Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation / Spring 2021

# **FOUNDATION FOCUS**

Furthering the mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983



#### From the Desk of the Interim Executive Director



Because of you, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation has helped keep our community safe and healthy. Your generosity helped us raise more than \$1.2M to support the Hospital's COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund-ensuring that district residents have access to the highest quality of care available, even in the midst of the pandemic.

As we look towards the future of Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation, we're keeping our community at the COVID-19 vaccination efforts gradually reduce the risk of

center of focus. As our COVID-19 vaccination efforts gradually reduce the risk of virus transmission, we're now planning for how we can continue to support the Hospital with the resources it needs to be a leader in health care in Southern Alameda County. To this end, the Foundation is excited to announce the launch of our Legacy Society, a Planned Giving program which enables individuals to leave a tremendous legacy on Hospital programs that will last for decades to come.

We're thankful for the generous community who has stood by us since the beginning and through the trying year that was 2020. We're excited and optimistic about what 2021 has to hold, and grateful for your continued support.

Warm regards, Sarah G. Gemski

#### **COVID-19 Emergency Fund - Your Generosity at Work**

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for all your support since March 2020. You've helped to fund urgent equipment needs, including:

- High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters
- Negative air pressure equipment
- Powered respirators for staff
- Lifesaving personal protective equipment (PPE) and much more

Moreover, community members and local restaurants have provided over 7,000 meals to our hardworking staff. We continue to accept donations for the Hospital's COVID-19 Emergency Relief Efforts- much of which are focused on our community vaccination clinic. Our vaccination clinic operates 6 days a week, and has vaccinated more than 40,000 community members to date. As the vaccination clinic does not receive any federal funding, your support plays a critical role in keeping our clinic running so efficiently.

#### **Learn More**









WHHS CEO, Kimberly Hartz & WTMF Director of Operations, Michelle Hudson, accept the grant with vaccination clinic staff

#### Thank You, Fremont Bank!

A sincere thank you to **Fremont Bank Foundation** for their \$250,000 grant to help support our on-site community vaccination clinic, which opened in February. These funds enable us to go further with our vaccination outreach while securing the much-needed personal protective equipment for our staff and patients in our ongoing effort to keep everyone safe and healthy.



### **Special Thanks**

Thank you to all our donors who have contributed to the COVID-19 Relief Fund in support of all of our frontline workers at Washington



## New! Planned Giving -Legacy Society

"I encourage you to consider a planned gift to the Foundation, as I did. It was important to me to Hospital. We would like to extend special recognition to the following donors who have given **\$10,000** or more.

**Alameda County** Alameda Contra-Costa Medical **Association** Stupski Foundation **Fremont Bank Foundation** Al and Marsha Badella Paul and Sandi Bonderson Joe and DeoLinda Caldeira **Dale Hardware Kevin and Julia Hartz** James R. Griffin, Inc. **East Bay Community Energy** Dr. Ash and Monisha Jain Sachiko Ledgewood **Lam Research Corporation Masonic Homes of California** Sisters of the Holy Family John and Chi Wong

support the Foundation and Washington Hospital, now and into the future" Gary Charland, Foundation President

This year, we encourage you to take a moment to think about the legacy you want to leave. The Foundation is formally launching a planned giving program, which will include a Legacy Society for members. By taking time to plan for the future today, you ensure your family is provided for while extending your support for the organizations you care about, like Washington Hospital.

If you have already included the Foundation in your estate plan – thank you! Please let us know so we can properly show our gratitude. Give us a call for more information.

#### In Memoriam



Brent Hodson, former Executive Director of the Foundation, passed away in February, 2021. He spent his career at Washington Hospital and played a central role in growing the Foundation to where we are today. To him, this was not just a job, but a devotion to the community. We are grateful for all of his knowledge, vision and leadership.



Lamar Hinton, Trustee and Golf Committee Chairman, passed away in March, 2021. He joined the Foundation in 2001 as a Member and then as a Trustee. He proudly wore his green golf jacket and loved leading our annual Golf Committee. We are grateful for his guidance, support and incredible sincerity.

Both Brent and Lamar will be truly missed

Welcome New Foundation Trustees and Members - Elected January, 2021 Paul Bonderson, Kris Braunschweig, Jacqueline Keeler, Eileen McDonald, Ruth McGautha, Sue Querner, Cris Raimundo, Genevieve Randolph, Irshad Rasheed and **Linette Young** 



We are here for you! **Foundation Staff** Shannon, Sarah and Shobha



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