



## Blessing and Groundbreaking of the Leonard Cancer Institute

The Mission Hospital family celebrated an exciting milestone in May - the blessing and groundbreaking of the Judi and Bill Leonard Institute for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Wellness.

Thanks to the generosity of the Leonard family, and other donors who are coming alongside, our comprehensive cancer center will bring together dedicated specialists, innovative clinical trials and cutting-edge technology to compassionately care for the body, mind and spirit of our patients and family members. The Leonard Cancer Institute will establish a place of new possibilities, hope and healing, ensuring South County residents have local access to specialized cancer care.

"Mission is our hospital," Bill Leonard shared during the ceremony. "When Judi and I learned about the plans

for the cancer institute, we knew this project was going to be phenomenal for south Orange County and we wanted to be involved. This cancer center is going to save so many lives."

Advanced technologies paired with conventional treatments, integrative medicine and alternative therapies will enable us to transform the status quo, leading to more accurate, individualized treatment plans based on each patient's specific tumor, cancer type and genetics.

Through our partnerships with leading cancer institutions across the country, our patients will have access to clinical trials well beyond the borders of Orange County and even the United States. These innovative collaborations will bring new treatments and therapies to our patients, providing our community with unsurpassed resources and supporting the

conversion of scientific discoveries into clinical advances.

Community philanthropic investment in the Leonard Cancer Institute will ensure we can provide the highest level of cancer care, at home, in our own community. Together we can make the once impossible, POSSIBLE.

To offer your support, please contact Jennifer Jones Bastian at [jen.jones@stjoe.org](mailto:jen.jones@stjoe.org) or (949) 365-2469 or visit [mission4health.com/givetocancer](http://mission4health.com/givetocancer).



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# Mission Hospital Earns Top Ranking from U.S. News and World Report



I am pleased to share with you news of the extraordinary achievements of Mission Hospital. *U.S. News and World Report* announced their 2018-19 Best Hospital Rankings, and Mission Hospital earned the distinction of being ranked No. 3 in Orange County, No. 7 in the Los Angeles region and No. 12 in California.

Earlier this year, Mission received a Five-Star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for superb clinical quality and patient satisfaction performance. Mission stands with distinction as only one of two hospitals in Orange County to receive a Five-Star rating.

You have generously supported Mission Hospital and I want to thank you for your role in these wonderful achievements. Your support has enabled us to invest in advanced technology, enhanced facilities, and clinical excellence through training and education – all in support of our mission to provide the best medical care possible with our distinctive compassion and personal touch – to everyone who lives in, works in, or visits south Orange County.

As proud as we are, we are not about to rest on our laurels. We have many exciting projects ahead. The construction of the Judi and Bill Leonard Institute for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Wellness is underway and will be south Orange County's first and only comprehensive cancer center.

Beyond this, we have organized task forces to advance six more clinical institutes – Heart and Vascular, Mental Health and Wellness, Neuroscience, Orthopedics, Trauma and Emergency, and Women and Infants – as we seek to be the premier provider in our region.

This is an exhilarating time to be part of the Mission family. Please join us in sharing this wonderful news with your family and friends. And, do not hesitate to give me a call if you would like to become further involved.

Celebrating our Mission with you,

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## Foundation Board Member in Action



Kathryn Burton Gray has been a valued member of the Mission Hospital Foundation Board of Directors since 2010 and

recently agreed to lead the strategic fundraising initiatives for our Women and Infants Institute Task Force.

"Mission's value of Dignity calls for us to respect each person as an

inherently valuable member of the human community and as a unique expression of life," shares Kathryn. "We strive to do this by being mindful of the impact we can have on others with every action we take. Mission defines this mindful impact by making each moment a sacred encounter."

Kathryn brings more than 34 years of banking and finance experience in large commercial banking platforms, as well as smaller regional and community banks, with a specialty in health care. In January 2018, Kathryn joined Hunt Real Estate Capital as

Senior Managing Director, overseeing Hunt's financing and private placement activities in the health care sector, including real estate proprietary bridge lending and FHA loans.

A resident of Laguna Beach, Kathryn is involved in several industry boards and non-profit organizations including CHOC, Arthritis Foundation, American Senior Housing Association and Urban Land Institute Senior Housing Council.

