Philanthropy

Generous gifts of time, talent and resources help us provide countless services across our network — from lifesaving medical tools and advanced technologies to nurturing support groups, services and spaces. On behalf of our patients and families, we sincerely thank all those who give.
Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2015 and all the great things happening throughout our hospital and care centers every day, we are very thankful to be a part of such a generous and compassionate community.

After many years of planning and construction, we celebrated the opening of the Anderson Lucchetti Women’s and Children’s Center. The 10-story, 242-bed center is an acute care hospital offering neonatal and pediatric intensive care, serving 26 counties throughout Northern California, southern Oregon and western Nevada. Our amazing teams safely moved 161 patients in 18 hours while simultaneously activating the Sutter Electronic Health Record.

Thanks to your support, Sutter Health clinicians, hospitals and home health agencies routinely rank among top performers nationally and in California for providing high-quality patient care. In 2015, recognition includes:

- A Top 100 Hospital three years in a row, which earned the Everest Award by Truven Health Analytics
- A Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital by Truven Health Analytics four years in a row
- Sutter Comprehensive Epilepsy Center designated as a Level 4 Center by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers
- Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center
- Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT) accreditation for blood and marrow transplant

Donations of all sizes add up to accomplish great things for our community. Last year philanthropy funded the Sutter Institute for Medical Research (SIMR), which allows private practice physicians to take part in studies that advance our understanding of disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Philanthropy also supported important enhancements to patient care including nursing education and training, and pet and music therapy.

Please enjoy this 2015 Annual Report which highlights the impact your philanthropy has had on the lives of our patients and families. Together, we’re transforming health care and meeting the needs of patients now and in the future. Your generosity heals.

With gratitude,

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Your Philanthropic Accomplishments

Every day, your generosity enhances the care our patients receive.

Through philanthropy, Sutter Health is able to practice the most innovative, technologically-advanced medicine possible and meet the critical health care demands of our time.

In 2015, philanthropic gifts like yours helped put equipment into the hands of our clinicians faster and also funded key programs and services that enhance patient care. Thank you for your support, which helped make the following possible:

**Women’s and Children’s Programs and Services**
The new Anderson Lucchetti Women’s and Children’s Center offers a wide array of services designed for integrative care. The center provides the highest level of neonatal and pediatric care, as well as Sophie’s Place, a state-of-the-art music therapy facility for children.

**Cancer Care**
Philanthropy helps provide our clinicians and staff with the most effective resources available to diagnose and treat cancer, and offer comfort to our patients by providing services including music therapy, support groups, Breast Cancer Navigator, and therapeutic massage, to name a few.

**Equipment Upgrades**
As a busy hospital, it is vital to our patients’ health and well-being to update or replace equipment as quickly as possible. With philanthropic support in 2015 we were able to quickly acquire bronchoscopes, ultrasounds, NICU rocking chairs and monitors, and a bladder scanner, to name a few, ensuring our ability to continue providing exceptional care to our patients.

**Medical Research**
Leading-edge discoveries and life-saving breakthroughs are the result of research happening at Sutter Institute for Medical Research (SIMR). Clinicians participate in investigative research studies and collaborate on disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment for patients across the country. For example, SIMR recently published results of a study showing some evidence that the blood product intravenous immunoglobulin, or IVIG, could prevent brain atrophy and delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease in patients who are in the beginning stages.

**Staff Education and Nursing Scholarships**
Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our staff and a giving community, we are able to offer nursing scholarships to qualified and motivated individuals in healthcare to further their training and education.

**Library**
The Sutter Resource Library is a valuable source of medical information for clinicians, staff, patients and visitors. Use of the library is free, along with assistance in researching and document delivery.
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Creating a Legacy of Care
The Shelly McGriff Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund

When Shelly McGriff retired as Chief Nurse Executive this year, she completed 38 years of outstanding service to Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento.

As a role model, mentor, leader, and longtime philanthropic supporter, Shelly inspired our caregivers from within our dedicated nursing staff to reach their highest potential and provide superior patient care.

Though her daily smile and warm presence in the hospital will be greatly missed, Shelly's legacy of compassion and professionalism will carry on, thanks to a scholarship fund established in her name — The Shelly McGriff Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The Shelly McGriff Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund awards annual grants for tuition and other educational expenses. As an endowed fund, contributions are invested in perpetuity, promoting nursing excellence and leadership for generations to come.

Nursing scholarship recipient, Traci Sheesley, R.N., MHA, CCRN, says, “It goes to show the support Sutter Health has for its employees … I have two young children, I work full-time and was going to school. The scholarship shows Sutter’s support and helps me accomplish my goal.”

We are deeply grateful for Shelly’s dedicated service, partnership and monumental contributions to developing an exceptional team of caregivers while enhancing patient care at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento. If you’d like to help continue Shelly’s legacy of care with a gift to the Shelly McGriff Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund, please visit suttermedicalcenter.org/philanthropy/scholarship.
Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento Funding Priorities

Healing Gardens: The proposed healing gardens at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, inspired by the healing gardens at Sutter Memorial, will have private seating areas along with beautiful landscaping and artwork. The gardens will be a comforting, peaceful retreat for patients, family and staff at the medical center. There is an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by naming one of the three healing gardens to be created in three areas throughout Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento.

Shelly McGriff Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund: The Shelly McGriff Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund celebrates Shelly’s 38 year legacy of caring by supporting employees pursuing or advancing their nursing education. As an endowed fund, contributions are invested in perpetuity, promoting nursing excellence and leadership for generations to come. Scholarships in nursing will be distributed each year to support tuition and other educational expenses.

Music Therapy — Sophie’s Place: Music has an extraordinary power to bring comfort and peace. Recent clinical studies prove that music therapy provides beneficial effects on young hospital patients. Musical experiences and activities reduce pain and pain perception, decrease sedation required for pediatric procedures, increase relaxation and provide other healing benefits.

Sutter Health Funding Priorities

Medical Research: The Sutter Institute for Medical Research (SIMR) combines world-class research efforts with community-based medical care. Through SIMR, physicians take part in hundreds of research studies, advancing our understanding of disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment. In addition, Sutter Health is raising funds to support a Biobank that will link blood sample data and electronic health record information from consenting patients in more than 100 Northern California communities. These studies will help researchers better understand how people develop disease over time, leading to more personalized treatment and improved care.

Child Abuse Response Program (BEAR): The Bridging Evidence & Resources (BEAR) Center is a joint program between Sutter Medical Foundation and Sutter Children’s Center, Sacramento that provides care to infants, children and teens who have been seriously neglected or physically or sexually abused. Donor support allows the BEAR Center to provide vital 24-hour child abuse assessment and community resources throughout the region.

Telehealth: Telehealth technology allows Sutter Health to serve patients at the right place, at the right time, with the right provider. Through live interactive video capability and image capture, we can enhance and improve patient access to primary care and specialist providers. Gifts towards telehealth technology will provide solutions to health access problems such as geographic access to health care consultations, limited after-hours care, in-home management of chronic diseases, and patient monitoring to avoid expensive hospital readmissions.
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