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# Advancing Community Health

2022 Impact Report



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“The partnership between the Saint Francis Foundation and Saint Francis Memorial Hospital is strong and vital to improving the health of our community in San Francisco. The Foundation has been instrumental in the support of our Burn Center, Gender Institute, Behavioral Health Unit, and much more. It is a challenging time in health care and we couldn't do it without the support of the Saint Francis Foundation.”

DARYN KUMAR

MBA, FACHE, President and CEO, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and Saint Mary's Medical Center

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# Opening Our Doors and Hearts to All

## A Message from Foundation President Kate Smith

*Dear Friends,*

As a member of our Saint Francis Foundation community, I am humbled and honored to share this Impact Report with you. You represent the “how” behind the “why,” enabling the Foundation to invest in innovative, inclusive and high-impact programs, services and technologies that achieve better health outcomes for tens of thousands of San Francisco residents and visitors each year. Whether you are a donor, physician, nurse, hospital team member or community partner, you are the engine that drives us forward.

Without your support, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital would not have the state-of-the-art Gwendolyn Walsh Emergency Department, serving the entire City and County of San Francisco with its lifesaving care, or the world-renowned Bothin Burn Center, which administers to critically injured patients, many of them children, from throughout Northern California.

Without your passion for access and equity, the Gender Institute would be unable to help transgender patients and their families navigate the challenges of gender-affirming surgery, while setting a national example of excellence within this evolving field of medicine.

Without your commitment to helping others, the James G. Garrick Center for Sports Medicine would not be the pioneer and national leader in orthopedics and sports medicine, and San Francisco’s first dedicated COVID-19 ward would not have opened when our community needed it most.

And that’s just a snapshot.

As a long-time volunteer, Board member, and now president of the Foundation, I have a unique lens from which to view the Foundation’s groundbreaking investments through our Hospital and community grants. I am also an RN, which gives me a bedside perspective on how our support impacts patients and families. However, it wasn’t until the Foundation team began to assemble this comprehensive Impact Report that I became really excited to share the story of how broad, deep and truly transformative our investments are, and the interconnectivity of our work with our Hospital and community partners. When one of us succeeds, we all succeed.

I also didn’t fully appreciate our storied history, and the many milestones that have brought us to where we are today: a financially strong, independent, respected community-based health care foundation, with a dedicated Board of Directors and an extended family of almost 20,000 donors. We are fortunate to have a close, collegial relationship with Saint Francis Memorial Hospital’s talented administration and physicians, along with our community partners who share our goals and bring their unique expertise and on-the-ground perspectives to the delivery of help and care.

Our independent Foundation was established in 1979 by a group of visionary philanthropists and physicians, who saw both a need and an opportunity to support innovative services and programs at Saint Francis, and ultimately, beyond the Hospital’s physical boundaries. Since that time, we have raised and stewarded more than \$120 million on behalf of our philanthropic community, and we have plans to do so much more. Saint Francis Memorial Hospital

sits between the wealthiest and poorest of urban neighborhoods, yet its doors and our hearts are always open to all, with one simple goal in mind: advancing community health.

In reading this report, I hope that you will take pride in what we have accomplished – together. I also hope you will be inspired to continue our partnership and invest in our efforts to deliver access to all in need of compassionate, excellent and comprehensive health care.

On behalf of the Foundation Board and staff – thank you.

*Kate Smith*

Kate Smith,  
President

*Photography by Craig Lee  
courtesy of Nob Hill Gazette.*

*Boeddeker Park, Tenderloin District.*





# The Foundation at a Glance

## Our Mission and Focus

The Saint Francis Foundation ensures that San Francisco's premier downtown hospital has the resources to deliver high-quality, affordable, 24/7 care to diverse patient populations, and can respond to community-wide emergencies, health care crises, and natural disasters when needed. Through strategic grants to local community partners, the Foundation furthers the continuum of care for patients outside of the Hospital environment.

