

FOUNDATION FOCUS

Helping Redlands Community Hospital Care for Generations



Message from the President

JAN M. OPDYKE, RCHF PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that we are over halfway done with 2023. The Foundation most recently held the 41st Annual Golf Classic for the Ken Corwin Cup. It was an honor to have Tom and Karen Kaney Co-chair the successful fundraising event and enabled the Foundation to raise another \$200,000 for the Center for Cancer Care. Save the date for next year's golf tournament that takes place on June 20!

In this issue of *Foundation Focus*, you will read about several grants the Foundation provided to Redlands Community Hospital. You will meet four new board members who joined the Foundation board in May. Also, you can hear about a wonderful legacy that Ruth Prescott was able to leave behind after her passing.

As we look forward to the next several months and to the end of the year, I want to thank you for being a part of our hospital family as a generous supporter. Stay safe and until next time, *keep in focus*.

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Redlands Community Hospital Foundation's Newest Board Members



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The Redlands Community Hospital Foundation is overseen by a leadership board. The Foundation's Board of Directors role is to carry out the mission of Redlands Community Hospital Foundation by advancing the delivery of exceptional healthcare in the Inland Empire through the acquisition, management and utilization of philanthropic funds for Redlands Community Hospital.

Following in Her Father's Footsteps

Crista Hatfield believes in staying with a winner.

More than a century ago, when the auto industry was brand new, her great-grandfather founded what is now Hatfield Buick in Redlands, a company that her father, Bill, now owns and where Crista proudly works.

Crista was born at Redlands Community Hospital, where years later she joined the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation board of directors and recently began her second term. Her father, a faithful donor, is a longtime member of the hospital board.



Her personal and family history with the hospital in part explains why she, too, regularly supports RCH. The outstanding care that's provided here and the hospital's importance to the community it serves are other parts of the equation.

Most people are introduced to the hospital somewhat by accident—either through an illness or injury, an incidental introduction by a friend, or some other means. Not so Crista. “I was born at Redlands Community Hospital, and so were my dad and grandfather,” she said. “We have a long history here. The hospital has always been a part of our lives and is a great asset to the community.”

Aware of her family's faithfulness to the hospital, and of Crista's own personal appreciation, the Foundation approached her in 2020 and encouraged her to join its board. She happily agreed. Joining the board marked Crista's first official involvement with the hospital. Since then she has become a regular donor, offering monthly gifts in support of the hospital and participating in other activities, such as the annual Redlands Community Hospital Foundation Golf Classic for the Ken Corwin Cup. “I've not been treated there, but I've had family members who have and I've seen the kind of care they've received—how wonderful the staff are, the community feel the hospital provides, and its ability to give patients outstanding treatment right here in town.”

While Crista has been familiar with the hospital for many years, no one aspect of the care it provides stands out more than others. “It provides so many fine services, depending upon what a patient's need is,” she said. “For instance, the expanded Emergency Department, the new Cancer Center, Labor and Delivery—all of those are wonderful services and I certainly see the advantage in supporting each of them. No matter what a patient's needs are, the hospital has the capacity to provide great care.”

For many, charitable giving is an easy personal choice, one borne of love for community and the service being supported. Such is the case with Crista. “It's important to me that the hospital remains in the community and that it has the resources it needs to continue evolving and growing in a high-tech environment,” she said. “If we maintain that resource locally, then patients won't have to leave the area to receive good care.”

“I love to tell people about all the great work the hospital is doing,” she said. “I tell them we're a community hospital, that the community is integral to the hospital's future and that giving is an important part of ensuring we have a community hospital to support each of us if we ever need care.”



Redlands Community Hospital Foundation's Golf Classic Raises \$200,000 for the New RCH Center for Cancer Care

Redlands, CA. – June 1, 2023 – Golfers participated in the 41st Redlands Community Hospital Foundation's Golf Classic for the Ken Corwin Cup last week raising \$200,000 for the Redlands Community Hospital Center for Cancer Care. The tournament was held at the Redlands Country Club with 140 golfers participating.

The annual tournament has evolved into Redlands Community Hospital (RCH) Foundation's largest and most visible fundraising event. The event raised vital funds through sponsorships, a live auction, raffles, and participant fees. The tournament was managed by 60 volunteers from the Redlands Community Hospital Auxiliary, hospital staff, the community at-large, and the Redlands Country Club.

The live auction items included Los Angeles Angels tickets donated by Tom Rochford, Dodger's tickets and a Lake Arrowhead cabin getaway donated by Golf Classic committee member Tom Cutler. Bidding was lively for one week at a cabin in Montana and a whiskey tasting party donated by Bob Driessnack, RCH Foundation board member. The daylong event was co-chaired by Redlands residents Tom and Karen Kaney.

"The Golf Classic is a fun day that brings the community together along with hospital staff and vendors to raise money for our Redlands Community Hospital said Kaney. I have had surgery at RCH in 1978, 2008 and 2018 and my experience was excellent each time. This is a day for everyone to support our hospital and have some fun" Kaney said.

