

# FOUNDATION FOCUS

Helping Redlands Community Hospital Care for Generations



## *Message from the President*

**JAN M. OPDYKE, RCHF PRESIDENT**

I cannot help but feel to proud to be part of Redlands Community Hospital Foundation (RCHF). Slowly, after enduring what feels like an eternity of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are regaining a bit of normalcy. No one has been immune to the devastating effects of this global health crisis. Yet through it all, RCH staff committed themselves to caring for our community and each another; we've stuck together and we're ready to face the next challenge - together.

The forced cancellation of last year's RCH Annual Golf Classic for the Ken Corwin Cup was disappointing, but necessary. This year, however, our beloved tradition returned for its 39th edition, and everyone was ready. How wonderful to see hospital staff, volunteers, community members and industry leaders celebrating a great cause - together. Giving back to the RCH Foundation to provide support for our hospital's next initiative - together. We're happy to report that our net proceeds from the event tally over \$180,000 and will benefit RCHF's *Fight Against Cancer* initiative. Essential contributions raised - together.

In this issue of Foundation Focus, you'll hear more about our recent golf tournament. You'll read about support from RCH employees, and their significant role in the success of our recent Emergency Department Capital Campaign. You'll learn about the latest technology that RCHF has provided to the hospital though the generous gifts from donors like you.

As we move through the summer months, I want to thank you for being part of our hospital family as generous supporters; it is truly inspiring what we can accomplish - together. Stay safe and until next time, keep in focus.

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## RCHF'S Annual Golf Classic Raises \$180,000



The 39th Redlands Community Hospital Foundation's Golf Classic for the Ken Corwin Cup returned this year after COVID-19 forced its cancellation in 2020. Continuing with tradition, Redlands Country Club hosted the event with a limited field size and a scaled down dinner program on June 17, 2021. Although participant numbers were adjusted to accommodate current safety protocols, excitement ran high as always and golfers were thrilled to be on the course again to support Redlands Community Hospital. The day was deemed a great success.

Assemblymember James Ramos and his wife Theresa were selected as the tournament's Honorary Co-Chairs. This year, the RCH Foundation proudly announced, through the commitment from generous sponsors and golfer participation, net proceeds of \$180,000 for its *Fight Against Cancer* initiative and the planned construction of a new on-site cancer center.

"The Golf Classic is always a very special event," said Kathy Meredith, RCH Foundation board chair. "Not only is it great fun for both the golfers and the community, it raises a significant amount of money each year for projects that are important to the hospital and our community."

For nearly four decades, the Golf Classic has been the highest profile and most anticipated fundraiser for Redlands Community Hospital, drawing golfers and sponsors throughout the Inland Empire. Proceeds over the years total \$5,100,000. "We thank James and Terri Ramos, all of our participants and our sponsors for coming together for an afternoon of fun to support RCHF's *Fight Against Cancer* initiative," said Jan Opdyke, RCH Foundation President. "This initiative will allow us to further expand cancer care in the Inland Empire."

Save the date for next year's 40th Annual RCH Foundation Golf Classic slated for June 16, 2022.

## Advanced Thermoregulation Promotes Newborn Safety



Thanks to the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation, new Panda Wall-Mount Warmers are on the way to the RCH Labor and Delivery unit. These new warmers will replace outdated models currently in use which were installed when the Maternal/Surgery Tower was built in 2007. Warming units are essential in providing a radiant heating source in order to maintain a newborn's thermal balance - key to keeping them safe.

"Mom is the first source of heat, but if baby needs more intensive care, we use our warmers," says Carolyn Arnold, Director of Maternal Child Services. If a newborn's temperature drops, it may cause complications and create a need for immediate warming procedures. If immediate warming is unavailable, it increases the chances of potential transfer to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), decreases health outcomes for the infant, and interferes with family bonding.

Extending her thanks to the RCH Foundation for their support of the hospital's tiniest patients, Arnold gratefully conveys, "We are so fortunate that our Foundation is helping with the purchase of new warming units to keep our babies safe!"