Over more than four decades, the Saint Francis Foundation has been a catalyst and partner to improving health care outcomes and access for the patients and communities served by Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, San Francisco's longest-serving downtown community hospital.

The Foundation provides vital Hospital funding for capital improvements, new medical and surgical equipment, patient care services, advanced procedures, and staff education, training, and recognition. With the Foundation's support, Saint Francis delivers compassionate, integrated care to more than 70,000 patients annually, including those who are medically vulnerable, gender diverse, or publicly insured, under-insured, or uninsured.

## Our Mission

To raise funds and make grants that support and enhance the ability of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital to deliver exceptional health care services and compassionate care to patients and to the communities the Hospital serves.

## MEASURING IMPACT SINCE 1979

**\$120+**  
MILLION

raised and stewarded by the Foundation on behalf of our philanthropic community

**\$92.8**  
MILLION

raised in donations to improve community health care access and outcomes

**92%**

of Foundation funding supports Saint Francis Memorial Hospital's strategic improvements and patient services

**\$6.5**  
MILLION

provided in grants to local nonprofit community partners

**\$83**  
MILLION

provided in direct funding to Saint Francis Memorial Hospital

*“As a small business owner in San Francisco, I became involved with the Foundation to give back and positively impact the community where my employees live and work. Saint Francis is an important part of our neighborhood ecosystem, and we are fortunate to have a high-quality, accessible community hospital in the heart of the City.”*

**DUNCAN LEY** Saint Francis Foundation Donor and Volunteer



# More than a Century of Care

## Highlights of Saint Francis' Journey through the Years

1905



Saint Francis Hospital is founded by five prominent San Francisco physicians. The five-story, 50-bed Saint Francis Hospital opens in the Mission District. The founders' vision for "the finest private Hospital west of Chicago" is informed through visits to acclaimed medical facilities on the East Coast, including Mount Zion and Johns Hopkins.

The Hospital builds the East Wing, adding facilities for an in-patient Psychiatric Unit and space for the Bothin Burn Center.

1958

1948

The Hospital creates an endowment, which becomes the basis for the Saint Francis Foundation 30 years later.

1906



Saint Francis is rocked by the San Francisco Earthquake. The Hospital is destroyed, with staff relocating patients to nearby facilities.

1911



The new Saint Francis Hospital opens at its present location at Hyde and Bush streets.

1938

Saint Francis Memorial Hospital is restructured as a not-for-profit organization.

1969

A new 12-story tower is added to meet increasing demand for the Hospital's surgical and rehabilitation services.

1980

The Pierotti Pavilion opens thanks to long-time benefactors Roland and Alice Pierotti.



1979

Noted physicians Jean Haddad, Gerry Gary and Hugh Vincent establish the Saint Francis Foundation, converting the Hospital's endowment fund into an independent, physician-led non-profit charitable organization.

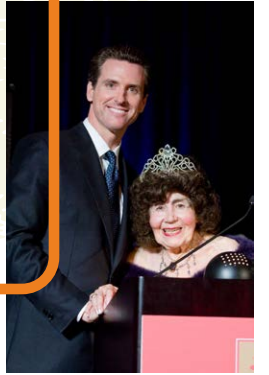
That same year, the Center for Sports Medicine is founded by orthopedic surgeon James G. Garrick, MD, today the longest-running hospital-based athletic injury treatment program in the U.S.

1984

The Foundation raises more than \$3.5 million for new pre- and post-operative care areas, a larger Bothin Burn Center, and a new Psychiatric Unit.

1989

The Foundation hosts the first Hob Nob on the Hill, founded by Foundation board member Bella Farrow following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.



1990

The Oncology Center opens, incorporating technology funded by the Foundation, including Cyberknife, Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy, Advanced Imaging Simulation and Orthovoltage Radiotherapy. The Foundation funds HIVCare, a groundbreaking program to coordinate care and emergency services for HIV-positive and AIDS patients.

