

Furthering the Mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983

Photo: Infusion Nurse Tammy Ballantyne, RN, BC, OCN with patient Martha Sepulveda and her daughter Jessica Sepulveda at Washington Hospital's Sandy Amos Infusion Center.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

The arrival of August can only mean one thing here at the Foundation... that The 37th Annual Top Hat Gala is just two months

away on October 14th!

The Foundation staff and Top Hat Committee have been busy planning a truly elegant affair and a return to Top Hat traditions of years' past, including a fantastic champagne garden reception, reserved seating, a plated three-course meal, a dazzling dinner show and auction items you won't want to miss. This year,

Aside from Top Hat, the Foundation is planning for a handful of events for Legacy Society Members and others in the fall. We're hosting the 2nd Annual Legacy Society Luncheon for Legacy Society Members and supporters on Tuesday, September 12th at Casa Bella. We continue to offer free estate planning & charitable giving seminars in partnership with Richard Schachtli of Hopkins Carley, LLC- the next of which is scheduled for November 9th at 5pm.

As always, we'd like to express our gratitude for all that you do for our community and for Washington Hospital. It is because of you that Washington has become such a pinnacle of patient care,

Top Hat will benefit the new UCSF-Washington Cancer Center at Washington Hospital. Set to open in 2025, the new Cancer Center will provide patients in our community with local access to UCSF academic-level oncology care, clinical trials, integrated support services like social workers and nutritionists, as well as a survivorship program, in a safe and comforting environment. You can read more below or visit whhs.com/tophat to learn more. We hope you'll join us to support this life-changing oncology program at Washington Hospital.

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. We'd be happy to have you!

Sarah G. Gemski
Executive Director
Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation

Upcoming Foundation Events	Save the Date
Legacy Society Luncheon	Tuesday, September 12, 12:30 p.m.
37th Annual Top Hat Gala	Saturday, October 14, 6 p.m.
Foundation Quarterly Meeting	Tuesday, October 24, 4:30 p.m.
Planned Giving Seminar	Thursday, November 9, 5 p.m.
Giving Tuesday	Tuesday, November 28
Holiday Tree Lighting	Wednesday, December 6, 5 p.m.
Foundation Annual Meeting	Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 4:30pm

Foundation Update



Each year, the Gallacher family awards The Douglas Gallacher, MD, Memorial Scholarship to high school seniors in the Tricity area pursuing studies in a science-related field. Three winners were chosen this year: Yashica Gupta, Irvington High School; Rohin Hemanth, Irvington High School; and Edison Liu, Mission San Jose High School. Congratulations to all the winners!



On September 12th, The Foundation will host a Luncheon for all Legacy Society Members and annual donors to show our gratitude for their commitment to the Hospital's future. We will be joined by Kimberly Hartz, members of the Hospital Executive team, and a group of Hospital physicians. If you're considering a planned gift to the Foundation, let us know so we can save you a seat on Sept 12!



The Foundation received thoughtful donation of handmade blankets and hats from community member, Florence Melbourne. The smaller blankets and hats were distributed to newborns and their families in Pediatrics and larger blankets and hats to patients in the Infusion Center.

The Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation and Event Chairs

*Paul Bonderson, Dr. Bogdan Eftimie,
Dr. Carlton Scharman and Dr. Matthew Tenold*

invite you to

THE 37th ANNUAL
Top Hat

Saturday, October 14, 2023

The Grand Tent at Washington West, 2500 Mowry Avenue, Fremont

6:00 pm - Hosted Elegant Outdoor Garden Reception

7:00 pm until Midnight – Reserved Seating, Exquisite Cuisine,
Dinner Show, Live Auction, Dancing... and more!

Black Tie Encouraged

Let's Celebrate!

