

## Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation - Spring 2022

# FOUNDATION FOCUS

Furthering the mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983



## From the Desk of the Executive Director



The past few months have flown by here at the Foundation, and we'd like to take a minute to acknowledge all the ways your support has helped our Washington Hospital community in 2022 to date.

In April, Foundation Trustees voted to disburse more than \$275,000 to Washington Hospital to help purchase cardiorespiratory monitors and infant swings for the Special Care Nursery, patient care equipment for the Critical

Looking forward, we have a handful of exciting new events happening this summer and beyond. Our Planned Giving Program continues to grow rapidly, attracting a lot of interest from community members. We'll be hosting a series of educational seminars on planned giving and philanthropy at Washington Hospital on July 12th and September 15th at 5pm. Join us to learn about all the tax and other benefits that come with philanthropic giving, and how you can leave a lasting legacy at Washington Hospital.

We'll also be hosting a luncheon for members of our Planned Giving Legacy Society in September at Casa Bella Restaurant. Please let us know if you're considering a planned gift to the Hospital

Care Unit, clothing and supplies for patients experiencing homelessness, and additional funding to help the Hospital purchase COVID-19 treatment remedies. With your generosity, this fiscal year the Foundation has supported Washington Hospital with more than \$1,034,000 in funding to ensure it can continue to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our community.

May 5th brought the return of the 35th Annual Golf Tournament at the Club at Castlewood. The Tournament raised more than \$100,000 in philanthropic support for surgical programs and equipment at Washington Hospital. Thanks to you all sponsors, golfers and community members who made this event such a success!

or if you've already included the Hospital in your estate plan. We'd love to formally welcome you to our special group of Legacy Society members.

And don't forget about Top Hat! We've kicked off planning for our 36th Annual Top Hat Gala, scheduled for October 8th, 2022. Mark your calendars because this will be an event you don't want to miss!

As always, we couldn't do this without you. Thank you for being a part of our Washington Family!

Warmest regards,  
*Sarah G. Gemski*  
Executive Director, Washington Hospital  
Healthcare Foundation

## 35th Annual Golf Tournament

On May 5, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation welcomed golfers back to the 35th Annual Golf Tournament at The Club at Castlewood. After two years of being unable to gather in-person, the tournament brought together friends and community members to raise money for surgical services at Washington Hospital. Funds raised will help meet the rising patient demand for critical and lifesaving surgical procedures by funding state-of-the-art surgical equipment and technology for Washington Hospital's Operating Rooms. The Foundation is thrilled to announce it was yet another successful year with proceeds totaling over **\$100,000!**



The tournament is held in memory of Gene Angelo Pessagno, a founding member of the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation and longtime Fremont business owner. A sincere thanks to Laura Pessagno and her family for their longtime commitment to Washington Hospital. Special recognition was also given in memory of longtime Golf Chairman and Foundation Trustee, Lamar Hinton. This was the first tournament without him and he was dearly missed by all attendees.

***“I would like to thank our generous sponsors, especially Platinum Sponsors, Fremont Bank and Gonsalves & Kozachenko”*** said Gary Charland, President of the Foundation. “I would also like to thank all of our golfers and volunteers who generously supported the tournament and Foundation.” The Foundation is grateful to all supporters. Click [here](#) for the complete list of sponsors and donors.



# Planned Giving - Ways to Give



Through planned giving, donors establish their personal financial goals in a tailored estate plan that includes a gift to a charitable institution like Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation. Planned giving offers personal income and tax benefits for you and your family, while making a difference for patients throughout our community. We encourage you to consult with your financial advisor to discuss the tax implications of planned gifts. Common planned giving arrangements include wills and trusts, life insurance policy and retirement assets, life income gifts and complex gifts. Join others as they have made their planned giving pledge and now are members of the Legacy Society, a special part of the Washington Hospital family. Read more in our [planned giving brochure](#).

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, July 12 at 5:00 PM, and again on September 15th** in the Anderson Auditoriums to learn more about Planned Giving and the various tax benefits of philanthropy from Hopkins Carley's team of legal experts in Trust, Estate & Tax Planning. Please contact the Foundation for more information or to RSVP.

## Foundation Updates

The logo for the Top Hat Gala, featuring the words "Top Hat" in a large, elegant, black cursive script.

### 36th Annual Top Hat Gala

**Save The Date** for the 36th Annual Top Hat Gala on Saturday, October 8th, 2022 at the Grand Tent at Washington West. Space will be limited - contact the Foundation to secure your sponsorship. More



### Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship

The Foundation will soon announce the open application cycle for **Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship** for college students in the Tri-City area with an interest in pre-med studies. Details will soon be available on

A pink speech bubble with a white outline, containing the text "Don't Forget!" in a black, handwritten-style font.

### Meeting Reminder!

A reminder for all Trustees & Members that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Foundation will take place on **Tuesday, July 26th at 4:30pm** as a hybrid meeting. Please mark your calendars as we will have a lot of exciting

details to follow soon.

the Foundation  
website.

updates to share!



## Spreading Joy To Our Furry Friends

Foundation member, **Phina Chen**, delivered dozens of toys to benefit our four-legged volunteers. PetsLA, a company out of San Jose, donated numerous canine toys to various organizations and Phina generously helped distribute them to local humane societies, and to **Washington Hospital Service League's** pet therapy program, Washington Outreach of Fur (**WOOF**). The Foundation is always grateful to accept other donations, including meals for Hospital staff, toys for our pediatric department or auction items for our events.

## Share Your Story of Patient-First Care

**Honor a Caregiver Program** at Washington Hospital invites patients and their families to honor a physician, nurse or staff by sharing their personal story of patient-first care with a gift to the Hospital. Participating in Honor a Caregiver provides an immediate impact on staff and long-term sustainable support for continued growth and enhancements for our entire health care system. Click [here](#) to Honor a Caregiver today.



*"Staff member Catherine provided excellent care. I do realize she was performing her duties, but she did so with very noticeable care. She gave me words of encouragement which made my stay the Hospital so much easier. -Recent Washington Hospital patient*

## UPDATE: COVID-19 Vaccines, Booster Shots and Testing

**COVID-19 Vaccines and Booster Shots:** Appointments can be scheduled through MyChart or the call center at 510.248.8200. Pediatric vaccines are available for children 5 to 11 years of age. We highly encourage people to talk to their health care provider about their medical conditions and whether getting an additional dose or vaccine for themselves or their children is appropriate.

**COVID-19 Testing:** Washington Hospital's drive-thru and walk-up testing tent is now offering COVID-19 tests to any community member that is symptomatic, or has a confirmed exposure. A physician's order is no longer necessary. As a reminder, testing at this location is not for travel, or sporting events. The tent is located in the parking lot of Washington West at 2500 Mowry Ave., facing Civic Center Drive. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 510.248.8200.



*Foundation Staff Members Shannon, Sarah and Shobha, joined by Foundation Trustee, Sue Querner at the 35th Annual Golf Tournament on May 5th, 2022*

**Title Photo:** In Feb 2022, Xiaoying Shi and students from Stanford chapter of Madhatter Knits, donated hand-crocheted caps for newborns in Washington Hospital, including patients in the pediatric special care nursery.



**Give Today**

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