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Hospital Nurse Teams Up with Colleagues
for Special Delivery

Katie Rommelfanger and newborn baby Rae



TO OUR DONORS

Gratitude. No single word better describes how our team feels at this point in the year.

Foremost, we are grateful for the health of our caregivers — as so much has been asked of them during this year of unprecedented challenges. Beyond this, we are grateful for the outpouring of support of our community of donors, both new and long-time. Their contributions of more than \$351,000 provided for the needs of our patients and caregivers, including:

- Cepheid Genexpert XVI COVID-19 testing device for our Mission Viejo campus
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- Pyxis MedStation pharmaceutical dispenser for COVID-19 intensive care unit
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- Miku monitors for remote observation of COVID-19 patients
- Zoll R Series defibrillator for COVID-19 patients
- iPads for COVID-19 patients in isolation to stay connected with family

We are also thankful for the tens of thousands of pieces of personal protective equipment that were brought to our hospital, for the nourishing food and beverages from local restaurants and organizations that helped sustain our caregivers when they needed it most, for the written and spoken words from members of our amazing community — including artwork from dozens of children — that have lifted everyone's spirits. The trials of 2020 have truly brought out the best in so many people!

As we near the final month of the year, you will notice that Mission Hospital is a much more visible part of Providence, our health system. You will now see Mission Hospital's name as part of Providence. Our promise and commitment to you and our local community remains steadfast.

During this challenging year, we have prevailed. We are looking forward to the future as we continue to partner with our Mission Family to support the needs of Mission Hospital. Thank you, Mission Family, for supporting us each and every day.

Gratitude. One simple word. We cannot say it enough.

In Mission With You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Quandt".

James R. Quandt
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Miller".

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Mission Hospital Nurse Counts on Team for Safe Delivery

Katie Rommelfanger knew that she wanted to be a nurse at Mission Hospital from a remarkably young age and jumped at the chance to shadow a Mission nurse when she was just 15 years old. She eventually obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing from University of Texas at Arlington.

In the fall of 2019, Katie saw a posting for a nursing fellowship within Mission Hospital's emergency department, and applied immediately. Katie had no idea that the job would not only mark a positive shift in her career, but also offer her family a profound lifeline when they needed it the most.

Before her start date in January 2020, Katie and her husband, Ron, learned that she was pregnant with their first child. Unfortunately, an ultrasound revealed that her baby had gastroschisis, a potentially serious birth defect in which a developing fetus's bowels push out through an opening in its abdominal wall. The bowel then develops outside of the baby's body in the amniotic fluid.

Katie, who had done a pediatric rotation in nursing school, was familiar with gastroschisis, and was worried. "I told Ron, there's no way I'm delivering anywhere other than Mission Hospital," she said. "We need the big guns."

Explaining the situation to her new manager at Mission, Anita Wesdyk, Katie began to cry. Anita was immediately supportive, assuring Katie that

her position was secure and her care would be at Mission from now on. "You're stuck with us," Anita said with a smile.

Katie began seeing one of Mission's top Obstetrics and Gynecology specialists, Dr. Scott Capobianco, for regular checkups. Mindful of being prepared for her baby's condition and the specialized care it would require, Dr. Capobianco expanded Katie's care team to include Dr. Vivian Pan, a perinatologist at Mission, and Dr. Vinh Lam, a pediatric surgeon with admitting privileges at both Mission Hospital and Children's Hospital Orange County.

All was going well until Katie experienced preterm labor, which began occurring at her 30th week of pregnancy.

Dr. Capobianco and Dr. Pan did everything they could to prevent Katie from giving birth before it was safe for her baby. They used every potentially useful medication and told Katie that she would have to go on bed rest for the remainder of her pregnancy.

"In the face of some significant medical complications, Katie and Ron were always optimistic. They were committed to doing everything possible to ensure a safe delivery," said Dr. Capobianco. "Working with Katie through a challenging delivery was a deeply rewarding experience for our entire team."



Katie and Ron Rommelfanger with their baby daughter, Rae

When Katie delivered her baby daughter, Rae, in the 38th week of her pregnancy, she was thankful to be surrounded by her compassionate colleagues. By this time, they felt like family. Their support was essential.