1994

The Foundation oversees the donation by physicians Ben and Jess Shenson of 48 original oil paintings by California artist Theodore Wores. The Shenson Foundation, under the stewardship of stalwart donor Fred Levin, continues to support this unique collection.

1997

The Hospital launches Rally Family Visitation Services, with annual Foundation support for this supervised visitation program for children and parents.



2010

The Foundation invests \$7 million in upgrades to the Hospital's Radiological Suite, including MRI, CT and Ultrasound equipment and patient services.

2011



The Foundation's \$5.5 million capital campaign results in the renovation of existing surgical operating rooms and the construction of nine new advanced surgical suites.

2012

The Foundation launches a \$4.7 million capital campaign to expand and renovate the Bothin Burn Center.



2014

The Foundation and Hospital convene a diverse group of community partners to improve health outcomes in the Tenderloin through the Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership (TLHIP).



2006

Following the Hospital's centennial in 2005, an expansion of the Gwendolyn Walsh Emergency Department is made possible through a Foundation gift of \$11 million, doubling capacity at the City's second busiest emergency room.



2015

The new Bothin Burn Center opens, doubling the size of the world-renowned burn care and rehabilitation center. Foundation donor Lisa Nash makes a major gift to create the Nash Family Day Room.



2022

More than \$5.1 million in Foundation grants provide a second da Vinci® XI robotic surgery system, Rapid AI Stroke technology, new orthopedic surgical and impact drills, and advanced training for Bothin Burn Center nurses.



2002

The Foundation provides \$1.9 million for a state-of-the-art CT Scanner to enable faster, more efficient 3-D imaging and fluoroscopic techniques.

2016

The Gender Institute opens, providing a comprehensive continuum of care to transgender patients and their families throughout the pre- and post-operative process.

2019

Dignity Health merges with Catholic Health Initiatives and rebrands as CommonSpirit Health.



2021

The Foundation purchases the Cynergy Vascular Laser for burn scar treatment and a Virtual Reality Headset to help mitigate patient pain and trauma.

2020

With Foundation support, the Hospital opens San Francisco's first COVID-19 Critical Care Unit, allocating funding throughout the pandemic.

The Foundation funds the Hospital's first da Vinci® XI robotic surgery system for minimally invasive surgeries.

2023

The Foundation's role in advancing community health through investments in Technology, Behavioral and Mental Health, Aging, and Crisis Management and Response continues, as we work with our Hospital and community partners to address societal issues and local health care challenges.





# Investing in Innovation

## Transforming Patient Treatment and Care

The Saint Francis Foundation has helped improve patient treatment and care through millions of dollars in funding for technologically advanced medical facilities, equipment and procedures. The Foundation's investments in modern medical equipment and staff training programs have helped cement Saint Francis' standing as one of the most highly rated hospitals in San Francisco.

### The Bothin Burn Center

A place of hope and healing for families impacted by devastating fire and incendiary events, the Bothin Burn Center provides compassionate and life-saving treatment, rehabilitation, and psychological support services to more than 400 seriously burned children and adults every year. The largest dedicated burn

center in San Francisco and the only burn center in Northern California verified by the American Burn Association and the American College of Trauma Surgeons, the Center serves direct and referral patients from throughout the western U.S. The Saint Francis Foundation has a legacy of providing support to this renowned Center of Excellence, including:

- Funding an in-unit fully equipped Operating Room with advanced life support and monitoring equipment.
- Doubling the Center's Intensive Care Unit to 16 beds, the largest ICU burn unit in Northern California, with an independent ventilating system and strict temperature and humidity controls.

- Establishing a dedicated Wound Care Center incorporating the latest ultrasonic hydrotherapy systems for optimal patient care.
- Underwriting equipment to expand outpatient burn treatment and recovery.
- Purchasing advanced surgical and therapeutic equipment, including the Cynergy Vascular Laser to treat scars, and Virtual Reality Headsets to mitigate patient pain, PTSD and trauma.
- Supporting skills training and continuing education for specialized Burn Center nurses.