# Creating Magical Moments – Our New Midwifery Suites

Mission Hospital's new midwifery suites offer a full continuum of birthing options, helping to create the most empowering, magical moments. Mission is only the second hospital in the state of California to offer an in-hospital birth center of this kind.

The spacious queen-size beds, spa-like décor and privacy in our midwifery suites are designed to create a warm and nurturing setting for the ultimate birth experience. Our midwifery suites feel like home, thanks to the physical transformation of our remodel and a philosophy of care to create emotional connections for new mothers and families through a natural physiological birth.

The Birth Center at Mission Hospital provides families with the option to deliver in a comfortable, home-like environment, while still being supported by the advanced services of a specialty hospital and Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in partnership with CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital. CHOC and Mission Hospital recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of our partnership to provide compassionate, innovative care to infants, children and teenagers in south Orange County.



Our midwifery team (left to right): Certified Nurse Midwives - Nancy Pol, Allison Molinski and Elaine Kopinga, and Dr. Kenneth James, Medical Director of Mission's Midwifery Program.

## More Suites on the Way

The new midwifery suites are such an incredible addition to The Birth Center that Valiant Women has made a commitment to fund two more suites and the renovation of the family waiting area. Both of these exciting projects will be completed by the end of the year.

"Valiant Women is committed to support the highest quality of care and to ensure that our doctors, nurses and

caregivers continue to have all the resources they need to perform the miracles that occur every day," shared Lisa Brabender, Chair of the Valiant Women Board of Directors.

To learn more about how you can support The Birth Center, contact Cynthia Campos at [cynthia.campos@stjoe.org](mailto:cynthia.campos@stjoe.org) or (949) 364-7798 or visit [mission4health.com/givetowomenandinfants](http://mission4health.com/givetowomenandinfants).

# Gundersons and GSM Auto Group Honored

Corporate Partners will honor our longstanding business partnership with Matt and Scott Gunderson of GSM Auto Group, Audi Mission Viejo • INFINITI of Mission Viejo • Volvo Mission Viejo with the Spirit of Giving Award.

Our partnership with Matt and his brother, Scott, extends back to 2003. Since then, Matt and Scott have sponsored numerous foundation events including the Golf Classic, Holiday Gala and Wall of Honor.

Matt joined the Mission Hospital Foundation Board of Directors in 2012 and served as Board Chair in 2015. Under Matt's thoughtful leadership and business acumen, the foundation successfully completed our \$200 comprehensive campaign. He continues to be an integral member of our Board, currently leading our Trauma and Emergency Task Force.



"Mission Hospital has cared for me, my family and my employees on numerous occasions and it is the one charity in our community that benefits every one of my employees and our customers," said Matt Gunderson. "Mission is a vital part of our community, and I want to make sure that our physicians and caregivers have the resources

they need to continue to provide outstanding care for each one of us."

GSM Auto Group is one of 75 businesses that comprise our Corporate Partners. Representing various sectors, these business partners come together to collaborate with Mission to support the health and wellness of their employees and families, setting the stage for a healthy and vibrant community.

Matt and Scott Gunderson supporting the Valiant Women Wall of Honor.

## The Gift that Gives Back

Fifteen years ago, Jean Glenn received a letter from Mission Hospital Foundation explaining the benefits of a charitable gift annuity. Well versed in financial matters and a dedicated hospital auxiliary member, Jean carefully reviewed the salient facts.

A charitable gift annuity would allow Jean to receive guaranteed lifetime income (and a portion of that would be tax-free), create a generous income tax deduction and establish a legacy gift. Jean decided this was the perfect way to make a meaningful gift to "her" hospital.

Between August 2003 and March 2018, on the first of

January, April, July and October, Jean received income equal to six percent of the amount she donated. Earlier this year, Jean passed away and, as she wished, the remainder of her gift was distributed to Mission Hospital.

Jean's gift did, in fact, give twice. During her lifetime, she received partially tax-free guaranteed income, and following her death, Mission was blessed with a gift.