Due to the complications in her pregnancy, Dr. Capobianco had to deliver Katie's daughter by C-section. Knowing that her daughter was at great risk, Katie was terrified. When Rae was delivered and Katie did not hear her baby cry, she was inconsolable.

Fortunately, Katie's labor and delivery nurse Loretta immediately came to her side and explained what was happening. Rae was being intubated in preparation for a procedure to address her gastroschisis, and was completely stable. "I knew that Loretta would not tell me everything was good unless it really was," Katie said. "I was freaking out, and she was so helpful. She really saved me in that moment."

As Katie recovered from her C-section, her baby daughter was being prepped for surgery in CHOC Children's at Mission Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Over the course of her first week of life, Rae would undergo four separate procedures to treat her gastroschisis.

After a full and successful recovery, Rae is now at home with Katie and Ron and doing exceptionally well.

While Katie has been thrilled to have time with Rae, she remains both grateful for her co-workers' exceptional caregiving and eager to provide other families the gift of health that they gave to her own.

"Honestly, I'm pumped to go back to Mission," said Katie. "I know more than ever that this is where I want to be."



Terry Wooten, MHA, Executive Director of Operations and Seth R. Teigen, FACHE, Chief Executive

LEONARD CANCER INSTITUTE

Embracing the Future and Celebrating a Successful Year

"Looking back, our first year has been amazing," says Terry Wooten, executive director of operations at Mission Hospital.

The Judi and Bill Leonard Institute for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Wellness opened in November 2019. With its four-story, state-of-the-art facility and personalized, molecular-based medicine, the Leonard Cancer Institute provides patients in our community with specialized cancer care — ensuring that residents of South Orange County have access to the most advanced oncology treatments available.

"I think I will always stand in amazement at the accomplishment of the team at being able to open the infusion center in the middle of COVID," Terry observes. "Cancer doesn't stop. Our patients still need us, and they still need their treatment."

Not only have the caregivers at the Leonard Cancer Institute persisted despite these headwinds, they have achieved a number of remarkable

accomplishments along the way. The institute has established a new radiation oncology and infusion center, as well as the Phillips Family Diagnostic Imaging Center. The genetics program and services have also seen significant expansion throughout the year.

In its first year, the Institute initiated and enrolled patients in various research trials, thanks in large part to the hiring of a dedicated clinical research coordinator, Kathryn Irenze. Her enthusiastic efforts have led to the adoption of innovative cancer protocols and have even allowed Mission Hospital patients to enroll in COVID-19 research studies.

The Institute is equipped with Naydene's Test Kitchen where dieticians provide cooking demonstrations to meet the specific nutritional needs of cancer patients.

In addition to expanding research and genetics, the Institute is currently focused on developing its urology, neurology and melanoma services.

It advanced its gastrointestinal oncology services by bringing on a new colorectal surgeon this past spring.

Plans are also in development to offer holistic services, including acupuncture, massage and a salon at the Valiant Spa and Wellness Corner. Philanthropy continues to play a central role. Terry notes that donors supported the building's healing spaces, including the Sabatasso Healing Garden and the Quandt Family Serenity Chapel. He also comments that donors have helped fund the Institute's leading-edge technology, both in and out of clinical settings. "If a nurse navigator has a conversation with a patient, and a family member wants to dial into the room and have a video conference, they'll be able to be part of the conversation," says Terry. The communication technology has been especially useful for connecting patients to their loved ones throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