### A Holistic Approach To Healing

Burn patients may be in the hospital for as long as six months, making the Bothin Burn Center and its staff the extended home for many patients and their families. The Burn Center team is comprised of highly trained and compassionate specialists – plastic surgeons, registered nurses, physical and occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, pain control specialists, dietitians, psychiatrists, case managers, pharmacists, home care aides, and many others.

From the expert surgical teams to the environmental services crews, every Bothin Burn Center staff member is committed to serving the complex physical and mental health needs of burn victims and their loved ones. They take a holistic approach to deliver exceptional patient treatment, care and rehabilitation – from critical emergency services through their successful return home.

The Saint Francis Foundation, in partnership with the Eugene M. Lang Foundation of New York City, funds a burn nurse specialization training program certified by the American Burn Association. The impact is quantifiable, with each trained burn nurse able to care for two patients on a given shift.

*“The Burn Unit of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital restored every aspect of my granddaughter’s life after a horrific accident. Thanks to the outstanding nursing staff, my granddaughter emerged from weeks of treatment as beautiful as ever and, even more importantly, with her spirit renewed. I am awed by their skill, dedication and insight, and forever grateful to them.”*

JANE LANG  
Chair, Eugene M. Lang Foundation



The Bothin Burn Center's Grace Rivera-Pautin, RN and Medical Director Richard Grossman, MD, FACS



# Promoting Inclusion

Delivering Quality, Equitable Health Care to All

Through grants and community partnerships, the Foundation's funding priorities emphasize inclusion to ensure access to high-quality, equitable, and affordable health care for diverse and underserved populations within and beyond the Hospital environment.

## The Gender Institute

The Foundation has funded the groundbreaking Gender Institute since its opening in 2016, providing grants for the latest surgical equipment, physician and staff training and education, and community referral and peer-to-peer navigation services.

Saint Francis Memorial Hospital has a long history of caring for transgender and gender-diverse patients, beginning in 1966 with the work of Dr. Edward Falces, who completed his plastics surgery residency

and spent his career pioneering gender-affirmation procedures here. Now, the next generation of highly experienced surgeons and specialists continue his work at this internationally renowned Center of Excellence, applying the latest clinical research and medical technologies to deliver life-affirming services and a continuum of care to transgender, gender-diverse, and gender-nonconforming patients and their families.

The Gender Institute's multi-disciplinary team includes 19 accredited surgeons and a dedicated group of nurses, counselors, and patient care navigators. Foundation funding of microsurgery technologies for vocal, facial, and pelvic surgeries, along with continuing staff education and training on transgender health issues and advancements, supports life-changing outcomes for more than 400 transgender patients every year.

"We work with an underserved, underprivileged subset of patients who need advocacy and support throughout their identity journey," says Gender Institute co-founder and Medical Director Heidi Wittenberg, MD. "We wouldn't be where we are today without the Saint Francis Foundation. Their support has enabled the Institute to grow in our practice, our care, and our impact."



## Supporting the Institute's First-Floor Expansion

The Saint Francis Foundation underwrote the feasibility study and architectural plans for the expansion of the Gender Institute on the first floor of the Hospital. This new, versatile street-level public space was designed as a community gathering place, educational resource and support center for neighborhood residents and Gender Institute patients and their families, providing a welcoming and safe drop-in location adjacent to the Tenderloin Transgender District.

"Our patients want to feel seen and be connected to the community," says D. Hilton, Transgender Patient Navigator. "This new space fronting Hyde Street allows us to stand out and make a statement while furthering the reach of our trans health care teams."

Saint Francis Memorial Hospital is the world's first hospital to receive accreditation as a Center of Excellence in Gender Confirmation Surgery and is a designated LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.



Members of the Foundation and Hospital teams, from left: Foundation President Kate Smith, Director of Nursing Operations Sara Lentz, Chief Nurse Executive Officer Kim Brown Sims, Hospital President and CEO Daryn Kumar, Foundation Director of Programs and Community Partnerships Will Douglas, Senior Director of Nursing Perioperative Services Jaimie Weber, and Transgender Patient Navigator D. Hilton.