It all started when she inquired, "How would this work for me?" If you would like to know more about charitable gift annuities or other types of legacy gifts, please contact Jim Frey, at jim.frey@stjoe.org or (949) 364-4848.

# Holiday Gala – December 1, 2018

Join us for our Holiday Gala, an inspiring evening filled with the promise of our new Judi and Bill Leonard Institute for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Wellness. Together we will celebrate the millions of dreams that will come true thanks to this significant expansion of cancer services at Mission Hospital.

This incredible black-tie gala will be one of the highlights of your holiday season, featuring live entertainment, dancing, super silent and live auctions, marvelous cocktails and food.

Many thanks to our passionate Holiday Gala co-chairs:

Dr. and Mrs. James Bredenkamp  
Dr. and Mrs. George Miranda  
Drs. John Shaver and Michele Staunton

For information on sponsorship opportunities or reservations, please contact Mission Hospital Foundation at (949) 364-7783 or visit [mission4health.com/gala](http://mission4health.com/gala).

Dr. George Miranda, Dr. John Shaver and Dr. James Bredenkamp.



## Valiant Women Wall of Honor

Throughout the month of October, Valiant Women will host the THINK PINK Breast Health Wall of Honor to create awareness for the importance of mammograms and raise funds to support diagnostic care and breast cancer treatment for the underserved and uninsured.

In its 16th consecutive year, the event encourages community members to honor breast cancer patients and survivors through a beautiful collection of tributes on the Wall of Honor, located near Nordstrom at The Shops at Mission Viejo.

Mary Miyamoto has graciously served as the Wall of Honor Chair for the past five years. "A cancer diagnosis is terrifying and I can't even imagine the fear when you lack the health insurance needed for diagnostics and treatment. That's why every dollar raised at the Wall of Honor benefits underserved women in our community when they need us most."

### Ways to Support the Wall of Honor

- Celebrate a loved one by purchasing an honor card and post a special message on the Wall of Honor at [mission4health.com/wallofhonor](http://mission4health.com/wallofhonor).
- Shop at the THINK PINK Boutique on October 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mission Viejo Country Club. Over 30 vendors selling apparel, jewelry, accessories, gourmet treats, candles, plants and more will donate a percentage of sales to benefit the Wall of Honor.
- Attend one of the seven mini Wall of Honor events during October. Options include exercise classes, shopping evenings, fashion shows, and a beauty tips event. Visit [mission4health.com/wallofhonor](http://mission4health.com/wallofhonor) and click on Calendar of Events to find a complete list.

Thank you for helping us to support the women in our community.

# Thriving After Pancreatic Cancer

Arlene was diagnosed with an aggressive form of stage 4 pancreatic/liver cancer on Friday, June 13, 2014. Even though many consider Friday the 13th to be an ill-fated day, Arlene says it was her lucky day. That's the day they found her cancer.

Arlene was told she had about six months to live by a physician at another hospital. Arlene and her husband, George, were not going to settle for that diagnosis. "That wasn't going to work for me," Arlene said. "I had things to do with my grandchildren and my golf game was finally improving."

Arlene was referred to hematologist and medical oncologist Dr. George Miranda through recommendations from two friends who had been cured of breast cancer by one of Dr. Miranda's associates. As soon as Arlene met Dr. Miranda, she felt a sense of peace; he made her feel like everything would be alright. She promptly began treatment with Dr. Miranda's skillful care.

She spent the next year receiving chemotherapy treatments every 12 days as an in-patient at Mission Hospital. Each treatment required a two-day stay. "Every member of my care team was an angel. They were all so attentive and caring. The Mission Hospital staff are the best."



After the first year of chemo, Arlene was able to receive her remaining 12 months of therapy at home through a portable infusion system, administered and monitored by Dr. Miranda and his Infusion Center staff.

Today, four years after her Friday the 13th diagnosis, Arlene is cancer-free, enjoying her family. She's attended two of her grandchildren's high school graduations and is back out on the golf course. Arlene says she's watching the construction of the Judi and Bill Leonard Institute for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Wellness with great interest, knowing that so many people will benefit from Mission Hospital's life-saving care.

Dr. George Miranda and his grateful patient, Arlene.

