

# You created a healthier community

2022–2023 Annual Impact Report



## Our mission

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As a part of CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

## Our vision

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A healthier future for all, inspired by faith, driven by innovation and powered by our humanity.

## Our values

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### Compassion

Care with listening, empathy and love.  
Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

### Inclusion

Celebrate each person's gifts and voice.  
Respect the dignity of all.

### Integrity

Inspire trust through honesty.  
Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

### Excellence

Serve with fullest passion, creativity and stewardship.  
Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

### Collaboration

Commit to the power of working together.  
Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

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## Our hospital and foundation

California Hospital Medical Center has served the community since 1887, providing compassionate, high-quality and affordable care. We are a member of Dignity Health, part of CommonSpirit Health, the largest nonprofit health system in the nation. The CHMC Foundation advances California Hospital's mission by raising philanthropic resources for capital improvements, new technology, staff education and community programs.

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# A message from our leadership



Alina Moran  
Hospital President

Friends,

Even as we look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, it is appropriate to stop and celebrate all that we've accomplished together over the last **twelve months**. California Hospital Medical Center Foundation's annual report to the community is our moment to pause, to acknowledge your generous support and to share with you all that it—and you—have made possible.

At California Hospital Medical Center, our leadership, physicians and staff understand philanthropy's important role in maintaining our hospital's high standard of care today and in advancing innovative new ways to treat our patients tomorrow. Inspired and grateful giving fuels leading-edge programs, makes possible state-of-the-art facilities and provides for the essential tools and technology our clinicians need to best care for our community.

In fiscal year 2023, more than 670 donors contributed over \$25 million to advance our mission and increase access to quality healthcare for all. These generous donations were invested in our future behavioral healthcare workforce with the Mentored Internship Program (MIP); supported our new patient tower opening in 2024; and advanced continuing education for our care teams.

As you read the stories of gratitude in the coming pages, remember that it is your humankindness and generosity that make California Hospital's exceptional care possible. You are helping us advance the practice of medicine in ways that will ultimately advance health equity in our community.

Our work is not done.

Together, we will continue to make a difference within each of our care departments and beyond our walls, and positively impact the lives of each patient and community member served. We are grateful for your trust, your partnership and your support. We are thankful for **you**.



Jeffrey R. Germain  
Foundation Board Chair

In gratitude,

A blue ink signature of Alina Moran, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line.

Alina Moran, MPA, FACHE, FAB  
Hospital President  
California Hospital Medical Center

A blue ink signature of Jeffrey R. Germain, consisting of the letters 'JRG' in a cursive style.

Jeffrey R. Germain  
Chair, Foundation Board of Directors



**California Hospital Medical Center Foundation believes every act of humankindness is worthy of celebration and every expression of gratitude deserves recognition.**

# Giving by the numbers

## Total dollars raised

This year, our donors came together to realize the power of generosity and gratitude in our community. The results have been inspiring.



<b>\$25,049,000</b>	<b>2023</b>
\$26,368,000	2022
\$26,692,000	2021

## Transfers to hospital

Transfers made by the CHMC Foundation to CHMC show collaboration as monies are transferred only after the obligations of donor intent have been met.



<b>\$5,281,000</b>	<b>2023</b>
\$5,130,000	2022
\$8,030,000	2021

## Total donors

Donors bolster innovation, bring together our community, and serve the vulnerable. Together we accomplish what none of us could do alone.



<b>671</b>	<b>2023</b>
672	2022
923	2021

# CHMC by the numbers



## Fiscal Year 2023

**136** years serving the community

**14,737** in-patient visits

**84,858** out-patient visits

**69,246** emergency department and trauma cases

**2,506** babies delivered



## Community Health

**\$159,263,432** in patient financial assistance, unreimbursed costs of Medicaid, community health improvement services and other community benefits

