

Gratitude

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SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION | SPRING 2023



Sharing of Appreciation

Dear Friends of Sequoia Hospital Foundation,

Let us welcome 2023 and renew our commitment to continue the philanthropic mission of supporting patient care and services here at Sequoia Hospital. Please join me as we pay tribute to Marie Zahn, a long-time champion of Sequoia Hospital, who passed away in early January. Marie was integral to the Foundation and served on our board of directors as Secretary/Treasurer and also President. Marie will be dearly missed and we honor her many years of support.

In this issue of **Gratitude**, we demonstrate the partnership with our community to create a **Simulation Learning Center** for the benefit of Sequoia's nursing staff and clinicians. We also formally introduce the Foundation's funding initiative, **Stepping Forward: Transforming Orthopedic Surgery**, a new initiative to purchase a Mako SmartRobotics™ system, bringing orthopedic care to the forefront of excellence.

Stay tuned for news about our upcoming in-person events:

- Orthopedic Event: August 19, 2023
- Annual Steven San Filippo Memorial Invitational Golf Tournament: Fall

Thank you for supporting Sequoia Hospital and placing your trust in us as stewards of your contributions towards your preferred cause of choice. You are an integral part of the compassionate care provided at Sequoia Hospital and we are grateful for your partnership.



With gratitude,

Beverly Joyce, MD
Chair, Sequoia Hospital Foundation

P.S. 100 percent of donations received are transferred to the hospital, as the Foundation's overhead is covered through our parent company, CommonSpirit Health.

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Simulation Learning Center

Innovative and Comprehensive Approach to Education

The need for highly-skilled, deeply compassionate caregivers has never been more evident than it is today. To ensure that our Dignity Health Bay Area community continues to have access to the best nurses and clinical staff, Sequoia Hospital Foundation is raising funds for a state-of-the-art **Simulation Learning Center** that will provide training for nurses, nursing assistants, and other clinical staff. This training center will provide the ability to mirror a clinical experience representing a typical hospital setting, using state-of-the-art manikins so a clinician can experience an exact replica of working conditions with patients.

\$400,000 Lead Gift by the Gellert Foundation

Jack Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, presented a \$400,000 grant to initiate the creation of the **Simulation Learning Center** located in the former ICU at Sequoia Hospital. The Gellert Foundation has been an incredible supporter of Sequoia Hospital for almost 30 years and we are grateful to receive one of their last community grants.



Pictured here: Michael "Mike" J. King; Jack Fitzpatrick; Christine Whelan; Dieter Bruno, MD, Chief Medical Officer; Beverly Joyce, MD, Foundation Board Chair; Eleanor Eberhard, Chief Nursing Officer; Bill Graham, Hospital President; Kim Costello, Senior Nursing Director; and Robert "Bob" J. Grassilli, Jr.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Simulation-based education has gained widespread recognition within the field of health care as a powerful tool for reinforcing clinical knowledge, improving team communication and teaching decision-making skills. Simulation can be used not only to teach clinical skills, but also teamwork and communication. Offering clinicians an opportunity to respond to real-world scenarios within a simulation, offers the best preparation for the complex settings they will be faced with in their professional lives.

Sequoia Hospital's convenient location provides easy access to Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, St. Mary's Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco. All four Dignity Health hospitals will benefit from a simulation center to train or bolster the knowledge of Dignity Health caregivers in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Stepping Forward: Transforming Orthopedic Surgery

Introducing Robotic Joint Replacement Technology at Sequoia Hospital

Sequoia Hospital and its outstanding physicians have a strong commitment to providing the most advanced care for all surgical procedures. Today, significant advancements in joint replacement surgery are transforming how orthopedic procedures are performed. Innovative robotic technology allows surgeons to personalize total and partial knee and hip replacements for every patient.

Sequoia Hospital Foundation's funding initiative, Stepping Forward: Transforming Orthopedic Surgery, is a new initiative to purchase a Mako SmartRobotics™ system, bringing orthopedic care to the forefront of excellence.

With the support of philanthropic funding, the center will implement robotics in knee and hip replacements, bringing advanced technology to maximize patient comfort and healing. The Robotics System costs \$1.2 million and half of the funds have already been raised.



PATIENT OUTCOMES

- Patients will benefit from faster recovery, less pain, and less pain medication.
- Precision Biopsy Program — patient safety is also improved, as surgeons know the exact size of the bone to the millimeter, giving patients an extra layer of safety to prevent unneeded cuts.
- Additionally, joint health and mobility is connected to a person's overall well being.

1950 Sequoia Society Event



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

During this past holiday season, members of the 1950 Sequoia

Society gathered to celebrate current members and welcome new ones who joined the group in the past year.

Those in attendance received updates on the hospital's current operations and heard personal story's as to why fellow members chose to leave a legacy gift with the Sequoia Hospital Foundation.

We invite you to consider joining this important group dedicated to ensuring that Sequoia's award-winning programs continue for generations to come. Adding just a few specific words to your will or trust will keep your support local and will advance quality health care for the future of our community.

Let us help you plan a legacy that reflects what is important to you. Learn more at mysequoialeadership.org.

Congratulations to the 2022 Kennett Scholarship Recipients

On January 19th, we held our first in-person reception, since 2020, for our Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program recipients. Gloria Kennett, joined by board and committee members, celebrated the accomplishments of the scholarship program over the years which provides financial support for students in the Sequoia Hospital/ San Francisco State University Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) program.

Since 2005, the Kennett Scholarship Program has awarded 131 scholarships to deserving students for a total of \$1,477,000.



From left to right: Sequoia Hospital President, Bill Graham; Gia Snyder; Emmylou Hobgood; Austin Chan; Paige Granger; Gloria Kennett; Abigail Gutmann-Gonzalez; Ana Fouster; Abby Jeffers; Sequoia Hospital Chief Nursing Executive, Eleanor Eberhard

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