



A Dignity Health Member

Dear Friends,

This past holiday season was very exciting for the Dominican Hospital Foundation. We had the most successful gala in our history raising more than \$417,000 for direct patient care. A special thanks to our 17 Annual Healthcare Sponsors who donated \$10,000-\$25,000 each to bring this event to a new level. We were able to allocate significant funding for our primary cause this year, the Healing Courtyards Initiative and expansion of our Main Surgery Waiting Area. Due to a two-to-one match from Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and the Krassow Family Foundation, we met our goal to purchase a new dual-purpose ultrasound machine for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

We are also excited about the first Professional Advisors Council meeting, which you will read about in this issue. A special thanks to Michelle Anderson and Peter Sanford for gathering such a strong group. We are working hard to increase the number of Heritage Society members - those who have remembered Dominican Hospital in their will or trust.

Donations fund major projects, such as the new endoscopy suite which opened this spring. We also fund individual patients and their families who need support during a critical time. They are assisted through projects such as the Sydney Jackson Cancer Patient Support Fund. This fund, established by Foundation Board member Don Jackson, helps patients with essential needs. A similar fund has now been created for families with premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and we also have a support fund for patients impacted by a stroke.

Receptions, tours, and lunches always bring people together and increase understanding of why community investments in our hospital are so important. A special thanks to Carol and Matt Lezin for hosting a home reception, which is highlighted in this issue. I invite you to join in and become involved. Please contact us at 831.462.7712 if you are interested in a behind-the-scenes tour or to discuss how you can make an impact in this important work.

Sincerely,

Jon Sisk President,

Dominican Hospital Foundation



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Honoring the Generosity of Don and Ida Mungai

Don Mungai with Sister Rita Dean, OP, VP of Mission Integration; Sister Adrienne Piennette, OP, Volunteer Services Representative; Ida Mungai; Dr. Jennie Jet, Medical Co-Director of Acute Rehabilitation Unit; and Dr. Nanette Mickiewicz, President, Dominican Hospital.



ecently, the Dominican Hospital Foundation recognized Don and Ida Mungai at a reception in the Acute Rehabilitation Unit (ARU) dining room to honor their generous gift of \$250,000.

Don and Ida were joined by their family, ARU therapy and clinical staff, foundation board members, physicians, and hospital leadership. Don and Ida's grandchildren helped to unveil a plaque honoring the Mungais.

Don is a former Foundation board member and a long time supporter of the hospital. "Our motivation was to enhance medical care for our community. We want Dominican to be the best hospital for local people."

"I have very much appreciated the care I have received from the nurses and doctors at Dominican," says Ida.

It has been over a year since the newly renovated Acute Rehabilitation Unit opened its doors and ever since, the unit has been full.

Patients gather in the dining room for meals

and group activities such as art therapy classes, zumba, and music performances. "The importance of this room cannot be overlooked," says Kerry Nehls, inpatient therapy manager. "It provides a space for patient interaction. When a discouraged patient talks to another patient who is experiencing progress, it means so much and can be empowering."

"We've always had an exceptional team of caregivers," said Dr. Jennie Jet, medical codirector. "Now we have the opportunity to provide this care in a specially designed, stateof-the-art environment. I am so touched by Don and Ida's inspirational generosity. Their gift impacts the lives of hundreds of patients for years to come."

Support the Acute Rehabilitation Unit

Numerous naming opportunities in the Acute Rehabilitation Unit are still available in the \$25,000-\$250,000 range. Funds are needed for the Patient Support Fund and to purchase new technology.



More Than \$410,000 Raised for Patient Care at Dominican

ominican Hospital Foundation welcomed nearly 600 guests to the two day Holidays d'Eleganz annual event, held on November 21 and 22. More than 60 sponsors supported this year's event.

"The community support for the Foundation has been growing over the last three years, which has had a positive impact on the care Dominican Hospital provides," said Jared Bogaard, Foundation Board member and Chair of the Holidays d'Eleganz committee. "Private support allows us to bring the latest technology and innovation to Dominican

Hospital. Every person in our community, regardless of income, should have access to the very best health care; our work at the Foundation aims to support this."

Proceeds from the event allowed the Foundation to purchase a new ultrasound system that serves as an echocardiogram for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Labor and Delivery.

"The new technology of this machine allows us to assess the hearts and vital organs of unborn babies, and helps detect any heart abnormalities before birth. This greatly

Thank You For Joining Us In Bringing the Very Best





Drs. Michael Ellison (left) and Nanette Mickiewicz, Dominican Hospital president (middle), with a painting of John Lennon done by artist David Garbaldi (right).

improves the outcome for babies with severe heart defects," said Magdy Ismail, MD, medical director of the Dominican Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The Krassow family offered a \$25,000 match to raise funds for the ultrasound. The Krassows have generously donated to the NICU for several years.

