



**Dominican Hospital  
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# The Stepping Stones Campaign

**Celebrating 80 Years of Keeping Dominican Hospital  
at the Forefront of Excellence in Advanced Medicine**

Our future includes a mosaic of exciting, innovative projects that will support extraordinary patient care today and into the future





## **Dominican Hospital is proudly celebrating its 80th year of extraordinary service to the people of Santa Cruz County.**

The hospital first opened its doors on September 14, 1941, when five pioneering Adrian Dominican Sisters traveled from Michigan to Santa Cruz with a mission to bring health and healing to the growing community.

### **Eight Decades Later...**

Hospital Beds	222
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Emergency Room Visitors Each Year	50,000
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Inpatients Annually	11,000
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Health care has changed enormously in recent years. Lives that once would have been lost can now be saved. Hospital patient stays that would have been lengthy are now brief. Procedures that could only be dreamed of are performed routinely. All these medical advances are possible today, but only if the local hospital has the right facilities, equipment, programs, and people.

### **STEPPING UP TO THE TASK**

Since Dominican Hospital's founding, it has always strived to become the leading health care provider for Santa Cruz County. Our 80th anniversary is more than a recognition of an organization that has grown and changed — it is a celebration of our commitment to responding to the specific needs of our community. Over the past 80 years, we have never backed away from our community needs. Dominican Hospital is committed to doing whatever it takes to provide the best in health care — working in partnership with those we serve, as we always have.



**Dominican Hospital is blessed with more than 500 high caliber physicians and allied health professionals — working in partnership with 1,600+ dedicated and compassionate hospital employees.**





## LESSONS FROM COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has shed new light on the importance of disaster preparedness and emergency response in the health care setting. One of the critical lessons learned from the pandemic is how vitally important a strong hospital is to a local community.

Our goal at Dominican is to be ahead of the curve and anticipate future pandemics and/or natural disasters at a time of capital constraint. It is our evergreen priority to actively focus on high-quality, safe patient care.

Never has it been more clear that health care is truly a community endeavor. The pandemic has revealed how necessary it is that we all work together at the local level.

Together, we can ensure we have the essential services we need to survive disasters and guarantee vital life-saving health care services—for everyone, every day.

**“This unique challenge has solidified our partnerships with the County team and with local residents. We have been in the trenches together, supporting each other and relying on each other, and that collaborative spirit will be so important when the next emergency arises. We are incredibly lucky to be part of such a caring and resilient community. It is our greatest strength.”**

**— Nanette Mickiewicz, MD, President and CEO of Dominican Hospital**



# Philanthropy's Big Impact on Patient Care



## COMPREHENSIVE CARDIAC OPERATING SUITE

Generous donors recently provided \$2 million towards the hospital's state-of-the-art Comprehensive Cardiac Operating Suite, a \$7.7 million project to enhance the cardiac program with advanced imaging and navigation technology. The new operating suite provides a space where interventional radiologists, cardiologists, and surgeons can work side-by-side, quickly moving as needed from minimally-invasive interventional procedures to full open-heart surgery.

Completed October 2020



## MARY AND RICHARD SOLARI CANCER CENTER

Generous donations funded the Mary and Richard Solari Cancer Center, highlighted by Mary Solari's \$1 million gift. The cancer center houses Dominican's Infusion Clinic and the **Bennett & Suzy Katz Cancer Resource Center**. This comprehensive center offers patients and their families the medical, physical, and emotional support they need when facing cancer.

Dominican Hospital's oncology program is designated as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Program from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer (CoC).

Completed May 2015



In Dominican's long history, philanthropic support has had a significant impact on patient care. Each major hospital project or program at Dominican was made possible with the engagement and support of caring donors.





### ACUTE REHABILITATION UNIT (ARU)

More than \$2 million in charitable gifts helped mark a new milestone in the care of patients with stroke, brain, and spinal injury with the opening of the ARU in 2013. More recently, two privately funded EksoGT bionic walking trainers (inpatient and outpatient) — powerful assistive robotic-technology — help patients to develop neuroplasticity and improve mobility.

Completed January 2013



### LEVEL III NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU)

Community donations support the purchase of millions of dollars worth of medical technology in the NICU, which Dominican operates in close partnership with Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. These include specialized tools that can help the smallest pre-term newborns who need intensive care assistance.