## Staxi: Not Your Grandparent's Wheelchair

The Redlands Community Hospital Foundation (RCHF) recently provided funding for new Staxi wheelchairs. The chairs will be used for inpatient and outpatient admissions and discharges. Utilizing funds from donor directed gifts, the foundation approved the purchase this spring.

Providing greater wheelchair inventory and promoting easy accessibility were important factors in the decision to purchase Staxi chairs according to Cherie Towers, Director of Volunteer Services. Maximizing space was also a critical consideration, said Towers as, "these chairs offer organized, compact storage." The chairs nesting capability allows the hospital to double the number of wheelchairs in the current storage space. An area near the hospital's entrance was specifically designed to stow the chairs while not in use. Towers added that keeping the chairs safely out of walkways and high traffic routes, but still readily accessed when needed, is important.



Staxi chairs are more user-friendly than traditional wheelchairs – both for the occupant and the operator. Offering a fail-safe braking system and lifting armrests for easy occupant entry, these chairs are designed for optimal weight distribution which makes them easy to push and maneuver.

The RCH Foundation's funding will provide thirteen standard Staxi wheelchairs and three larger capacity Bariatric chairs.



## The Employee Campaign for the Emergency Department Concludes in July 2021

In January 2018, the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation (RCHF) launched the Vital Capital Campaign to help fund the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department (ED). As part of this effort, the employee portion of the Vital Campaign sprang into action that April, and with the slogan of “Building Our Future,” successfully secured combined contributions from RCH staff totaling over \$575,000!

Steering committee members met one-on-one with employees to share the vision for RCH’s future of expanded emergency care, and invited each person to join the campaign with a 3-year pledge. Hundreds of staff committed to the Vital campaign and are now nearing the conclusion of their faithful promise.

Like building with Legos, these contributions continue to expand and transform RCH’s Emergency Department. To date, these contributions have helped finance the doubling of square footage, increased bed capacity and the addition of specialized treatment areas and advanced technology. The ambitious construction and remodeling project is currently in its fifth and final phase.

To commemorate the generous support of every employee who pledged to the campaign, a naming plaque was unveiled listing each donor’s name in the new ED entrance in August 2019. Now, all who enter the doors of the Emergency Department are reminded of the innovative, comprehensive emergency care provided by RCH, in part, through the kind gifts of its employees.

“I can remember when a new Emergency Department was just a dream,” says Sue Baze, Campaign Co-Chair. “Now, every time I look at this beautiful new space, it makes me so proud of the people I work alongside who gave so generously to make the dream come true. Together, we’ve built our future!”

The RCH Foundation sincerely thanks all employees who contributed to the Vital Emergency Department Campaign. Your generous support foresees and enables our continued work in building our future and helping RCH Care for Generations.

### **The Employee Campaign for the Emergency Department | Steering Committee**

Sue Baze | Jennifer Burroughs | Jamie Colton | Bailey Darkens | Gladys de la Cruz | Julie Ellis  
Cesar Laguna | April Owens | Leah Strnad | Nicholas Topoleski  
Joshua Vasquez | Brittany Villa | Kimberly Williams



## "Feels Like Home"

These are the impassioned words of Carmen Godoy, longtime RCH employee, Environmental Services Tech, and hospital donor. Describing her 25+ year career here, her response is simple: "This is my family."

Godoy began her employment with Redlands Community Hospital in 1995 and quickly settled in, taking great pride in her new position. A bit later, she was unexpectedly sidelined by a non-work injury. At home healing, she missed her RCH coworkers and her regular routine, and worried about her job. Suddenly, a knock at her front door revealed her supervisor arriving for a cheerful visit. To this day, Godoy is still struck by "how caring and supportive" that simple act was.

Years after her recuperation and return to work, Godoy's bicycle - her primary mode of transportation to and from the hospital - was stolen. Crestfallen, the familiar worry about her job returned. Turns out, she needn't have worried; her supervisor arranged to surprise her with a new bike. Says Carmen, "everyone here has always helped me when I needed it."

For many years now, Godoy has been primarily assigned as an EVS Tech in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU). According to her, "the ICU makes me feel like part of the team because they treat me as family." Ana Campos, ICU Manager, echoes this feeling, "Carmen is an amazing worker and an important member of our team. She is always courteous and helpful to all, keeping our unit running smoothly - especially during the pandemic. Carmen is an unsung hero and definitely part of our family!"

