

## Furthering the Mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983



**Photo:** On June 24, Washington Hospital held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open its doors to the provisional Level II Trauma Center, providing lifesaving and life-sustaining care close to home

## From the Desk of the Executive Director



I hope this letter finds you well and proud of the profound impact your generosity continues to have on healthcare in our community.

I am thrilled to share some exciting updates with you, highlighting the significant progress we've made together in support of the health and wellbeing of our community.

Many of you know that Washington Hospital opened its doors to our provisional **Level II Trauma Center** on

Your support will help the Hospital purchase an ultra-high resolution 3T MRI, which will enable more detailed readings for patients, potentially leading to earlier and more accurate diagnoses. Join us for an unforgettable evening with friends and family in support of Washington Hospital.

We are thrilled to launch the public phase of the **UCSF-Washington Cancer Center Campaign**. The Foundation has raised nearly \$10.5 million from community leaders, Hospital employees, physicians and corporate partners. The new 15,000 square foot UCSF-Washington Cancer Center, set to open in early 2026, will expand academic-level cancer care to all in our community,

July 1, providing specialized, lifesaving care for critically injured patients. Since then, we've supported with over 125 trauma patient activations. With your support, we are honored to bring this lifesaving, around-the-clock care to our community.

We will be honoring all **Legacy Society** members and our **closest supporters** with a special **recognition luncheon on September 17** at Casa Bella Restaurant. For those interested in joining the Legacy Society for planned giving, please reach out. Your enduring legacy of generosity will impact lives for generations to come.

Mark your calendars for the **38th Annual Top Hat Gala** scheduled for **October 12th**.

offering patients access to advanced clinical trials, world-class oncology care from our UCSF physicians, and a range of support services throughout treatment and beyond. Every gift to the campaign is a gift of hope to those affected by cancer in our community.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Washington Hospital. It is because of you that Washington has become such a pinnacle of patient care, both locally and nationally. Please reach out if you'd like to get involved, join the Foundation, or learn more about any of our programs.

Sarah G. Gemski  
*Executive Director*  
 Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation

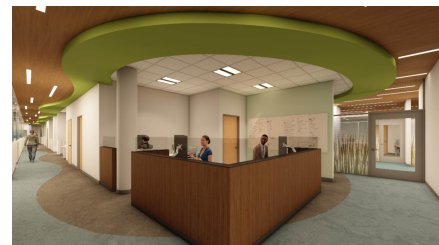
Upcoming Foundation Events	Save the Date
Legacy Society Members & Supporters Luncheon	Tuesday, September 17, 12:30 p.m.
38th Annual Top Hat Gala	Saturday, October 12, 6:00 p.m.
Foundation Quarterly Meeting	Tuesday, October 29, 4:30 p.m.
Planned Giving Seminar	Thursday, November 7, 5:00 p.m.
Giving Tuesday	Tuesday, December 3
Holiday Tree Lighting	Thursday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.
Foundation Annual Meeting	Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 4:30pm

## A Lifesaving Investment UCSF- Washington Cancer Center Campaign

In December 2021, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation initiated strategic conversations with Washington Hospital friends and supporters on a \$12M philanthropic investment to build an expanded comprehensive Cancer Center. The growing needs of cancer care patients, combined with strong community support, inspired a campaign to transform the future of cancer care at Washington Hospital.

The expansion will be financed through a variety of sources with an overall funding need of \$22M, and a minimum of \$12M to be raised in philanthropic giving. To date, \$10.5M has been raised with support from hospital staff, community members, local businesses, and physicians, leaving \$1.5M to be raised by fall 2024. The Foundation is reaching out to the community to help raise the remaining funds.