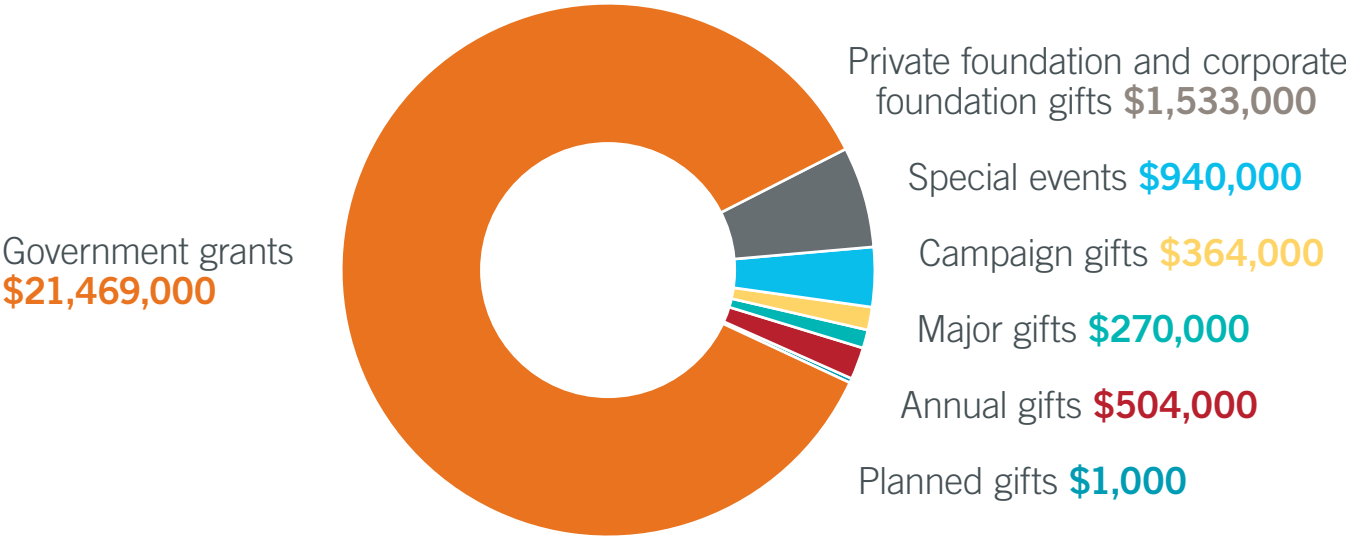
**4,288** people assisted with obtaining health coverage by the Para Su Salud program

**6,874** patients with chronic diseases received care through the Coordinated Care Initiative to help reduce hospital readmissions

# How funds are raised

At CHMC Foundation, a diverse group of donors supports our ministry through a variety of ways—annual donations, grants, planned and estate gifts, and attending events. We, and the patients we serve, are forever grateful.

Donations, both large and small, enable the foundation to provide leading-edge technology, build and support health education and community outreach programs, and support those who cannot afford the costs of healthcare.



*Does not reflect net change in value of split interest agreements, allowances and discounts.*

## What does it mean to be nonprofit?

CHMC Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization dedicated to building a healthier Los Angeles community through philanthropy. Our mission is to support CHMC as it continually seeks to advance access to world-class, quality and compassionate patient care within and beyond the walls of the hospital.

## 100% of your donations benefit the cause.

When you donate to CHMC Foundation, 100% of your donation supports the area of need you designate. This is possible because the foundation receives an operating grant from the hospital which covers our staff salaries, benefits, event costs and other fundraising expenses. All donations to CHMC Foundation stay in our community and are invested in CHMC programs and services that advance the health and well-being of everyone in our community.

# Your support at work

In fiscal year 2023 these are the top ten areas that were funded through donations made to the foundation.

<p>New tower construction</p>  <p><b>\$1,435,752</b></p>	<p>Hope Street Margolis Family Center</p>  <p><b>\$1,108,589</b></p>	<p>Patient care services</p>  <p><b>\$1,057,889</b></p>	<p>Trauma, surgical and other equipment</p>  <p><b>\$352,454</b></p>
<p>Coordinated Care Initiative care navigation services</p>  <p><b>\$347,415</b></p>	<p>HIV and hepatitis C screening</p>  <p><b>\$219,859</b></p>	<p>Emergency Department base station</p>  <p><b>\$185,006</b></p>	<p>Patient experience and educational technology</p>  <p><b>\$55,099</b></p>
<p>Cardiac equipment</p>  <p><b>\$47,329</b></p>	<p>Los Angeles Center for Women's Health equipment</p>  <p><b>\$32,641</b></p>	<p><b>Together we heal</b></p>	

# Your kindness in action



## An enduring commitment to community health: Dr. M. Lynn Yonekura's mark on California Hospital

Dr. M. Lynn Yonekura's name has long been synonymous with championing and protecting the health and well-being of children and families. A board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist with expertise in perinatal substance abuse and infectious diseases, Dr. Yonekura dedicated her life not just to providing exceptional and compassionate medical care, but to developing innovative programs that address the complex social determinants of health of her patients, long before this holistic approach was the gold standard for care providers.

Dr. Yonekura's commitment to being a voice for disenfranchised populations stems from her own family experiences. Her parents met at a relocation camp for Japanese Americans during World War II. After their release, they worked as house cleaners before receiving a loan from their employer to start a dry cleaning business. They instilled in their daughter the value of education and hard work.

Her passion for serving others brought her to California Hospital Medical Center in 1992 as Medical Director of Perinatal Services. She became the hospital's Director of Community Health in 2000 and retired in December 2022. Throughout her tenure, she generously supported CHMC as a donor, including making a campaign gift to name an OB triage room in the new patient care tower opening in 2024.

"I believe in the mission of CHMC and throughout the 31 years that I worked there, I was blessed to work with hundreds of talented, like-minded individuals," says Dr. Yonekura. "Supporting the hospital through giving is my way of ensuring that this good work continues without end, for as long as there is a need."