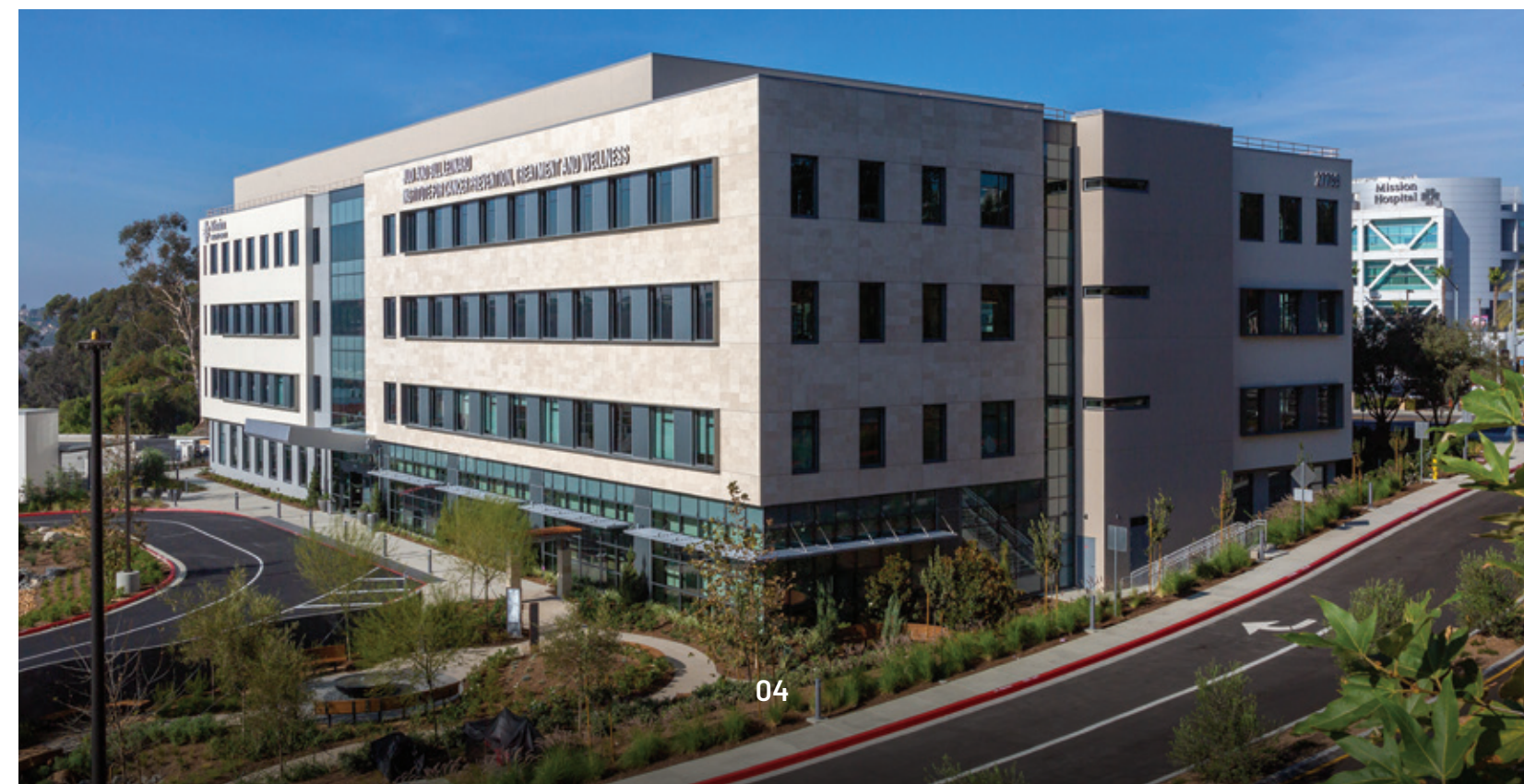
While the Institute has many accomplishments to celebrate this year, there's more work to be done. "We look forward to the future growth of our cancer program," Terry continues. "We're at the point now where we need to grow even faster. There's more work to be done."

"I'm constantly amazed and overwhelmed by the nurse navigators' and clinicians' compassion for our patients, and their passion to make sure the program is successful," shares Terry. That degree of commitment sets the Leonard Cancer Institute apart from other cancer treatment facilities in Orange County, and beyond. "Here, every patient is an individual, not as a cancer type," said Terry.

He is especially moved by the number of former cancer patients that have chosen to support the Institute not only through philanthropy, but also through volunteer work as part of the Hospital Auxiliary. The involvement of cancer survivors creates a powerful human connection for our patients, providing reassurance and companionship along their way.