"Having experienced the loss of our own grandson, we have seen firsthand the devastating impact that serious illness and death of an infant can have on parents, grandparents and extended family members. Our hope is that through this gift and the generous support of the community we can spare many local families the emotional and physical pain of the loss of an infant," the Krassows said.

The event also supported the Healing Courtyards Initiative - a project to be funded primarily with private donations.

"Our vision is to create islands of peace and serenity in order to soften the stresses of hospital stays," said Keith McKenzie, MD, chair of the Healing Courtyard Committee. In April the Healing Courtyard Committee approved a master plan designed by local landscape architect Joni Janecki & Associates. Plans include the remodel of the surgery waiting room and the adjacent garden; a Family Birthing Center garden that allows new moms and families to spend time outside with their infants; a meditation garden; and an Acute Rehabilitation garden where therapists can work with patients outside.

Naming opportunities are available for the gardens. Please contact the Foundation office for more information at 831.462.7712.













1: Holidays d'Eleganz. 2: Dave and D'Anna

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6: Chair of the Healing Courtyards Committee, Dr. Keith McKenzie (center) with Della McKenzie (right), Becky and Dave Sullivan. 8: Linda Calciano with Pam Santacroce. 9: Ingrid and Joe Burton with Drew and Elizabeth Clifton and David Doolin

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Join Michelle with your own legacy gift – there are many different kinds – and we'll invite you to become part of our Heritage Society. We honor members through invitations to special events and recognition in Dominican publications, unless you prefer anonymity.

Have you already included Dominican in your will or through another legacy gift? Let us know so we may thank you for your thoughtfulness and your belief in our future. Your visibility encourages others to step forward.

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Why I Decided to Join

"I have been very fortunate to be closely involved with Dominican as a member of the Dominican Hospital Foundation board and chair of the Legacy Giving committee. Over the years, I have seen the Foundation put private donations to great use. My first year, the Foundation funded the DaVinci Robot and then the Mobile Clinic. More recently we created the new Mary & Richard Solari Cancer Center with Mary's generous support. On a more personal note, my husband Dan and I recently included Dominican in our estate plan. To enjoy all the things we love about Santa Cruz, including our amazing outdoor environment, my family needs to stay in the best health and have access to the best possible medical care. We believe in a healthy lifestyle and we believe Dominican is an essential part of that goal."

-Michelle Anderson, Member, Heritage Society **Professionals** Come Together

The Dominican Hospital Professional Advisors Council is made up of a select group of local professionals from the fields of law, financial planning, banking, insurance, accounting, and real estate.

The Council convened their first meeting in mid-October. The morning started with a networking breakfast followed by an update from Hospital President Nanette Mickiewicz, MD. Jay Johnson, MD, chief of staff and cardiologist, shared the impressive achievements of Dominican's cardiac program.

According to Peter Sanford, founding chair of the Professional Advisors Council:

"I have been both pleasantly surprised and sometimes amazed at the impressive work going on at Dominican Hospital. I have come to realize that our community needs to be increasingly aware of this very vital resource and the investments required to ensure continuous high caliber care. I look forward to increasing the Council's membership and learning more about Dominican."

Enthused by recent meetings and viewing the great work of the hospital, many of the council members have agreed to help donors in the following areas when Dominican is a beneficiary:

- Creation of charitable remainder trusts
- · Codicils to wills
- · Amendments to trusts

If you would like to lend your expertise to the Council, please consider becoming involved today or join the Foundation team on a tour by calling Peter Sanford at 831.426.8484.

Photo: From left to right: Ted George, Heather Stiles, Peter Sanford, Chair, Jill Wilson and Michelle Anderson.



Planned Giving Advisory Council

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Cancer Rehab Program Optimizes Care

s part of the Mary and Richard Solari Cancer Center, a new cancer rehabilitation program is being developed at Dominican.

"The majority of cancer survivors have physical problems due to the various treatments they undergo. Many, if not most, survivors do not receive the rehabilitation services that would help them to physically and emotionally heal as quickly as possible," says Kathy Finnigan, manager of oncology services.

The cancer rehabilitation program will provide patients with a comprehensive, coordinated rehabilitation plan supported by a group of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, registered dieticians, and mental health professionals. Each team member addresses a different aspect of rehabilitation, helping all cancer survivors heal optimally, both physically and emotionally, whether they are cured,

in remission, or living with cancer as a chronic condition. The team at Dominican is currently going through a process to become certified in Survivorship Training and Rehabilitation, an evidence-based training in oncology rehabilitation for hospital interdisciplinary teams.

"Dominican has a longstanding commitment to providing the best possible care for people undergoing cancer treatment. We will be one of the first on the Central Coast to offer this nationally recognized rehabilitation program," says Dr. Michael Alexander, medical director of the Mary and Richard Solari Cancer Center. "Survivorship has become part of our certification as an American College of Surgeon's Cancer Center. It is also a major focus of the American Society of Clinical Oncology."