Funded technology includes the Giraffe Omnibed Carestations — incubators with a radiant warmer providing access and visibility to both caregivers and parents.

Completed December 2019



### HEALING COURTYARDS

Dominican Hospital opened four Healing Courtyards thanks to giving from more than 650 donors. The innovative garden spaces benefit patients, visitors, employees, and physicians by helping reduce stress and promoting good mental health. Gardens include the Monterey Peninsula Foundation Rehabilitation Garden, Norman & Maureen Benito Surgery Courtyard, Dr. Joseph T. Anzalone Newborn Care Courtyard, and the Nello and Pamela Santacroce Meditation Courtyard.

Completed October 2020





## Stepping Stones to the Future

Guided by the community's health care needs, Dominican Hospital is undertaking four significant initiatives. Each will enhance the essential components of the care we provide. These vital investments represent our next steps forward in a never-ending journey toward unsurpassed quality.

**Each project offers a distinct but connected “stepping stone” forward.**



“Dominican Hospital respectfully requests the help of faithful individuals and organizations in our community to carry our healing mission into the next decade.

We are pleased to share the mission with many partners in our community — especially our world-class medical staff, outstanding employees and network of collaborators — who have walked beside us for 80 years.

One thing has stood true: the hospital remains a vibrant part of the community, saving lives, promoting wellness, and offering excellent health care. Our future includes a mosaic of exciting new projects that will support extraordinary patient care today and into the future.”


— Nanette Mickiewicz, MD, President and CEO of Dominican Hospital

### COLLABORATIVE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL AND PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

**Dominican's plans ensure that our patients have access to a high level of care that can improve and change patient lives, close to home in Santa Cruz County.**

The combined cost of these new projects is in the millions. That cost can only be managed with careful planning and a watchful eye toward maintaining financial stability and effective stewardship of our resources. New projects are always partially funded with substantial support from the hospital's operating budget and investment from our partners at Dignity Health.

But reaching new heights of success in patient care requires a strong and visible measure of the community's interest and commitment.



**Philanthropic support is the crucial element in the successful completion and sustainment of these projects.**



# Stepping Stones Campaign: Major Projects

PROJECT	BUDGET
Innovation in Cardiac Care	\$3,000,000
Leading-Edge Surgical Care	\$2,700,000
Expanding Wellness Services	\$2,500,000
Emerging Needs for Patient Care	\$1,800,000
TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL	
	\$10,000,000

SOURCES OF FUNDING	BUDGET
Existing Foundation Funds	\$5,000,000
New Philanthropic Support	\$5,000,000
TOTAL	
\$10,000,000	





## Innovations in Cardiac Care

As Santa Cruz County's only STEMI receiving center for inpatients with severe heart attacks and possible stroke intervention, as well as a Joint Commission-Certified Chest Pain Center, Dominican Hospital will upgrade its original cardiac catheterization laboratory with the newest, state-of-the-art equipment.

### UPGRADE Catheterization Laboratory

The improvement project features a significant renovation of the facility with a more efficient layout and design. The upgrades will enhance patient quality and care and increase services dedicated to diagnosing and treating cardiovascular diseases through game-changing non-invasive and traditional cardiac techniques.



### Benefits of an Electrophysiology Lab

- Sharp, precise digital imaging
- Real-time visualization of patient anatomy
- Allows physician to discern the optimal pathway for cardiac rhythm management

### BRINGING NEW Electrophysiology Equipment to the Cath Lab

Building upon its tradition of innovative cardiovascular care, Dominican Hospital will take a major step in bringing additional leading-edge heart care to the Santa Cruz region by delivering a new Electrophysiology (EP) Lab.

With the addition of the latest EP equipment to the Cath Lab and our cardiac program, EP services will give patients access to the most minimally invasive techniques to diagnose and treat cardiovascular conditions, including irregular heartbeats (arrhythmias).