"We have everything cancer patients need, close to home," he says. "Our team is here in your community, and with you for your entire journey."

To learn more about how you can support the Leonard Cancer Institute, please contact Cynthia Campos at Cynthia.Campos@stjoe.org or 949-364-7798.





FUNDRAISING UPDATE

ROBOTICS
UPDATE

The Power of a Helping Hand

With strong philanthropic support, Mission Hospital now offers one of the most comprehensive arrays of robotic technology to be found at a community hospital. These include:

- **Two Intuitive da Vinci Xi's** for general surgery and oncology
- **Stereotaxis** for cardiovascular catheter ablation
- **Medtronic MAZOR** for spine
- **Zimmer ROSA** for orthopedic knee replacement
- **Smith and Nephew CORI** for orthopedic

The newest robot coming to Mission Hospital is the Auris Monarch™ Platform — fully funded by philanthropy. "This new bronchoscopy technology will assist physicians in diagnosing and treating lung cancer with unprecedented precision, significantly increasing a patient's chance for survival," shares Robert Goldberg, MD, FCCP, Pulmonary Critical Care physician, part of Mission Heritage Medical Group. "Without the generosity of our community, this new technology would not be available at Mission Hospital."

To learn more about how you can help support this exciting revolution in medical care, please contact John Miller at the foundation at 949-364-7701.



Without the generosity of our community, this new technology would not be available at Mission Hospital.



Neil and
Barbara Phillips

"JUST HAPPY TO HAVE HELPED"

For some people, humility doesn't require effort; it's simply a way of life. Neil and Barbara Phillips are those kinds of people.

Neil grew up in the town of Pleasant Hill outside of San Francisco. Hired straight out of college into the fledgling industry of cable television, Neil was transferred to Southern California, where he met his wife, Barbara.

The couple put down roots in Lake Forest (then El Toro) and, in 1976, Neil started his own telecommunications electronics business. After expanding it into a full-service telecommunications powerhouse, Neil made the decision in 2010 to sell his business and retire.

Neil recalls a friend inviting him to the Audi Mission Viejo, Volvo Mission Viejo Golf Classic. He so thoroughly enjoyed the event that he later joined the golf committee. Meanwhile, the Phillips' relationship with the hospital was evolving.

"We've all been patients way too many times," laughs Neil, rattling off a long list of injuries and illnesses that Mission Hospital has treated for them. But, in 2010, Neil experienced a medical event that would alter the course of his life — and his relationship to the hospital.

"I had a heart attack at home, alone, while watching TV after playing golf all day on Valentine's Day," says Neil matter-of-factly. As Mission Hospital

cardiologist Dr. Richard Jacob reviewed the results from the cath lab, he informed Neil that he had multiple blocked arteries; Neil would need a six-way bypass.

Since then, Neil and Barbara have made Mission Hospital a priority in their personal philanthropy. "After I sold my business, I set up trust funds for our small family," says Neil. "And we decided that the money left over should go to a cause: Mission Hospital. But then we started wondering, why should they have to wait until we die? Give them half of it now!" The couple designated their gift to the Leonard Cancer Institute. Because of their exceptional generosity, the Institute's Diagnostic Imaging Center has been named in their honor.

Neil notes that he was motivated to give to the Leonard Cancer Institute in part because his mother passed away from cancer.

Neil is grateful that south Orange County now has a leading-edge cancer treatment facility of its own — one that doesn't require an hours-long trip to Los Angeles. "I hope they keep evolving, doing great work and expanding," he says.

As for his own role in helping to turn that opportunity into a reality, Neil demurs. "Oh, it was the brainchild of some early pioneers of that cause, and they should get the credit. I just sailed along behind them," he says with characteristic humility. "I'm just happy to have helped."



A CENTURY OF COMMITMENT

Retired Local Physician Supports Hospital Through Charitable Gift Annuity

Few individuals reach 100 years of age. Fewer still are those who get there with an indomitable zest for life, untiring determination and a profound spirit of giving.

Born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, Henry Wolfe attended Boston Latin School (the oldest public school in America) and received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Massachusetts. From there, he attended Boston University for his medical degree.