## Foundation Board Member in Action



Dr. Mike Pellini joined the Mission Hospital Foundation Board of Directors in 2018 after serving as a co-chair for the 2017 Holiday Gala. The gala was extraordinary, thanks to Dr. Pellini and his co-chairs Ronnie Andrews and Michael Rodriguez. We are so grateful that Ronnie introduced Dr. Pellini to the work of the foundation.

As a physician with more than 20 years of operating experience

with companies at the forefront of clinical diagnostics, Dr. Pellini brings a breadth of experience in personalized medicine, particularly in oncology. He's sharing that expertise by serving as the Foundation Board leadership on our Leonard Cancer Institute Task Force. Dr. Pellini continues to be instrumental in guiding the development of our Judi and Bill Leonard Institute for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Wellness.

Beyond Mission Hospital, Dr. Pellini serves as a board member

for Tango Therapeutics, Singular Genomics, Vineti, AlphaSource, and the Personalized Medicine Coalition, and he formerly served as CEO and Chairman of Foundation Medicine. We are truly blessed to have Dr. Pellini's strategic leadership and passion for philanthropy.

"I am honored to support the development of the Leonard Cancer Institute, aiming to bring world-class cancer care to our South County communities," said Dr. Pellini.

# Camino Fashion Show - November 5



The Camino Health Center Auxiliary Fashion Show and Luncheon will celebrate the curated looks of South Coast Plaza's top retailers on November 5, 2018 at the beautiful Monarch Beach Resort. Camino Health

Center has compassionately improved the health of the underserved in south Orange County by providing vital health care services to the vulnerable for 36 years.

One of Camino's most significant annual sources of support is the Camino Health Center Auxiliary Fashion Show and Luncheon. Thanks to the Auxiliary's hard work, compassion and dedication, more than \$7 million has been raised since their founding in 1985. By supporting this event, you are enhancing the health and well-being of thousands of people in need.

To reserve your table or seats, visit [mission4health.com/caminoauxiliary](http://mission4health.com/caminoauxiliary).

Your support, compassion and Spirit of Giving are treasured!



Enjoying last year's fashion show (left to right): Shari Battle (2018 Camino Health Center Auxiliary Fashion Show and Luncheon Chair) and Tarek Salaway (Chief Executive, Mission Hospital).

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# A Day in the Life of Mission Hospital



Lives are saved and sacred moments are celebrated every day at Mission Hospital thanks to our talented and dedicated physicians, nurses and clinicians. Recently, we welcomed six community members to Mission to experience a Day in the Life of our remarkable caregivers.

The day began with a blessing by Sister Martha Ann Fitzpatrick in the chapel, followed by surgical observations in the Cath Lab and operating suite. Our guests spent time in our Trauma and Emergency Departments learning how to intubate on a manikin, receiving IV training and visiting the helipad where our most fragile trauma patients arrive.

The afternoon included an observation of our Cancer Tumor Board and a hands-on activity with our da Vinci robot in an operating suite. The final experience, in the Mission Neuroscience Institute operating suite, allowed our guests to test their skill in removing the shell of a raw egg using a surgical cutting tool without breaking the delicate egg sack.

At the end of the day, our guests shared a variety of comments about the experience. Patrick Chambers was impressed by the depth and breadth of Mission's services and our significant investments in technology. Longtime donor and member of the Mission Hospital Foundation Board of Directors,

Susan D. Morrison shared, "This was a powerful, intellectual experience and incredible to see the collaboration and team effort in caring for patients." Also a member of the Foundation Board, Rod McDermott was impressed by the consistent commitment to superior outcomes. Rod's daughter, Maddie, who is considering medical school, was thrilled to test her dexterity on the da Vinci robot.

This incredible experience was available as a silent auction item at the 2017 Holiday Gala, and we are delighted to provide the opportunity again at this year's gala auction. To learn more about the gala and our auction items, visit [mission4health.com/gala](http://mission4health.com/gala).

Dr. Silvan Palmer introduces our community members to the technology in the Mission Neuroscience Institute operating suite (left to right): Susan D. Morrison, Patrick Chambers, Pat Hwang, (Dr. Palmer), Jim Quandt, Maddie McDermott and Rod McDermott.

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