*"We are the global leader in gender-affirmation surgery and wraparound services. The Gender Institute at Saint Francis is unmatched anywhere else in the world."*

**ELLIE ZARA LEY**  
MD, Gender Affirmation Surgeon





# Supporting Community Health

## Meet Our Partners in Care

Although the primary beneficiary of the Foundation's work is Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, over the years our focus has expanded to work more broadly to improve health care outcomes in the community, in part to reduce strain on the Hospital's resources but also to support the San Francisco population more generally. More than \$6.5 million in community-based Foundation grants has helped forge a strong local health care delivery system for patients beyond the Hospital setting.

Here are a few examples of what our recent community grants make possible:

### Maitri Compassionate Care

Maitri began in 1987 at the start of San Francisco's AIDS crisis and grew to become a model eight-bed hospice in the City's Castro district. Then as now, the heart of Maitri's work is its Residential Care Program, which provides medical and mental health care to people in need of hospice, 24-hour respite care, or recovery support following gender-affirmation surgery.

For Maitri Executive Director Michael Armentrout, the nonprofit's new partnership with the Saint Francis Foundation is transformative. "We have been serving the transgender community for more than 10 years, and today more than 40 percent of our clients identify as transgender. The Foundation's \$100,000 gift has provided the seed funding for us to begin the expansion of the Maitri Affirmation Center (MAC), from one to three rooms."

Through its pilot Gender Affirmation Care program, Maitri provided dozens of transgender clients with 24-hour nursing care, mental health care, social

work case management, nutritious meals, and psychosocial support. Now, the expanded MAC will allow Maitri to help more people lead their authentic lives.

"The Saint Francis Foundation is enabling us to provide a wider safety net for low-income patients at the Gender Institute," Michael says. "They are very forward-thinking. It takes vision and courage to do what they are doing in the community."

### Lyon-Martin Community Health Services

In the years since Del Lyon and Phyllis Martin opened a "suitcase" clinic in San Francisco's Mission District to provide free, nonjudgmental, and affordable OB-GYN health care to the lesbian community, demand for this pioneering nonprofit's community health services has skyrocketed. Today, Lyon-Martin serves more than 4,200 queer and transgender patients annually—many of whom have been relying on the clinic's high-quality, compassionate and trauma-informed medical, gynecological, and mental health services since it opened in 1979.

Yet as community demand for Lyon-Martin's gender-affirmation care and other clinical services has continued to surge, the clinic's physical footprint has remained basically the same. "We provide state-of-the-art health care services in a space that we long ago outgrew," explains Executive Director JM Jaffe. "We've had a strong partnership with the Saint Francis Foundation since 2014, and when we kicked off our \$10 million capital campaign for a new forever home, they immediately stepped forward with a



\$150,000 lead gift. The Foundation has always been a believer in our mission, and they truly understand the life and death of transgender care."

### Curry Senior Center

Curry Senior Center provides integrated health care and social services to low-income and homeless seniors in the Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods. This nurturing community destination promotes wellness, dignity and independence for more than 2,500 seniors each year, and ensures a continuum of care and a supportive environment when a client is discharged from nearby Saint Francis Memorial Hospital.

"Curry has been the day-to-day stabilizing force for vulnerable San Francisco seniors since 1972," explains Executive Director David Knego. "We work hand-in-hand with the Foundation and the medical teams at Saint Francis to provide a safety net for older patients when they leave the hospital."

With need for its services growing at more than 30 percent annually, Curry has embarked on a \$1.3 million capital campaign to expand its Turk Street footprint to meet increasing demand. The Saint Francis Foundation has stepped forward with a \$150,000 grant to support the expansion, which will include a new Tech and Wellness Center to connect seniors with health specialists and computer skills. "We have a long and strong partnership with the Foundation and share a commitment to meeting the complicated health care and social services needs of the City's aging population. We value their support of community-based organizations like ours," David says.