Dr. Wolfe spent 27 years in private practice, including 24 years of faculty service at Georgetown University School of Medicine. One of his most memorable achievements was participating in a major initiative in 1964 that resulted in administering over two million oral polio vaccinations.

Prior to retirement in 1994, Dr. Wolfe thoroughly researched where he would spend his remaining “snow-free” years. There were many choices in California, but this sage physician insisted on a sparsely populated community that offered exceptional healthcare. He opted for Mission Viejo in large part because “the staff at Mission is not just good; they’re excellent.”

Philanthropically, Henry continued to support his alma maters, but soon added Mission Hospital. In 2004, at

age 84, he donated to Mission’s charitable gift annuity “income for life” program. In addition to receiving a generous income tax deduction, the annuity provided Henry with guaranteed lifetime income of 7.4% — of which 65% was tax free for 17 years. Like Swiss clockwork, those quarterly distributions continued until his passing on July 14, 2020 — 49 days past the century mark.

A philanthropic footnote: In 2017, Henry moved to North Hollywood to be closer to family. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, his family couldn’t celebrate this milestone. However, that didn’t stop Henry from one final expression of giving. To benefit our sister hospital, Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Henry committed to walking 100 laps around his apartment complex by his 100th birthday on May 26 to support the “Heroes-at-Saint-Joe’s” program. By celebrating his birthday to benefit others, Henry raised \$25,000!

While Henry was blessed with charitable gift annuity income that he could never outlive, Mission was also blessed to have Dr. Henry Wolfe as a dear friend. We invite you to ask for a no-obligation illustration of the benefits specific to your situation. Please contact Jim Frey at Jim.Frey@stjoe.org or 949-364-4848.

GET TO KNOW JIM QUANDT

Jim Quandt will soon begin his fourth year on the Mission Hospital Foundation Board, his third as chair. This passionate, faithful and driven man spent most of his early life in Pasadena, California, enjoying a Christian Brothers education at La Salle High School and Saint Mary’s College in Moraga, California.

His wife of 47 years, Marleen, lived just a few blocks away from the Quandt family. Though they attended different high schools, it came as no surprise that they got married.

After graduation, Jim served in the military reserve unit at Fort Ord for six months. As his career progressed, Jim took a position as vice president of security at Pacific Bank and began graduate school at the University of Southern California at the age of 35. “It was grueling trying to juggle the demands of an executive position with the bank and a young family.”

In December of 1989, a recruiter from New York reached out to Jim for the role of president of Standard & Poor’s on Wall Street. Jim was highly flattered by the prospect. On December 22, he flew to New York for a face-to-face interview. “Upon leaving I walked out of the building to get to the airport and the president of McGraw Hill, the parent company, rushed out the door and offered me the job right on the spot.”

After three years, they desperately missed California. “I learned Wall Street careers absolutely consume you. You’re always on the phone, come home late on Sunday nights and our boys were growing up fast,” Jim shared, so he decided not to renew his contract after the year’s end.

Jim co-founded Thomas James Capital (the James in Thomas James) and the family moved to



Jim Quandt and his wife, Marleen

Coto de Caza. “We’ve always built our life around with what works best for our family.” The Quandts also have a beach house on Balboa Island. “It’s our weekend escape, because we can walk everywhere.”

Jim and Marleen began supporting Mission Hospital in 2004 as they became active in their local community. “Marleen was involved with Camino Health Center Auxiliary and we loved giving back to the hospital via the gala and other activities.” After fourteen years of giving, Jim was asked to join the Foundation Board of Directors in 2018. After one year, Jim was asked to chair the board. Jim’s number one passion while serving as chair was to ensure that the Leonard Cancer Institute was built on time, on budget, while fulfilling the Foundation’s fundraising obligation. “I practically cried when we walked into the Institute the first time,” Jim recalled.

At 71, Jim is about 65% retired. “The question I ask myself daily is ‘Is today going to be one more day of a life well lived?’ It’s not the amount of money that you make or your career; it’s your interactions with friends, family and your community.”