Join Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation for the **37th Annual Top Hat Gala, Spanish Nights**, returning to traditions of years' past on **Saturday, October 14, 2023** in the Grand Tent and Outdoor Garden at Washington West. Funds raised will benefit the **UCSF- Washington Hospital Cancer Center**, which will provide world-class care to oncology patients and their families, closer to home. This new Cancer Center will provide patients in our community with expanded access to the latest cancer research, technology and treatment in a convenient and comforting environment within their own community.

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 UCSF- Washington Hospital Cancer Center Fund
- Donate your vacation home, sports tickets or airline tickets to our live auction (tax deductible!)

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](#)

Washington Hospital Family



Health Fair

On Saturday, July 29th, the Hospital hosted a family health fair in the Washington West parking lot. The event featured first aid demonstrations, health information from dozens of local organizations and community groups, interactive health and fitness challenges, touch-a-truck for kids, the Fremont Symphony Youth Orchestra, magicians, face painting and train rides for all ages – including Foundation Honorary Trustee, Fran Stone and Foundation Trustee, Joan Bobrink!

Medical Mission to Philippines

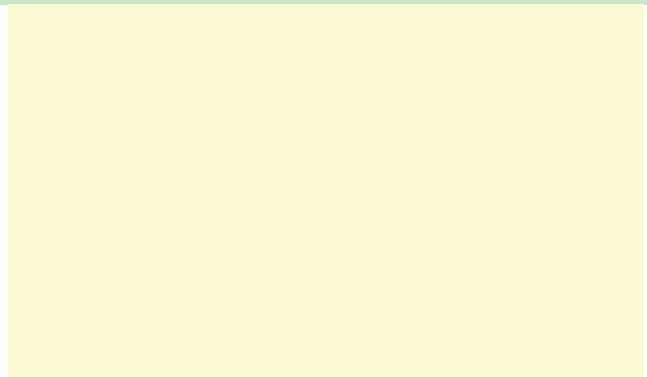
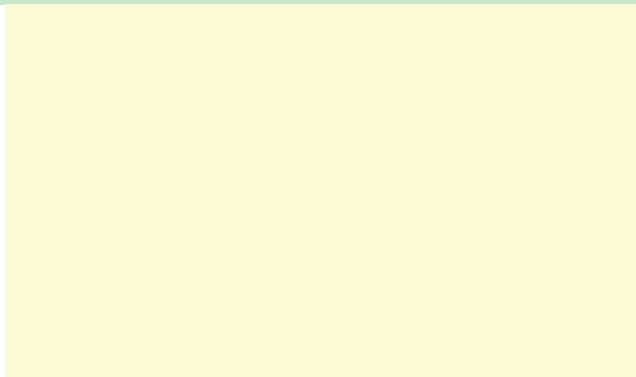
The Foundation would like to recognize Dr. Carmen Agcaoili and her team of volunteers from Washington Hospital including, Shekar Srinivas, MD; Athena Albino, CCRN; Gina Arguelles, RN; and Aaron Argüelles, who embarked in January on the 2023 Medical Mission to Santa Barbara, Pangasinan, Philippines. Dr. Agcaoili and her team assisted with triage services, pediatric services, minor surgery, education classes and more. In addition to volunteering their time, Dr. Agcaoili and her team were able to distribute surplus PPE face masks, shield, gloves and scrubs.



Welcome Teacher Day

The Hospital will host Welcome Teacher Day in partnership with Foundation Members, Dirk and Lisa Lorenz. Elementary students and their families can pick up a vase with a flower that they can give their teacher on the first day of school. This will take place in front of Washington West on **Tuesday, August 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

In Memory





Hattie Hughes was a great supporter of the Hospital, the Foundation, and our Community. She honored her father's love for Washington Hospital and chose to continue his legacy through a transformational gift serving our staff and the community. When WHHS opened the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion in late 2018, Hattie joined us to celebrate her family's investment in the health of our community.



Peter Farber-Szekrenyi served as a dedicated Foundation trustee since 2015. He donated his time every year at the Foundation's Annual Breakfast with Santa event as Santa Claus himself, alongside fellow Foundation member, Pat Danielson.



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