**“From coronary bypass and open-heart surgery, to aneurysm procedures, to minimally invasive, groundbreaking techniques such as transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), Dominican’s Heart and Vascular Program provides the most advanced cardiac care available, allowing area residents to stay local for their care.”**

**— Jerry Souza, RN, BA  
Director of Cardiovascular Services**






## Leading-Edge Surgical Care

Modernization of the existing surgical services unit and adjacent areas will incorporate the latest technology to refresh operating rooms and enhance best practices at every stage of surgical care.

These updates will allow Dominican Hospital to address the growing needs of our aging population and the increasing demand for outpatient surgery.

**As new technologies are developed and new surgeons are recruited, Dominican Hospital is committed to making sure we have the best facilities and equipment.**

- We are investing in a new Heart Lung Bypass Machine and a linked computed system to support the growing volume of surgical cases.
- Our Neurological team requires new equipment for cervical, thoracic, and lumbar procedures, and lower extremity trauma.
- Urology patients will benefit from new instrumentation including highly-sensitive scopes and laser technology.
- Orthopedic surgeons will receive new tools to serve a growing number of sports medicine, ankle, and trauma cases.



**“Robotic technology allows surgeons to perform difficult procedures with increased dexterity and essentially a ‘third arm.’ This minimally-invasive technology improves patient outcomes — from reduced scarring, to shorter recovery times. We want our community to be healthy, and rapid recoveries from surgery is part of that.”**

— Sienna Titen, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dignity Health Medical Group-Dominican, Director of Robotics, Dominican Hospital





### da Vinci Xi Robotic System

Dominican Hospital physicians have incorporated robotic technology in surgery for years with great success. The next frontier is the da Vinci Xi Robotic System, which has taken the surgery program to new heights by enabling minimally invasive surgery for urology, oncology, gynecology, head and neck, and gastrointestinal procedures.

Designed for performing high precision surgeries, the robotic system is the most advanced technology available and is operated by a specialized team of trained surgeons. The four-armed robotic system acts as an extension of the doctor's hands, allowing the performance of surgery with pinpoint accuracy and less damage to surrounding tissues. For patients, this means smaller incisions, less blood loss, reduced hospitalization, faster recovery time, and less need for narcotic medication.



## Expanding Wellness Services

The medically-integrated Wellness Center is an upcoming community-based health and wellness complex centrally-located in the Live Oak district of Santa Cruz. This welcoming, accessible space will be open to all and serve disabled and chronically-ill patients in our communities.

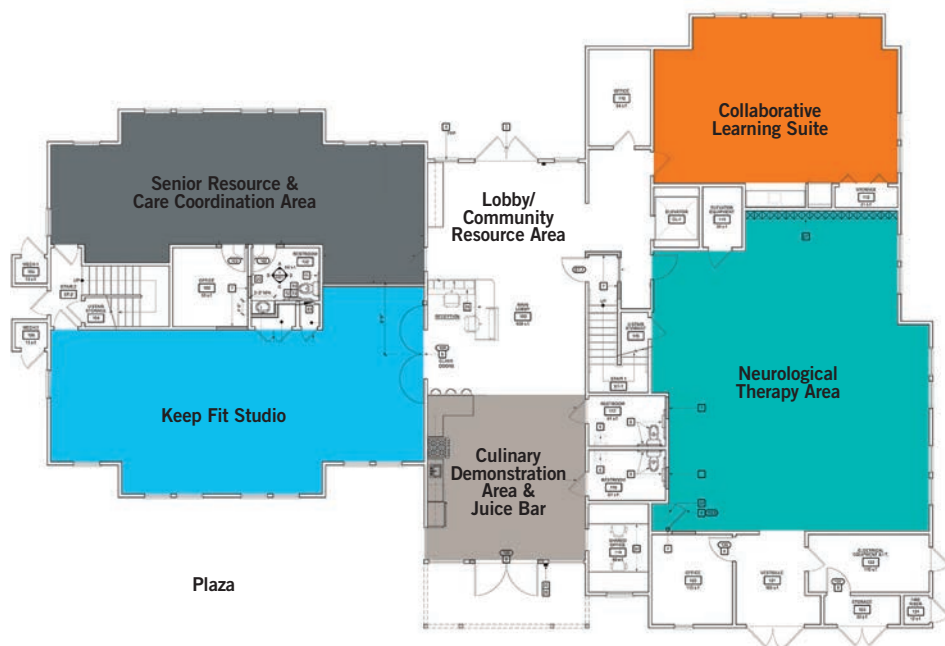
Navigating the health care system is inherently challenging for all. Care coordination is vital for ensuring senior patient safety because it keeps multiple providers in the loop regarding medications and can reduce duplicative tests and treatments.