“The call that I received to join the board was probably the best call I have received,” Jim shares. “As chair, you feel the responsibility to address the healthcare needs of our community and help Mission Hospital meet the needs of our growing community.”

JAMES BREDENKAMP, MD

A California native, and a head and neck surgeon, Dr. James Bredenkamp, has been on staff at Mission Hospital for the past 31 years. Growing up in Long Beach, he was the first of his family to enter medicine. He always had a strong interest in science, and early on entertained becoming an archeologist. After realizing that not all archeologists were “Indiana Jones,” he decided on medicine. His father encouraged him to volunteer at the local hospital to see if he could spend his career taking care of “sick patients.” His mother and grandmother were already volunteers. So, during high school and college, he worked as an orderly at St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach. “During my lunch breaks, the sister who ran the operating room allowed me to observe, and from this point forward I knew that I wanted to be a surgeon.”

Jim met his wife, Dana, at UC Irvine in their freshman year, and, after dating for five years, they married. They will celebrate their 40th anniversary this year. He attended medical school at UC San Francisco, and then completed his residency at UCLA, where he did his research in cancer immunotherapy, ultimately specializing in cancer surgery. Jim shares, “I chose to specialize in head and neck surgery because it allowed me to take care of all ages, and work with the complexity of the regional anatomy.”

At Mission Hospital, Jim has established his medical group, Head and Neck Associates of Orange County, as one of the premier groups in the country in his specialty. His group now has four offices in Orange County, and 12 full-time surgeons with intensive training in all aspects of the specialty. Mission has become the leader in the treatment of head and neck cancers in Orange County.

Family and community have always been forefront for the Bredenkamp family. Jim says, “We chose this community for its good education, accessible sports and shared family values.” Their son and daughter



James Bredenkamp, MD,
and his wife, Dana

have also chosen to work and live locally, blessing their parents with three grandchildren, all of whom were born at Mission Hospital.

In addition to his service as one of a half-dozen physician members on the Foundation board of directors, Jim and Dana have hosted events, supported the Foundation's golf tournaments and Camino Health Center Auxiliary, served as Gala co-chairs in 2018 to support the Leonard Cancer Institute and now as co-chairs of the Institute's Fundraising Task Force.

“My involvement with the Leonard Cancer Institute is the most fulfilling activity that I've done with the Foundation,” says Dr. Bredenkamp. “Our ability to raise the necessary funds so quickly and tell the story of cancer care makes me incredibly proud.”

Avid golfers, they enjoy their desert house at the Hideaway in La Quinta as much as possible. Though with the recent pandemic, they've stayed at home in Coto de Caza more than usual, where he tends to their 200 prized rose bushes and 70 exotic fruit trees.

“I want to continue building our Head and Neck/ Endocrine Program here at Mission, support the Foundation and the Leonard Cancer Institute,” Jim says. “I love my work, but I don't want to be defined by my career. I strive to be well-rounded with many interests, to be a good member of the community, and a good husband, father and grandfather.”



VALIANT WOMEN

Leading the Breast Health Wall of Honor

This past October, Valiant Women had to adapt their fundraising efforts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. “This is by no means a typical year,” said Mary Miyamoto, Wall of Honor Chair. “Cancer hasn't taken this year off, and neither have we.”

Valiant Women led another meaningful and successful THINK PINK Breast Health Wall of Honor this year. Mini Honor Walls were placed at The Shops at Mission Viejo, Mission Hospital's Women's Wellness Center and the Leonard Cancer Institute, which gave visitors and patients an opportunity to

write a message of support for or in honor of a loved one who has experienced or is currently experiencing breast cancer.

Valiant Women continue to educate and create awareness in the community to ensure women's health services are available to uninsured and underinsured.

Thank you, Valiant Women, for your continued advocacy and fundraising efforts. You are a great example of living our promise in the community.

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Simply visit supportmissionhospital.org/donate or call 949-364-7783. Thank you.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Stay in, dress up and log on virtually, Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate the accomplishments of Mission Hospital during this unprecedented year.

To learn more, please contact Rachelle Chin at Rachelle.Chin@stjoe.org or 949-365-3893 for additional details.

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