### Key Foundation Partners in Improving Health Care Access:

- Curry Senior Center
- Larkin Street Youth Services
- Lyon-Martin Community Health Services
- Maitri
- Mental Health Association of San Francisco
- San Francisco Community Health Center

### Partnerships that Improve Community Health And Wellbeing:

- 826 Valencia
- Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco
- Code Tenderloin
- Downtown Streets Team
- Glide
- St. Anthony's
- Tenderloin Community Benefit District
- Urban Alchemy



# Leading Through Stewardship

## An Interview with Foundation Board Chair Matt Brady

The Saint Francis Foundation was founded on the values of service, justice, community wellness, excellence and transparency. These principles continue to define and guide our approach to governance, grantmaking and donor stewardship.

Matt Brady has served as Chair of the Board since 2021, sharing his financial experience and passion for community health care to lead the Board in extending the reach and impact of the Foundation's work. He currently serves as Managing Director and Regional Market Manager for Citi Private Bank.

### **What is the most exciting and important aspect of your role as chair?**

The best part of the Foundation's work, for me, has always been its impact on the health and well-being of the people of San Francisco. I'm not a native San Franciscan but I believe this is one of the great cities in the country, and improving health, particularly among those who most need support, is part of that legacy. The chair role allows me to participate in shaping policy and to work directly with the Hospital to improve the delivery of health care, which is a very rewarding opportunity.

### **How does your career in financial services inform your approach to donor outreach and stewardship?**

It's interesting that you specifically identify stewardship as an important theme, because I've become convinced that families with a stewardship mentality are most successful in managing their wealth. In many cases, philanthropy is an important part of that mission, and one of the most positive

aspects of my financial services career has been witnessing, and in some cases facilitating, the generosity of our clients. In reaching out to families about this Foundation, we can start a discussion of how they can enhance the overall health of people and the San Francisco community for the long term.

### **What do you want donors and potential donors to know or understand about the Foundation and its mission to advance community health care?**

One of our most important imperatives is to support Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, and over the years we have provided more than \$83 million to support vital Hospital programs, services, medical equipment and staff. But the Foundation also works more broadly to improve the health of the community, in part to reduce strain on the Hospital's resources but also to benefit the San Francisco population more generally. One of our major themes now is to address health care needs into the future, and to ensure that in a changing environment all San Franciscans have access to quality medical care.

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### **What inspires you to Board service?**

I believe that improving the physical condition of our community, especially at a time when issues like homelessness and substance abuse are rampant, is an important part of maintaining San Francisco's position as one of our leading cities and its attractiveness as a location for businesses and residents. So not only is it important as a moral and ethical matter, the Foundation's work helps practically to improve the economic climate in San Francisco.

### **How would you describe the impact that the Foundation has had over its 40+ years—from both a hospital and community perspective?**

The Foundation has been able, because of the amazing generosity of its donors, to support major improvements in the lives of San Franciscans. We have contributed tens of millions of dollars to the Hospital, with just one example being the funding of two da Vinci™ robotic surgical systems, a multimillion-dollar investment. We have also been able to improve lives in the community by supporting mental and behavioral health initiatives

that better people's condition and reduce the strain on medical resources. The Foundation's independent status allows us to analyze needs throughout the community, and to dedicate resources to many initiatives that improve health and well-being throughout the City.

### **What do you see as the Foundation's greatest opportunities – and challenges – as it embarks on its next era of growth and impact?**

I believe the major challenge is the sheer cost of maintaining quality health care, particularly for those in financial need. Social issues, notably homelessness and substance abuse, result in significant populations with substantial – and often recurring – medical needs. The demand became more severe during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a negative impact on the financial condition of many hospitals. But in the main I think this is a time of exciting opportunities, which the Foundation is addressing in part through our focus on the future of health care. Advances in technology, both in surgical techniques and the overall delivery of patient care, are important areas the Foundation can and will continue to support.