*“This campaign aims to endow the UCSF—Washington Cancer Center Program with the right DNA in order to stay relevant for years to come in the cancer care space,”*



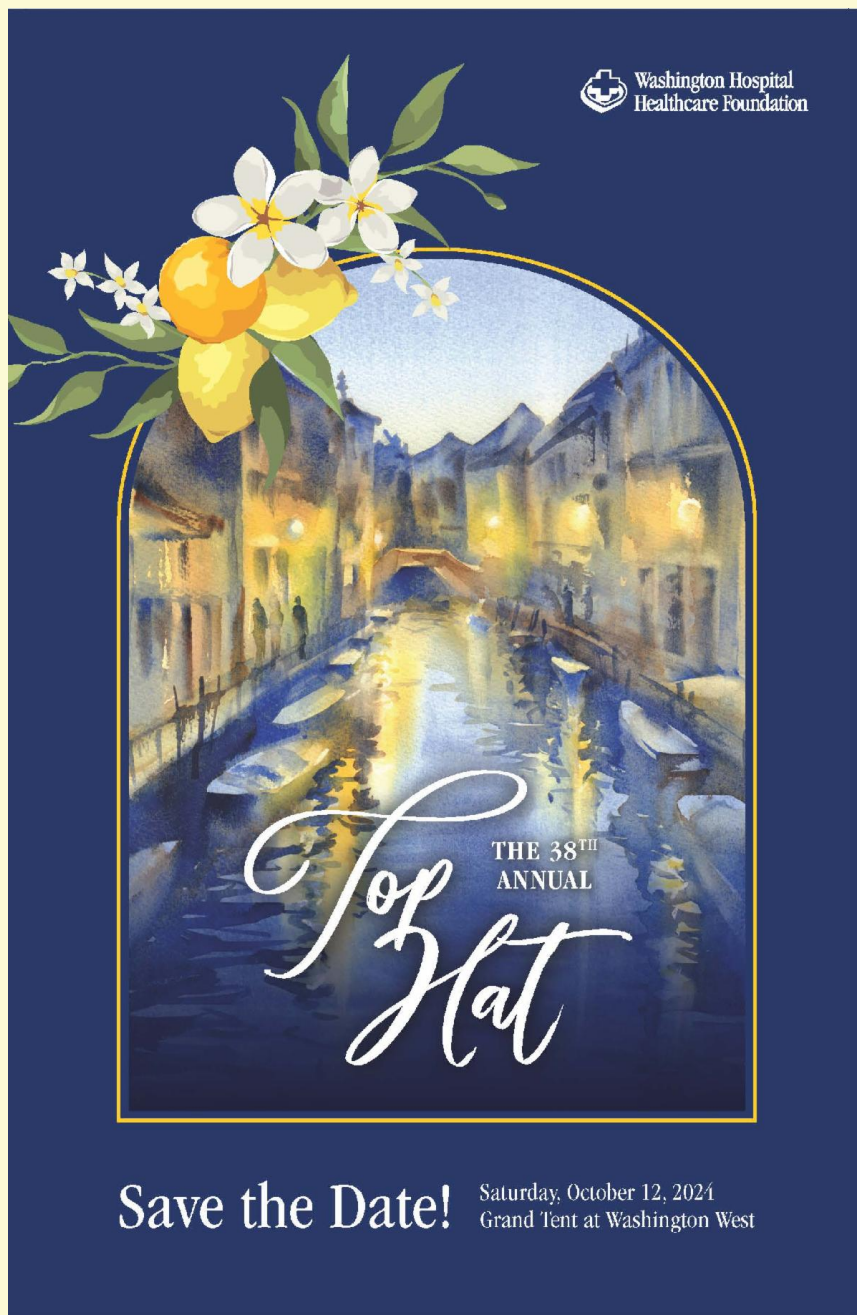


Dr. Eftimie said. "For those instances where more expertise is needed in terms of unique clinical trials, surgical interventions or second opinions with experts in their field, the **UCSF-Washington Cancer Center** can provide a seamless transition of care to a world-renowned institution close to home."



**Join this transformational initiative and donate today!**

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Washington Hospital  
Healthcare Foundation

THE 38<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL  
*Top Hat*

**Save the Date!** Saturday, October 12, 2024  
Grand Tent at Washington West

## Let's Celebrate!

Join Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation for the **38th Annual Top Hat Gala**, Evening in Italia, on **Saturday, October 12, 2024** in the Grand Tent and Outdoor Garden at Washington West. Funds raised will support the purchase of a new **MRI** for Washington Hospital. As Washington Hospital continues to grow, and with the opening of the new Level II Trauma Center, the Hospital is in need of its

own MRI. The 3 Tesla wide-bore MRI is an ultra-high resolution imaging device that will significantly improve patient outcomes and enable more detailed readings, which can lead to earlier and more accurate diagnoses. It will also allow us to offer new procedures locally that patients previously had to leave the community to receive.