Proceeds from the tournament will support the the emerging RCH Center for Cancer Care. Cancer patients are now able to be treated close to home for diagnosis, infusion and radiation treatments.

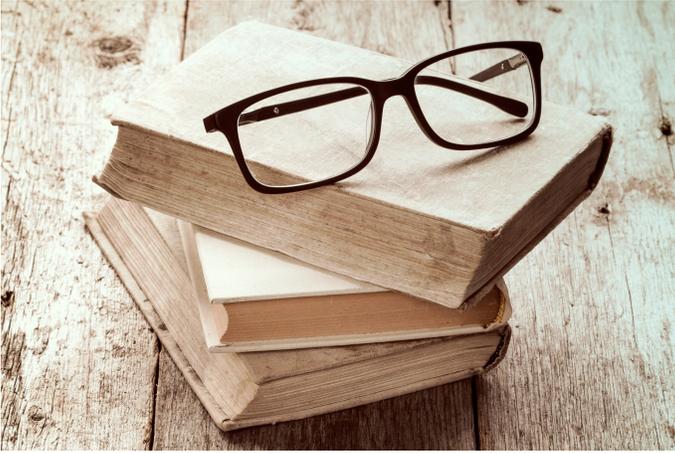
An award was given to the medical staff at RCH, the largest contributor to the tournament overtime. Dr. Evan Houck accepted the award on behalf of his colleagues.

Hatfield Buick served as the Hole-in-One sponsor, and offered a chance for golfers to demonstrate their excellence and win \$35,000 towards the purchase of a new Buick on the par-3 third hole.

"This tournament is so important to the hospital," said Jan Opdyke, president of the RCH Foundation. "Not only does it give the community and hospital staff an opportunity to enjoy a day of golf and friendship, but it raises a significant amount of money for important hospital programs that ultimately save lives. We look forward to the tournament each and every year, and this year was no exception."

The Ken Corwin Cup memorializes Kenton W. Corwin, longtime president of the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation and a prime mover in the tournament's creation. Forty years later, his dedication and commitment continues to be reflected in the Golf Classic's success.

Ruth Prescott, Philanthropist



It isn't often we have an opportunity to recognize a centenarian, but this was one of Ruth Prescott's many achievements. Having passed away in 2013, Ruth Prescott, longtime resident of Redlands dedicated herself to our Redlands community and many organizations throughout our city. Marrying her husband Howard Prescott of Redlands, for more than 40 years they established their home and business locally until retiring to travel the world.

During her time in Redlands, Ruth held a number of offices and was an active member in the Redlands Board of Realtors, Palm Lane Estates Association, Soroptimist Club, and Redlands Contemporary Club. Her contributions helped to raise thousands of dollars for the Soroptimist's annual fashion show, funding scholarships for middle school girls, high school seniors, and women re-entering college.

Additionally, she helped assemble Easter baskets for Family Service Association, supported the dental program through the Assistance League and American Association of University Women's annual STEM Conference, focusing on advancing equity for girls and women. Having a heart for music, Ruth was a member of the Redlands community Music Association and helped sell ice cream in support of the Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival.

Later in life, Ruth developed an eye condition, so she knew firsthand how sight-related challenges could impact someone's daily life. Her love of community and personal experience, led her to provide an endowment to help members of the RCH Auxiliary who are in need of glasses, a costly expense for many. Ruth's sense of community, generosity and the needs of our volunteers is a perfect match.

Did you know?

The hospital has a Rapid Response Team (RRT) that consists of an experienced Critical Care Unit Nurse and a Respiratory Therapist who respond to all medical emergencies within the hospital. An intensivist or hospitalists are also available as needed. Anyone can activate the RRT, including the patient or their family members by dialing 2000. The RRT RN is a key member; their role requires excellent customer service, assessment, sound clinical judgement and critical thinking skills. The RRT RN responds to urgent and emergency patient needs, performs proactive rounds looking for the beginning stages of patient deterioration, and is a clinical resource for all staff.

Healer’s Touch Statue Finds a Home at RCH



A full-size replica of the coveted Healer’s Touch Statue has taken up residence at Redlands Community Hospital. There’s no more appropriate venue.

Purchase of the hand-carved serpentine carving came about in a slightly unusual way. The West Coast University Ontario campus, whose nursing program is renowned, provided an impactful gift to the hospital, which in turn used the donation to purchase the statue through the Daisy Foundation and place it on the hospital campus. The remainder of the support from West Coast University will be used to provide nursing scholarships to associates at RCH to continue their education—a topic near and dear to the school.

The statue, carved by artists with the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe, was dedicated in the Redlands Community Hospital atrium, near the surgery suites, on May 1, the first day of National Nurses Month. Representatives from West Coast University attended the ceremony.