Dr. Yonekura at her retirement celebration.



## Bettye Dacus, RN: 50 years of brightening lives at California Hospital

California Hospital and its patients have always been family for Bettye Dacus, RN, who dedicated 52 years of service to the hospital before retiring in 2014. Inspired to become a nurse after seeing caregivers help a cousin in a Texas hospital as a young girl, she was initially denied entry to nursing school due to discriminatory quotas. Undeterred, Dacus earned her LVN and was later accepted to California Hospital's School of Nursing in 1961.

Upon graduating in 1964, Dacus joined the CHMC staff where she cared for patients in every unit over her long career. However, the Medical-Surgical Unit felt most like home to her where she worked well into her 70s—eager to provide comfort and relief to patients during their most vulnerable times of need.

Dacus witnessed tremendous change during her tenure at CHMC—from minimal security and staffing to the treatment of celebrities like Frank Sinatra. But some things remained constant, like her passion for nursing. She loved spending time with patients, making their pain a little more bearable.

Her empathy and dedication were unmatched when it came to patient care. For instance, she formed a bond with a young college student who had his leg amputated after being shot. Dacus provided care and support during his surgeries and recovery. A couple years later, she was honored to receive a wedding invitation from the former patient, now able to walk down the aisle thanks in part to her compassionate care.

In her five decades of dedicated service, she uplifted countless patients and care teams with her generous spirit, warmth and skill. She continues her legacy by donating to the new patient tower opening in 2024.

"I love this hospital," Dacus says. "It's been a part of my life now for over 60 years and I know it'll continue being a cornerstone for so many in our community for years to come."

Bettye Dacus (right) with two of her fellow California Hospital Nursing School graduating classmates in 1964.



Bettye Dacus with her husband and children at the 2011 Legacy Celebration, where she received the Samuel J. Tibbitts Lantern of Hope Award for Dedication to the Nursing Profession.

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## Bridging the provider gap: Internship program boosts behavioral health workforce

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the mental health crisis and led to a drastic shortage of qualified clinical staff, ultimately affecting critical care services for the most vulnerable children and families in Los Angeles. During that unprecedented time, CHMC's Behavioral Health and Child Welfare programs lost over one-third of their workforce, severely impacting their ability to serve the growing needs of the community. To rebuild and expand its behavioral health services, CHMC launched an intensive Mentored Internship Program (MIP) through a \$286,573 grant awarded by the California Department of Health Care Services.



MIP interns (l-r) Thalia Ornelas, Jesley Perez, Laina Washington, Kelly Orellana and Veronica Lopez.

Starting summer 2022, CHMC increased intern slots 50% by recruiting master's level students to participate in a nine-month onsite training program. Interns provide counseling, case management, group therapy and other direct services across CHMC's Behavioral Health and Child Welfare programs facilitated through its Hope Street Margolis Family Center.

"We aim to develop a pipeline of talented clinicians while also supporting the current staff through mentorship opportunities," says Tania Benacerraf, LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Programs.

Benacerraf has cultivated strong relationships with partner academic institutions to cultivate this pipeline. "Together, we emphasize recruiting interns that reflect the diverse ethnic, language and socioeconomic backgrounds of the clients we serve," she says.

Hands-on clinical experience, paired with individual and group supervision, prepares interns to excel as professionals. Interns also gain real-world experience by working with families facing issues like trauma, substance abuse, depression and suicide risk.

In September 2023, the program was awarded a second year of funding of \$219,296.

"Reinvigorating and expanding our intern program allows us to fulfill service obligations, prevent staff burnout and uplift quality of care," Benacerraf adds, "but most importantly, it enables us to meet the growing mental health needs in our community. We are proud to be investing in the next generation of healers who will carry on our mission."



Ross University School of Medicine students in front of the Moore–White Medical Foundation Medical Library.

## Supporting quality care for over 40 years

Since 1980, the Moore–White Medical Foundation has been instrumental in helping CHMC provide excellent and compassionate patient care. The Los Angeles-based foundation, established in 1945 to advance medical research and education, has generously supported continuing education and training for CHMC’s caregivers and physicians.

The foundation has funded transformative initiatives at CHMC including renovating the on-campus Moore–White Medical Library and equipping the Education Department’s Simulation Center for life-saving competency courses. Most recently, Moore–White funded hand-held ultrasound systems and training to accurately and quickly insert IVs, thereby decreasing patient discomfort.

When CHMC’s new patient tower opens in 2024, a medical staff education conference room will be named in recognition of the foundation’s continuing legacy of support.

From advancing employee education to providing leading-edge medical equipment, the foundation has helped CHMC achieve lasting impacts on healthcare. CHMC is deeply grateful for the Moore–White Medical Foundation’s enduring support and shared commitment to serving this community.



For more stories of how you and fellow donors are caring for our community, please visit our website.



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