Interested in supporting Top Hat? Here are a few ways you can help:

- Purchase a ticket or sponsorship (online or phone/email, ticket sales now open)
- Make a gift to the purchase of new MRI
- Donate your vacation home, sports tickets or airline tickets to our live auction
- Share the invitation with your networks!

Keep an eye out for more information regarding Top Hat in the weeks to come. We look forward to celebrating with you all in support of Washington Hospital!

[Be a Sponsor/Buy Tickets](#)

## Foundation Update



Words for Wellness, a local nonprofit organization, recently donated volunteer written cards to distribute to patients here at Washington Hospital. Carilyn Bacchi, Founder and President of Words for Wellness shared “We know that every patient deserves to feel loved, and it is important to us to bring this love to as many patients as possible. We don’t see each card delivered as just words; we see the card as the impact they can make on the patient recipient’s emotional wellness”. Cards of encouragement are delivered to us on a monthly basis.



The Foundation received a thoughtful donation of knit baby caps from Fremont resident, Hutoxi. The caps will be donated to the newborns and their families in pediatrics. Hutoxi shared “While browsing crochet patterns on Pinterest one day, I found an article about a lady who made hats to donate to hospitals. I loved this idea and crocheting these newborn and preemie caps has uplifted me and given me a feeling of doing something for our community, my way!” The Foundation thanks Hutoxi for this kind gesture.

## Estate Planning & Charitable Giving Seminar

Join us on **Thursday, November 7, 5:00**





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**p.m.** in the Anderson Auditorium for a complimentary seminar on Planned Giving and the various tax benefits of philanthropy. This informative session will be led by Estate Planning Special Counsel, Richard Schachtilli. Whether you're an experienced donor or new to the world of philanthropy, this seminar is open to all who are interested in learning more about the benefits of Planned Giving. Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain valuable insights and knowledge from an industry expert.

## Trustee Spotlight

The Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to Trustee **Phina Chen** for spearheading the coordination of lunch donations in May for our Nurses' Appreciation Week. Thanks to her efforts, local restaurants like Le Moose, Ray's Sushi, and Milk & Honey generously provided meals for our dedicated Nursing Staff. This kind gesture truly lifted the spirits of our nurses and demonstrated the community's support for their hard work and dedication. We are immensely grateful for Trustee Chen's commitment to recognizing and appreciating our healthcare heroes.



Foundation Executive Director, Sarah Gemski, and Trustee, Phina Chen, collect lunches to distribute to nurse staff



## Welcome Teacher Day

The Hospital is excited to announce the upcoming **Welcome Teacher Day** event, in collaboration with Foundation Members **Dirk and Lisa Lorenz**. This special occasion aims to bring together elementary students and their families to pick up a vase with a flower, which they can present to their teachers on the first day of school. The event will be held in front of Washington West on **Tuesday, August 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We look forward to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for educators through this thoughtful initiative.

## Donation to Ukraine

The Foundation organized the humanitarian aid project in partnership with **Washington Hospital** and the **Niles Rotary Club of Fremont** to address healthcare inequalities & to improve the quality of life in countries with critical health shortages and widespread need. Ukraine has received a donation of medical equipment and supplies like incubators and personal protective equipment (PPE) for hospitals and clinics. The United States regulates the shelf life of medical devices and supplies, and hospitals must comply with use guidelines set by the government. Rather than waste equipment and supplies, mission-minded health systems turn to charitable organizations that coordinate donations to improve medical capabilities in countries that lack sufficient care. Washington Hospital has a long history of conservation and sustainability, including awards for reducing environmental waste. The reprocessing and recycling of medical equipment is one of the most impactful sustainability initiatives for hospitals in the U.S.



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