The statue transaction was a fitting one. The icon symbolizes the Daisy Award, which is presented to extraordinary nurses by the Daisy Foundation. When nurses are honored they receive a smaller facsimile of the statue that is displayed at West Coast University, which has campuses in Los Angeles, Ontario, and Anaheim, CA, as well as Texas and Florida.

So impressed was Redlands Community Hospital with the Daisy Award that it began nominating recipients from among its own cadre of highly trained nurses several years ago. Past and future honorees, as well as patients, visitors and hospital staff, may now view the emotionally moving Healer’s Touch Statue as they pass through the hospital’s atrium.

“The Healer’s Touch statue symbolizes what we at Redlands Community Hospital, especially our nurses and physicians, do best: provide healing care for those who come to us for medical assistance,” said Jan Opdyke, president of the Redlands Community Hospital Foundation. “It seemed fitting that we acquire this wonderful symbol of the healing arts and place it on our campus, where others can appreciate its beauty and symbolism. We’re grateful to West Coast University for its generosity and for making this acquisition possible.”

West Coast University’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) provides training of those who wish to become registered nurses. The school continuously pursues more innovative and effective ways to make Bachelor of Science Degrees in nursing accessible to students who are hoping to make a difference within their communities.

Daisy Awards, including miniature statuettes, are presented by the Daisy Foundation to exceptional nurses, nursing students and nursing faculty. Thus far, hundreds of nursing representatives from around the country—including 22 from Redlands Community Hospital—have been honored by the Daisy Foundation as Daisy Award recipients. Redlands honorees have represented Labor & Delivery, Hospice, Telemetry, the ICU, the Redlands Perinatal Clinic, the Emergency Department, the Spine & Joint Institute, and Home Health.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Grant Funds for Lung Screening Management System

Thanks to the generosity of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Redlands Community Hospital (RCH) has significantly enhanced its effort to diagnose, treat and follow patients with serious lung disease—including cancer.

The grant, which was approved in 2022 and recently funded, enabled the hospital to purchase a software-based LungView lung screening information system. The system was implemented in November and has already been used to evaluate patients in the Radiology and Imaging Services Department.

“It’s a tracking and reporting system,” said Tara Cauthron, Radiology Manager at RCH. “It allows us to provide low-dose lung cancer screening for eligible patients and to follow up with patients in whom an incidental nodule has been found. We do perform CT exams and follow patients periodically depending upon the results of that scan.” According to Cauthron, cumulative data is ultimately reported to the American College of Radiology’s (ACR) national registry.

Lung cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed form of cancer found in men and women and the most common cause of death. In 2023, an estimated 238,340 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer, with 127,070 people dying from the disease; many others will fall victim to various forms of non-cancer lung disease. With early detection, lung cancer and other lung diseases can be highly treatable, and screening can significantly improve the chances of survival.

San Manuel maybe a perfect fit for the LungView technology that the tribe funded. Studies have found that for various reasons American Indians have significantly higher rates of developing certain cancers—including lung.

LungView was designed as a lung screening information system and is among the most comprehensive tracking and reporting systems dedicated to the management of lung screening programs and nodule clinics. It automatically captures required tracking information to ensure that no patient falls through the cracks. Features include patient tracking beginning with screening follow-up; lung-rads management; pulmonary nodule tracking; incidental finding tracking; automatic data submission to the ACR lung cancer screening registry; workflow automation and simplification; integration with existing systems; and data analytics. “Our pulmonologists requested this so that they could refer patients for lung cancer screening,” Cauthron said. “Often, these are patients who had smoked for many years and are high-risk. The hope was to achieve earlier lung cancer detection and better outcomes.”

Until the San Manuel grant enabled acquisition of the LungView, the hospital was not performing lung screening and had no significant lung program. That has changed. Thus far, more than 850 patients have been screened for incidental nodules; the first patient was examined for the low-dose screening study on Jan. 17. Once the system is in full swing the hope is that 10-15 patients will be examined each month, Cauthron said. “So far I’m impressed,” she said. “It’s really going to be a great tool.” She added that the LungView is part of the hospital’s increasingly proactive approach to identifying not only lung nodules but other potentially cancerous lesions as early as possible in hopes of enhancing patient outcomes.

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/



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NEW RETIREMENT LAWS

2023's new laws include retirement changes that may affect your saving and your giving.

1. Increase in required minimum distribution (RMD) age

Retirees must now begin taking taxable withdrawals at age 73 in 2023, up from the previous 72. (That goes up to 75 by 2033.)

This change gives you more time to save (or, in a wobbly economy, for your stocks to recover). You will enjoy additional tax-free growth.

2. Adjustment of the annual limit on direct gifts to qualified charities from your IRA

Currently, those 70½ or older can give up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to a qualified charity without paying income taxes on the distribution. Beginning in 2024, this number will be adjusted annually for inflation.

3. New way to fund a life income gift: a distribution from your IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you can fund a charitable gift annuity by making a one-time election of up to \$50,000 (without being taxed on the distribution) from your IRA. Note: This opportunity comes with special rules, so contact us to see if this option is right for you.