# Time, Talent and Treasure

## A Perspective from Foundation Donor Daniella Vallurupalli

*Daniella Vallurupalli is a former Saint Francis Foundation Board Member and currently serves as VP, Head of Global Communications for Cloudflare. She is a long-time Foundation supporter, along with her husband and current Foundation Board Member Aneal Vallurupalli. She shared her perspective on giving time, talent, and treasure to the Foundation.*

I first felt compelled to support the Saint Francis Foundation when I learned about the work they were doing with the Bothin Burn Center, and the healing that the amazing staff there makes possible, especially for the large percentage of burn patients who are under 10 years old.

During my time on the Board, the Foundation was really starting to emphasize improving multi-

generational health outcomes in the neighborhoods that surround the Hospital, and I got very involved with our support of the Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership (TLHIP). It was gratifying to be involved in the TLHIP effort to improve the neighborhood block-by-block, and I was especially proud of our help in reimagining Boedekker Park into a safe place for local kids and families.

I want more people to learn about and support the transformative work made possible by the Saint Francis Foundation. Even a small donation can have a major impact. It's the people who have always made Saint Francis the special place that it is.



## FOUNDATION GIVING

19,383

individual and corporate Foundation donors since 1979

\$4,789

average lifetime donor gifts

\$1,052

average individual donation amount

Between 2014 and 2019, Foundation support of the Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership (TLHIP) provided \$3.5 million in community grants for neighborhood safety initiatives, new parks and public spaces, and partnerships with community groups, including the Boys and Girls Club, Larkin Street Youth Services, St. Anthony's Foundation, GLIDE, and the Tenderloin Community Benefit District.





# Spreading Support

## A Roundup of Foundation Events And Campaigns



Panelists at the Gender Care SF salon, from left: Gender Institute Co-founder and Medical Director Dr. Heidi Wittenberg; Institute Co-chair and Founding Board Member Dr. Lin Fraser; Pediatric Surgeon Dr. Ellie Zara Ley; Maitri Executive Director Michael Armentrout; Lyon-Martin Community Health Services Executive Director JM Jaffe; and Nicky (Tita Aida) Calma, Director of Programs and Community Engagement at the San Francisco Community Health Center

### Gender Care SF

In April 2022, the Foundation partnered with the Gender Institute and several community partners for an in-depth discussion on San Francisco's pioneering leadership in gender care. The sold-out Gender Care SF conference brought together physicians, mental health experts, community health leaders and LGBTQ+ advocates to discuss the history of gender care in the Bay Area and to explore opportunities for greater collaboration and impact in meeting the health care needs of the transgender and gender-expansive community.

### Wine Country Donor Appreciation Event

In August 2022, the Foundation hosted supporters and friends at a Napa Valley wine estate to thank them for their support and generosity.

From left: Julie Soo, Christopher Meza, Sarita Satpathy, Kate Smith, and Patrick Brown



### National Nurses Week

Each May, the Foundation celebrates the dedicated nurses of Saint Francis with a week-long series of recognition events to honor and thank these extraordinary frontline workers for their service and commitment to patient care. Year-round, the Foundation offers scholarship opportunities for nurses to attend conferences and certification training courses. To date, more than \$125,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Saint Francis nurses for continuing education and training.

### Mental Health Awareness Month

More than 1,100 individuals experiencing emotional or psychological distress rely on Saint Francis annually for mental health care. Every May during national Mental Health Awareness Month, the Foundation helps increase awareness, fight stigma and raise funds to support the Hospital's and the community's response to patients' behavioral and mental health and substance use challenges. In 2021, the Foundation allocated \$860,000 in community grants to Larkin Street Youth Services, Curry Senior Center, San Francisco Community Health Center, and the Mental Health Association of San Francisco to help build a continuum of quality mental health care once patients leave the Hospital.



Foundation community partner Larkin Street Youth Services empowers young people to move beyond homelessness by connecting them to a spectrum of mental health and wellness services.

