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STEVEN SAN FILIPPO MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL

Honoring a Legacy

With our upcoming 35th annual golf tournament, the Foundation is proud to honor the legacy of our friend, colleague and long-time board member, Steven San Filippo by relaunching our flagship event in his memory. We invite you to participate in this "new" annual tradition, the Steven San Filippo Memorial Invitational.

This year's tournament will be held on Monday, September 9th at the prestigious Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club in Menlo Park. If you are a golfer, come out for a day of golf among friends, colleagues, physicians and community leaders in support of Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute. If you are not a golfer, please consider joining us for the celebration dinner following the day's tournament.

If you are interested in sponsoring, volunteering, or attending our annual golf and dinner outing please contact Staci Calzada at 650.367.5643 or via email at staci.calzada@dignityhealth.org.



Care Beyond the Bedside

Ensuring outstanding all-around care doesn't stop at the patient's bedside. Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital and the Sequoia Hospital Foundation recognize that our patients often worry about the impacts of their own treatment on those they love. While completely understandable, this can distract from their necessary healing process.

Recently, Sequoia Hospital President Bill Graham unveiled the new Hospitality Cart, generously funded by Foundation donors and designed to make everyone's stay at Sequoia more comfortable. The goal is to extend the continuum of care to our patients' families during their time at Sequoia by providing simple necessities like coloring books, lip balm and granola bars, for example, as well as information about local restaurants and services. By caring for their loved ones, we enhance the healing environment for each of our patients as well.

"Any hospital that has an offering like this is a caring place for both patient and family."

"You gave us a little smile during difficult moments."

- Family members responding to the cart's impact during their stay.





Meet Sandy Ferrando

Atherton resident, Sandy Ferrando, serves as a member of the Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital Community Board and as a liaison to the Sequoia Hospital Foundation's Board of Directors. A long-time supporter of Sequoia, she has actively lent her efforts towards increasing awareness of both the Foundation and the hospital's life-saving programs. Sandy serves on several committees supporting Sequoia's Health and Wellness programs and has contributed countless hours in the planning of the Foundation's annual events.

Sandy has previously worked closely with Samaritan House of San Mateo County and Kainos Home and Training Center, among others. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of Peninsula Volunteers, Inc., of which she has been a member for 49 years, and serves as their Chair of Fund Development. She is a member of the outreach committee for the Disney Family Museum in San Francisco. Sandy was a founding member of the Peninsula Children's Center Charter Auxiliary, and a past president of the Atherton Dames. In 2013, Sandy was honored at San Mateo County 2013 Mayors' Diversity Celebration Awards.

Giving Methods That Work For You

A Sequoia Hospital Foundation Charitable Gift Annuity – Your Own Personal Pension Plan

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is a gift made to the Sequoia Hospital Foundation that can provide you with a source of fixed income payments for life.

Benefits include:

- 1. A generous income tax deduction
- 2. Fixed income for life
- 3. High annuity rates
- 4. Partial TAX FREE income
- 5. An opportunity to create your personal legacy at Sequoia Hospital



You can visit our planned giving website at sequoialegacy.org to learn more about CGA or various planned giving vehicles.

You may also contact our planned giving concierge, Christine Ackermann at 650-367-5719 or via email at christine.ackermann@dignityhealth.org.



Generosity Remembered

The Sequoia Hospital Foundation recently received a generous gift of more than \$230,000 from the estate of grateful patients Jean and Richard "Dick" Collins. Their gift to the "Greatest Need" fund will further enable the Foundation's Board of Directors to quickly address urgent and compelling needs throughout the hospital.

Jean was a pioneering women in the field of aviation, earning her pilot's license in 1946 at age sixteen. She worked at Nystrom Aviation and went on to found the Delcon Corporation which was later sold to Hewlett Packard. While at Nystrom she met Dick, a mechanical engineer and a helicopter test pilot with Hiller Aviation who once flew dynamite in Alaska for the Alaskan pipeline. Dick and Jean loved travel and wildlife and rescued many owls before releasing them back into the wild. Together they built a Swift Globe airplane and flew throughout the United States and Canada with friends.

Jean and Dick were married for 62 years until Jean's death in 2016. Dick followed in 2018. Their shared love of Sequoia Hospital inspired their significant legacy gift.

Advancing Care Through Transformational Research



Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital's vision of establishing a robust Center for Precision Biopsy is reaching significant milestones thanks to our Foundation donors. Dr. Anobel Tamrazi, in partnership with the Dignity Health Research Institute (DHRI) and others, is working to advance research into the precision

diagnosis and treatment of cancer in the human body. Having research of this kind being conducted at Sequoia promises to impact the care we can provide to our patient community.

Last fall, Dr. Tamrazi's research study was submitted to the Institutional Review Boards (IRB) of both Dignity Health and Sutter Health. The IRB process thoroughly reviews the proposed study and its ethical implications. Dignity Health's IRB approval came in November of 2018 and Sutter Health's approval was received in January of 2019 clearing the project's path forward. To facilitate this transformational work, Andrea Eller has been hired as Clinical Research Coordinator.

For those interested in learning more, Dr. Tamrazi recently published "*Image Guided Needle Biopsies and Personalized Medicine*" in the fifth edition of Fundamentals of Diagnostic Radiology.



Celebrating our Sequoia Community

SAVE THE DATE: The Sequoia Hospital Foundation's second annual Birth Center reunion will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. This fun and exciting reunion of Sequoia's babies young and old, their parents and families and our birth center physicians and staff will be held at Atherton's Holbrook-Palmer Park (on the North Meadow, 150 Watkins Ave, Atherton, CA 94027).

If you are interested in serving on the Birth Center Reunion event committee or attending, please contact Staci Calzada at 650.367.5643 or via email at staci.calzada@dignityhealth.org.

Our Gratitude Newsletter

It is our pleasure to share this quarterly newsletter with you. We invite you to let us know if you would prefer to receive a printed version by mail or an electronic version by email. If, on the other hand, you would prefer NOT to receive our newsletter at all, please feel free to tell us that as well. You may call us at 650.367.5657 or email us your preference at any time at: **sequoia.foundation@dignityhealth.org**. Our newsletter is also available on the Foundation's website.

Make a gift to the Sequoia Hospital Foundation Today

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of: \square \$250 \square \$100 \square \$75 \square \$50 \square Other \$_

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