Many suffer from chronic diseases like heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes, and are at high risk for complications.

Also, the Personal Enrichment Program (PEP) will also be available at the new Wellness Center. Such as activities and classes to support physical, social, emotional, and cognitive well-being. In addition to fostering improved health, personal growth, and creativity, the programs are designed to keep individuals engaged and active in the community.

### Center Features:

- Fitness studio
- Demonstration kitchen for relearning daily tasks after a stroke or brain injury, complete with a Juice Bar
- Extensive senior care coordination and resources
- Advanced outpatient educational services
- Personal Enrichment Programs (PEP)
- Outdoor Wellness Plaza



**Wellness Center**





## Personal Enrichment Programs (PEP)

- Mind/Body Training
- Health and Wellness Classes
- Exercise and Fitness
- Aquatic Rehabilitation
- Improved Neurological Function
- Neck and Back Programs
- Total Joint Care
- Cardiac Risk Reduction
- Nutrition Counseling
- Katz Cancer Resource Center Support Groups

At Dominican, the PEP programs offer a wide variety of health, wellness, and rehabilitation classes for seniors and people of all ages and abilities. The classes are designed and taught by health care professionals who understand the unique, complex health care needs of different individuals and groups of people. All instructors are skilled clinicians who can keep a watchful eye on participants and refer them for medical care if needed.



**“This hub of health — preventative and healing — will be inclusive to all ages and backgrounds, and will be delivered at free or reduced cost for those in need. This will have a significant impact on our local community health.”**

— Karen Gosling, MS, MPT

Director of Health and Rehabilitation, Dominican Hospital








## Emerging Needs for Patient Care

Most projects funded by the Dominican Hospital Foundation are planned projects. However, sometimes unforeseen health care needs arise that require readily available funding for a specific piece of equipment or new program. Funds for annual areas of greatest need can quickly fill the gap for special projects in departments throughout the hospital.



**Providing the maximum flexibility to the hospital's leadership in making an immediate funding impact when and where the need is greatest.**

The funds also have supported a diverse range of unique projects. Beyond the hospital walls, donations help operate Dominican's Mobile Wellness Clinic, which travels throughout the county, serving primarily uninsured patients. The bilingual staff treat a range of chronic conditions, provide screenings and prescriptions, and help match patients with critical community resources.







## Community Cares

Dominican Hospital's supporters continue to make a tremendous impact on the level of medical technology and services available to our community. We honor the extraordinary commitment those who have joined giving circles, such as our Women of Wellness (WoW) Council. Over the course of two years, WoW has raised more than \$140,000 in funds to ensure the highest quality care for patients at Dominican Hospital.



"I support Dominican Hospital because they not only have outstanding doctors and facilities, but also because they are the primary provider of charity care in the county. It's important for folks to understand that this entity provides needed care to uninsured or underinsured county residents.

Dominican has never shied away from their duty! They demonstrate this by having a fully functional Emergency Room that does not turn away patients and providing a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit."

— Marilyn Calciano, WoW Council member



"I am humbled to know that Dominican Hospital has taken care of five generations of my family! My grandparents, my parents, myself, my children, and my grandchildren! Treatments, surgeries, deaths, births, NICU...

I feel empowered being part of supporting important health initiatives in my community."

— Ginny Solari Mazry, WoW Council member





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# The Importance of Your Support

Dominican Hospital's 80-year journey has been rewarding every step of the way. Together, we have created one of the finest community hospitals in California. Once again, it's time to help Dominican Hospital provide even more comprehensive services to the patients and families who look to us to ease their pain and improve their healing.

We request the help of the physicians, clinical professionals, and staff who are drawn to Dominican Hospital because of its reputation and commitment to compassionate care and to pursuing the highest levels of medical technology.

**We also need your help.** The community demands our collective continued commitment to create and continuously enhance the best facilities, equipment, and support services for all the patients we serve together.

