



# JOHN MUIR HEALTH FOUNDATION

## *Women's Philanthropic Circle*

2020 HOLIDAY  
NEWSLETTER



### *Message* FROM THE CHAIR

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful quarantined Thanksgiving. Though we weren't able to spend time with all of our loved ones, the true meaning of "thankfulness and gratitude" was certainly felt. The pandemic has been many things—tragic, unnerving, and unprecedented—and has left many of us feeling like we have lost any semblance of our former lives.

But, one thing is for sure, I am thankful for your friendship and enduring efforts to support the extraordinary health care system that is John Muir Health.

On behalf of the Core Committee, I am very pleased to share that six very deserving John Muir Health programs and services will receive our funding this year, totaling more than \$90,000. The awardees are thrilled and asked that I share their gratitude with you. (see page 2).

All of the proposals were exceptional and our hope is that some can receive support through other available Foundation funds.

As 2020 comes to a close, I want to wish all of you good health, peace, and hope as we find our way to and through 2021.

—Sally Davis, M.D., FACC

### *Women's Philanthropic Circle* CORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Sally Davis, M.D., Chairperson  
Janet Cronk  
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Anne Grodin  
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# John Muir Health Awardees, Programs and Services

*"We are very excited to receive funding for additional vapotherm machines and appreciate this gift so much."*

—Dr. Kristina Kramer

**Vapotherms** are high flow, humidified nasal cannulas. They have helped us avoid intubation for many patients in hypoxemic respiratory failure and have been effective in the treatment of COVID patients.

*"The heart is one of the most vital organs in the human body, sustaining life with its every beat. The handheld echocardiogram provides an instantaneous assessment of how the heart is functioning. No other monitoring tool can make a difference between life and death in these critically ill patients."*

—Dr. Ramesh Veeragandham

**Handheld Echo Devices** let cardiologists perform focused exams, quickly evaluate a complex range of patients, and make each patient interaction productive—at admission, at bedside, during consultation, or at discharge.

*"JMH is so grateful to have support from the WPC to purchase the Nic View Camera system for the Newborn ICU."*

—Patti White

NICU NURSE MANAGER

**NIC View Cameras** are very nice for parents because they allow them 24/7 ability to watch their baby. Much like baby monitors at home. It is comforting for them to be able to visualize their baby when away from the hospital.

*"Saving time and avoiding unnecessary radiation is a win-win with HUGE patient safety impact. Thank you for the gift of sight that makes staff and patient safety a priority!"*

—Renee Juster

PATIENT CARE SERVICES, INTEGRATED DIRECTOR

**Ultrasound for Vascular Access** funds would be used to purchase 2 new ultrasound machines (1 for Walnut Creek and 1 for Concord) and a one year warranty for the placement of central line catheters (PICC) by the vascular team nurses.

*"We are very honored to receive this grant."*

—Dr. Kishore Nath

**Women's Health Services** will use this grant to purchase equipment to serve our patients on the mobile clinic and at our residency clinic, while teaching the next generation of family physicians these important skills.

*"Thank you to you and to all of the members of the WPC! Our therapists and our patients have been working hard to persevere under new challenges in 2020! Thank you for acknowledging and supporting the valuable work that they are doing."*

—Jennifer Stephens Chisar

SUPERVISOR, OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES

**Neurological Therapy Upgrades:** The Neuro Therapy Team at the Pleasant Hill Therapy Center is in need of new equipment to be able to provide clinical services safely and in line with current standards of care, impacting hundreds of patients annually with a wide range of diagnoses.

Items that the *Women's Philanthropic Circle* voted to support with funds raised in 2020.

\$10,000	ICU, Concord/Walnut Creek (1 Vapotherm per campus)
\$18,600	Neonatal ICU, Walnut Creek (8 NIC View Cameras)
\$12,100	Women's Health Services, Mobile Health Clinic/Family Medicine Residency (Equipment)
\$36,000	Vascular Access Teams, Concord/Walnut Creek (1 Ultrasound Machine per campus)
\$3,470	Cardiovascular Services, Concord (1 Handheld Echo Device)
\$10,000	Outpatient Rehab, Pleasant Hill (Neurological Therapy Upgrade)

**\$90,170 TOTAL**



# Welcome New Members!

Janiece Nolan



## Reminder

### Contributions for 2021

*If you wish to be included in the selection process of our 2021 annual projects, please pay your membership gift by Friday, September 24th.*

#### Membership Giving Levels:

**Silver: \$1,000**

**Gold: \$2,500**

**Platinum: \$5,000**

If you wish to make your gift by phone, please call the Foundation office at (925) 947-4449

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 **Uncommon Need**



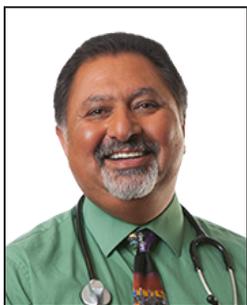
While 2020 has put a damper on our in-person social gatherings and fundraising events, it has opened up virtual opportunities for engaging and communicating with our loyal donors and supporters!

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All charitable contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

# Response to COVID-19

On Thursday, October 8th, John Muir Health Foundation presented its first-ever Virtual Town Hall event through Zoom to more than 40 participants. Guests heard from the JMH leaders below, about John Muir Health's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## **Dr. Ravi Hundal**

**Family Medicine, John Muir Medical Group**

Family Medicine physician, Dr. Ravi Hundal, provided an up-close look at how John Muir Health's Outpatient Services swiftly pivoted current practices in order to protect patients, front line staff, and the community.

- Urgent Cares were consolidated from 7 to 4
- Respiratory Urgent Care was created for patients displaying COVID-19 symptoms with staff wearing full PPE
- Mobile Health Clinics screened patients for COVID-19 in parking lots in Brentwood and Walnut Creek
- Frontline and hospital staff were screened for COVID-19 upon entrance
- Outpatient Family Medicine physicians performed more telehealth phone and video visits versus in-person visits



## **Dr. Tom Greely**

**Vice President, Clinical Affairs, John Muir Health**

Dr. Tom Greely, Vice President of Clinical Affairs, discussed John Muir Health's inpatient and administrative response efforts to the pandemic.

- Activation of the internal Command Center
- Cancellation of all elective surgeries and procedures
- Ongoing education about PPE donning and doffing
- Creation of specialized workgroups to discuss surge planning, employee and physician exposure, code triage, staffing levels, patient visitation, predictive analytics and resumption of services



## **Stephanie Rivera**

**Director, Community Health Improvement, John Muir Health**

Stephanie Rivera, Director, Community Health Improvement, provided information on how her team utilized community partnership organizations and programs to address the effects of COVID-19 on our underserved population in Contra Costa County.

- Distributed supplies and PPE to partner organizations
- Re-allocated funds as emergency contributions
- Provided access to culturally and linguistically appropriate care including behavioral and mental health
- Helped secure economic security including housing, food, and family safety