### Moy's Heroes

Long-time physician Brad K. Moy, MD, partnered with the Foundation to establish the Moy's Heroes Scholarship and Compassionate Care Funds, an annual awards program to honor and recognize exemplary Hospital staff for heroic acts of kindness. Nominated by their coworkers, Moy's Heroes receive care awards or grants to further their educational goals and medical careers. Through the Foundation, to date Dr. Moy has provided grants and scholarships totaling more than \$41,000.



### Supporting the Hospital During COVID-19

The Foundation annually marks National Doctors' Day on March 30 with a Hospital donation to honor the extraordinary talents of physicians and recognize their contributions to patients, families and the community. In 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation pledged up to \$250,000 to provide immediate back-up funding for the Hospital's pandemic Triage Center, establishing a fund to ensure that doctors and their front-line teams could access supplies and other materials to support the expected influx of COVID patients. The Foundation also launched a Community Crisis Response Fund to support the Hospital's critical needs throughout the pandemic, and provided 150 needs-based grants to staff members facing financial hardships due to COVID-19.

Moy's Heroes 2022 event, from left: Hospital President and CEO Daryn Kumar; Senior Director of Nursing Operations Ruth Perry; 2022 Moy's Heroes Gloria Pacheco, RN, Medical Assistant for Outpatient Burn, and Cherilyn Canilao, Radiology Supervisor; Brad Moy, MD; and Foundation President Kate Smith.



# Looking Ahead

## Our Plans for the Future

The Saint Francis Foundation focuses on four strategic funding priorities that guide our grantmaking to Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and to our community partners who are advancing better health outcomes in the surrounding neighborhoods, making San Francisco a better place for all.

### Innovation and Transformation

The Foundation is ensuring the next 100 years of Hospital excellence through strategic investments in innovative patient programs, medical technologies, and staff training and education.

### Crisis Management and Response

Foundation funding helps the Hospital safeguard the public during acute or unforeseen emergencies like earthquakes and fires, and ensures the Hospital has the resources to respond to prolonged public health challenges such as HIV/AIDS, chronic homelessness, and infectious diseases.

Community partnerships continue to be an important part of our giving pillars as we work to bridge health care gaps and address the ongoing chronic health disparities and challenges facing San Francisco, including homelessness, substance use and mental health.

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### Aging

To meet the complex health care needs of San Francisco's fastest-growing population, the Foundation advances programs that promote a continuum of care and independence for patients over 65.

### Behavioral and Mental Health

The Foundation allocates significant funding to address the mounting behavioral and mental health challenges in the most vulnerable communities in downtown San Francisco, with a specific focus on improving patient outcomes in the Tenderloin neighborhood.

## Upcoming Events

The Saint Francis Foundation hosts periodic salons and educational events to inform and engage our donor community in our work and to elaborate on the innovative health care programs and services we help make possible. Please join us.

- **February 8, 2023 - Innovation and Technology Salon**, showcasing the experts and amazing new technologies and medical devices advancing patient care at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital.
- **Spring 2023 - Behavioral and Mental Health Symposium**, an opportunity to hear from mental health researchers and providers and learn more about what is driving San Francisco's behavioral health crisis and the work underway at Saint Francis and in the community to address these challenging issues.
- **Fall 2023 - Aging Salon**, an in-depth discussion on the health care challenges facing the growing, underserved over-65 population in San Francisco, with a perspective on how the Foundation and our Hospital and community partners are addressing the health care disparities and isolation issues facing vulnerable older adults.





# Committed to The Cause

## Foundation Leadership

The Foundation's Board of Directors are business, medical and community leaders, each dedicating significant time and support to advancing community health. The 14-member Board provides fiscal oversight and accountability, analyzing Hospital and community needs to allocate grants where they will have the greatest impact. The experienced full-time staff provides day-to-day management of Foundation activities and serve as resources and contacts for internal Hospital teams and external community partners.

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