For more information on this program, please call the Katz Cancer Resource Center at 831.462.7770.

If you would like to support programs at the Mary and Richard Solari Cancer Center, please call the Foundation office at 831.462.7712 or make a donation online at supportdominican.org

For more information on various programs available at the Mary and Richard Cancer Center please call 831.462.7770.

Sydney Jackson Patient Support Fund



Don Jackson, a Foundation Board Member, has established the Sydney **Jackson Patient** Support Endowment, in memory of his wife. The fund provides

critical support services for patients in emergency needs.

"I give Sydney credit for the idea," said Don. "While at Dominican, she was so impressed with the treatment she received from Julie Jaffe, MD, and the entire staff at the Cancer Center, that she wanted to do something that would sustain their mission. She became aware that there were some patients who had a problem covering some of their basic expenses, and wanted to ease some of the burden for these patients and families."

A Gift That Keeps On Giving

A new painting brightens up the Infusion Center's waiting area, giving patients and their families a colorful and cheerful window into an underwater scape. The artist, Mary Alice Copp, was a patient at the center and donated the painting as a way of thanking the staff.

"The nurses were extraordinary. They were loving, cheerful, capable, and made the whole experience so much easier than it could have been. I enjoyed being there with them," said Mary Alice.

Photo: Cancer Center staff Lia Cachola, Pharmacy; Kathy Finnigan, manager of oncology services; Maria Campos, oncology nurse navigator; Dewana Leishman; Kimberly Kieft, RN; Nancy Pearson, RN; with artist Mary Alice Copp.





For The Peixoto Family, It's Personal

The Peixoto family's longtime commitment to the Santa Cruz County community now extends to the Katz Cancer Resource Center at Dominican Hospital. For the past three years, the Peixoto family's local businesses, Lakeside Organic Gardens and the California Grill of the Pajaro Valley Restaurant, have teamed up to hold a fundraiser at their restaurant in Freedom, CA. The event was originally inspired by the exceptional care Marisela Peixoto received at the Katz Cancer Resource Center shortly after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit the Katz Cancer Resource Center at Dominican and Jacob's Heart Cancer Resource Center in Watsonville.

"We are committed to our local community and want to ensure excellent cancer care is available close to home for adults and children," Dick Peixoto said. "It is our community and we try to do our part by investing in it."

Each year, the Peixoto family goes beyond their fundraiser and makes significant donations to the Foundation. Both family businesses recently joined the Annual Healthcare Sponsorship program as Presenting Sponsors – a commitment of \$25,000 each year.

"As a result of the Peixoto family's generosity, hundreds of cancer patients will see an improvement in their quality of life and have increased access to professionally-led

Photo: Ashley, Marisela and Dick Peixoto at the cancer fundraiser at California Grill.

The Annual Healthcare Sponsorship program recognizes sponsors giving \$10,000-25,000. The program is designed to provide significant year round recognition and exposure to sponsors while improving the health of our community. For more information on how to become involved please call Anastasia Elgina at the Foundation Office at 831.462.7712.

programs," said Anne Lindberg, Katz Cancer Resource Center program coordinator. "We are so grateful for the Peixoto family and their amazing support."

The Peixoto family began farming in the Pajaro Valley in the late 1800s. As their passion for harvesting the riches of the soil grew, the family decided to convert to certified organic in 1996. Today, Lakeside Organic Gardens has grown to become the largest family-owned and operated, solely organic vegetable grower/shipper in the U.S. You can find their produce in local Santa Cruz County grocers, specialty stores and restaurants. www.lakesideorganic.com

Dick Peixoto and his daughter, Ashley, partnered to open the California Grill in 2012. Ashley says she loves bringing local farm products to the tables of the people in her community. The menu features include her father's locally grown organic vegetables, other local farmers' fruits and vegetables, and locally sourced meats. In 2013, the Grill received the Golden Carrot Award in Santa Cruz County for its extensive salad selection and healthy choice options. In 2014, the Grill received Business of the Year from the Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce in Agriculture for generous contributions throughout our community. www.californiagrillrestaurant.com





"It is our priority to provide a welcoming and warm environment to our most impressionable visitors," said Sheila Arias, charge nurse in the Emergency Department. "The toys are incredibly helpful. With the focus switched to their new toy, children are better able to cope with the stress of being in the hospital. We very much appreciate these generous donations."

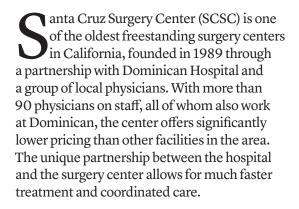
If you would like to make a donation to the Children's Emergency Toys Fund, please call the Foundation Office at 831.462.7712. Donations of toys are also accepted. Toys must be new. We cannot accept toys made of glass or that have sharp edges or protrusions. We cannot accept toys with detachable or removal parts which can be easily swallowed by small children.





