high-quality image that can be used to guide a surgeon to the right area, identify tumors, or study and monitor blood vessels, all of which are critical to improving patient outcomes. Once again, Sequoia Hospital will be one of only a few non-academic hospitals in the nation to bring this technology to its patients.

We have persevered through the COVID-19 pandemic and our community continues to show tremendous support for Sequoia Hospital. Here at the Foundation, we have the privilege of working with our supporters to show their gratitude in gifts towards projects that make a difference in the care provided daily at the hospital.

“This fundraising campaign is an investment in the high-quality care at Sequoia Hospital. With the partnership of our hospital’s Foundation and our many supporters, we will remain at the forefront of excellence. Through the utilization of this technology our care providers across multiple specialties will be able to continue to grow their practice and expertise.”

—Bill Graham, Sequoia Hospital President and CEO
A CT scan combines a series of X-ray images taken from different angles around the body and, using advanced computer processing, creates cross-sectional images of bones, internal blood vessels and soft tissues.

At Sequoia Hospital, physicians rely on CT imaging for over 7,500 patients annually. This technology is coming soon to Sequoia in 2023.
Thank you!