In 2018, the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation launched the Vital Capital Campaign for the Emergency Department expansion and remodel. Cesar Laguna from the RCH Engineering Department was a member of the steering committee, and was instrumental in spreading the word about donating to the employee campaign. "When Carmen learned about the campaign, she was eager to help," says Laguna, "her hard work, generosity and integrity have always been things I admire." Vital employee steering committee members personally invited RCH employees to consider pledging one hour of their base hourly rate each pay period for 3 years to the campaign's cause. Godoy's response when Laguna asked her was swift and straightforward: "What is only one hour every paycheck to help my family?"

Godoy expands on her desire to donate by explaining that it is "an honor" and that her goal of continuing her many years of service to the hospital is her "biggest motivation." Says Godoy, "I always do the best I can because everyone treats me so well here."

Her love for the ICU staff is evident, and their adoration for her is returned in equal measure. In fact, they honored her with their 'TTP' Award for the first quarter of 2021, a special recognition that stands for Total Team Player. According to Ana Campos, Godoy was selected by the staff because "she always and consistently goes beyond her duty."

Indeed she does go beyond, as evidenced by her faithful, continued donations to the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation - in support of her 'family.'

## Getting to Know the RCH Foundation President



### Jan Opdyke, President

Jan Opdyke joined the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation as President in 2015 after serving for eight years as Senior Executive Director of Development at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). A graduate of UCLA who later earned MA degrees in public administration and theology, she brought to the position two decades of fundraising executive experience, including four years as director of development for the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Louisville, Kentucky. As president of the Foundation, Jan is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the hospital's fundraising effort, including planned giving, the cultivation of grants, major gifts, capital campaigns, financial reporting and the annual Redlands Community Hospital Golf Classic.

## Donor Testimonial

In 1966, we had our first introduction to Redlands Community Hospital. Our infant of 10 months contracted spinal meningitis. He survived, unscathed from the disease due to the thorough medical care from doctors and the kind and attentive nursing staff at RCH. That first experience made us aware of how wonderful it is to have such a hospital in our own community. We felt deep gratitude that our child's life was saved. Shortly after, we made our first donation to the hospital.

Since then, we have relied on hospital care many times. Just as we have benefitted over the years from the donations of others, we want patients to benefit now and in the future! We enjoy being part of the financial support that the hospital will use to grow in scientific expertise and to acquire new equipment to meet our community's needs.

It takes little effort to make a donation by mailing a check, donating electronically through your bank, or contributing stock through your broker. Donating shares of stock directly to Redlands Community Hospital Foundation is easy and simple. This method provides direct assistance to the needs of the hospital and allows the giver an increased tax benefit at the same time!

We invite you to "pay it forward" by making a financial donation to RCH. Join us in gratitude to those who donated in the past for our benefit today.

Supporting RCH gives us great satisfaction.

Jon & Juley Scharer (RCH Foundation Donors)

If you are interested in making a gift to the RCH Foundation, please contact us 909-335-5540 or visit our website at [www.redlandshospital.org/foundation/ways-to-give/donate-online/](http://www.redlandshospital.org/foundation/ways-to-give/donate-online/)

# BY THE NUMBERS

Since 1983, the Redlands Community Hospital Annual Foundation Golf Classic proceeds have been directed to a specific need within the hospital. Held in June of each year, the Golf Classic has enjoyed both corporate and individual support for more than three decades. Inspired by the statistics below? Stay tuned for more information about sponsorship opportunities for next year's Golf Classic slated for June 16, 2022.

**More than  
\$5,100,000**

in net proceeds raised since the first RCHF Annual Golf Classic in 1983.

**53**

winning score for the 18 hole 2021 RCHF Annual Golf Classic.

**80**

vendors and individual sponsors for the 2021 RCHF Annual Golf Classic.

**2018**

when the RCHF Annual Golf Classic changed the format to a 4-man scramble.

**71**

individuals who have served as an honorary co-chairs to the RCHF Golf Classic.

**\$180,000**

in net revenue raised this year for the Fight Against Cancer.





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