New Annual Healthcare Sponsor-

Santa Cruz **Surgery Center**



"When I perform a colonoscopy and encounter a suspect malignancy, I can have the patient directly admitted to Dominican for a CT scan and get them to operating room sooner," said Dr. Brian Waddle, partner and a board member of SCSC. "Working concertedly with the gastroenterologists we are able to streamline patient care."

Dr. Waddle specializes in general, laparoscopic and thoracic surgery. He is one of 10 physicians at SCSC that perform gastrointentestinal ("GI") procedures, which include diagnostic colonoscopy, upper and lower endoscopy, and polyp biopsies.

The endoscopy program between SCSC and Dominican will be further enhanced with the new endoscopy suite at the hospital. State-of-



the-art intervention technology in the suite includes an endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) that uses high-frequency sound waves to produce detailed images of the lining and walls of the digestive tract chest and nearby organs such as the pancreas, liver, and lymph nodes.

"EUS was not available in Santa Cruz before and patients had to go over the hill, which would result in almost a two-week delay in treatment," said Dr. Waddle. "Having this technology here will allow us to treat patients with rectal cancer in a more expeditious manner resulting in better outcomes."

With more than 2,000 GI procedures performed at SCSC last year and now the new equipment at Dominican Hospital, the two partners will become the number one choice for gastrointestinal treatments in Santa Cruz.

If you are a community physician interested in learning more about the partnership opportunities at SCSC, please contact Lisa Cooper at 650.776.3399. Dr. Waddle explains that the investment opportunity for physicians has been a critical success factor for the center.

"The dividends from the partnership have allowed our center to attract great doctors to our community," he said.

Grateful Family Gives Back

hat started out as a leisurely afternoon ice cream outing ended in the emergency room for the Zeltser-Fitch family. James Fitch was carrying his 18-month-old son, Zachary, when James suddenly tripped and fell on the pavement, baby still in his hands.

In the ER, Greg Whitley, MD, saw blood in one of Zachary's ears and immediately took action. Scans were taken of his head and were then sent to the lead pediatric neurologist at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford to check for trauma and brain damage.

"Dr. Whitley was amazing. He balanced being very concerned and very calm at the same time. His demeanor and proficiency ensured to us that everything possible was being done for our son, and he was in the best possible care," says Alla, Zachary's mom.

In less than an hour, the pediatric neurologist reported back to Dr. Whitley. Zachary had a skull fracture but no brain trauma. After consulting closely with the family, Dr. Whitley ensured them that it was safe for Zachary to go home.

"I felt so relieved," Alla said. "It was incredible to be able to go home with a feeling of security and comfort that one of the world's top experts in pediatric neurology said that our child was going to be just fine. I am so grateful that Dominican Hospital has built those relationships with top medical experts around the country. Without these partnerships, our baby would have had to be transferred to Stanford by ambulance or airlifted, both of which would have been traumatic and added hours onto the time before he received care."



"The level of care we received at Dominican was amazing. The nurses were highly trained, fast, and responsive. There was constant communication about what was happening with Zachary and what the next step was going to be. We were so grateful to Dr. Whitley, too. His shift ended at midnight but he stayed with us until almost 3 a.m. to ensure that Zachary was totally taken care of and we were comfortable with taking him home," says James Fitch.

Photo: Zachary with his mom, Alla. In gratitude for the care received at Dominican the family has been a long time supporter of the Hospital.

Let's Get Together

he Dominican Hospital Foundation is hosting get-togethers in private homes as an opportunity for community members to hear about the work of Dominican Hospital. Recently, Carol and Matt Lezin graciously opened their home to a small group who wanted to learn more. Guests were treated to an impressive lineup of committed, dedicated physicians. Hospital President Nanette Mickiewicz, MD, began with an update and presentation on the future vision of the hospital. This was followed by Drs. Jay Johnson, Robert Quinn, and Julie Jaffe speaking about the cardiac program, acute rehabilitation, and cancer treatments, respectively. Annelies Corwin-Walbridge, a nurse at the infusion center, shared heartfelt stories about the impact of her team's work on patients undergoing cancer treatment and rehabilitation.

"Hearing the president of the hospital and the physicians speak about the numerous areas of Dominican, I found I was genuinely impressed and surprised at all the information. I believe that as community members, it's important we understand our hospital's capacity and future vision," said Debbie Calhoun, a Broker Associate at David Lyng & Associates.

1: Gracious host, Carol Lezin. 2: Guests were also treated to appetizers from Barbara & Company Catering and a special tour of Matt Lezin's ceramic studio. 3: Drs. Paula and Robert Quinn.



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