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Hello, we are VHF

Five months ago, we became Valley Health Foundation, ushering in a new era as the foundation for the largest public health care system in Northern California.

VHF will always be rooted as a hospital foundation, as the stories of this Impact Report will show, but we picked the word “Health” in our new name for a reason. Our mission can’t be just to cure injury and disease. Our mission is health. That means, moving forward, you’ll see VHF making a difference in new ways, and on issues like food insecurity, housing, childcare, good jobs, and good schools - all the things children, families, working adults, and seniors need to live a healthy life.

None of that work is possible without a robust, world-class public hospital system open to all. But increasingly, the best way to support that system is to address underlying issues that drive so many with preventable illnesses and devastating physical injuries to our public hospitals in the first place.

As always, and on behalf of the entire VHF team, thank you for your support. We are working hard to continue to be worthy of it.

Yours in community service,



Michael Elliott,
President and
Executive Director



Supporting and Giving Hope to Burn Survivors

VHF is excited to announce that we are partnering with Michael Van Every, President and Managing Partner of Republic Urban Properties, to support the care that saved his life 50 years ago. Michael is establishing a new fund to support SCVMC’s Burn Center, where he was once a patient. In addition to a generous gift to the fund, he and his wife hosted an event on October 27 at the newly opened Willow Glen restaurant Copita to raise funds towards burn care.

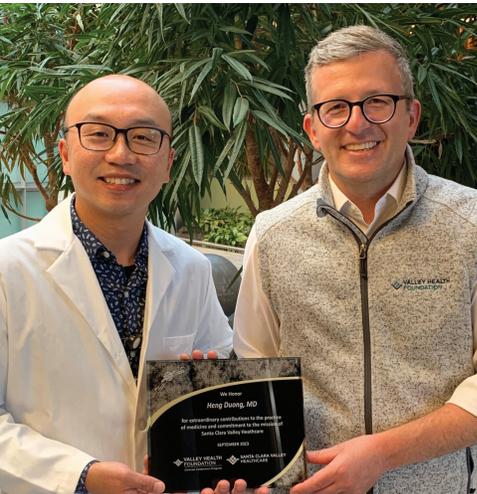
When Michael was two and a half years old, he was caught in a fire in his grandparents’s garage. Michael had suffered burns on 60% of his body and

spent months receiving care at SCVMC’s award-winning Regional Burn Center.

Michael, who had to undergo several surgeries for the next decade of his life, overcame many challenges to become a community leader and a successful developer. Michael hopes that by sharing his story and through his fund, he can support and give hope to burn survivors.

The fund will be used to support SCVMC’s Burn Center in many ways, including direct support to burn survivors, burn prevention efforts, innovative technology, and research.

Honoring our Clinicians



Your generosity helps VHF provide vital resources and support to the providers who make high quality care for all possible. To support the well-being of our clinicians, VHF has partnered with Santa Clara Valley Healthcare's Clinician Wellness Task Force to develop several initiatives, including the Clinician Celebration Program.

This program honors physicians, dentists, podiatrists, psychologists, and Advanced Practice Providers who have demonstrated exceptional

contributions to the field of medicine and commitment to the mission of Santa Clara Valley Healthcare.

Since its launch this June, nine clinicians have been nominated, selected by their peers, and celebrated for their dedication: Sarah Isquick, MD, Rita Mistry, PA, Cheryl Ho, MD, Esther Amuyunzu-Ramirez, MD, Beatriz Mares, MD, Mary Ritter, PA, Heng Doung, MD, Kawaljeet Bhatia, MD, and Catherine Nelson, MD.



Promoting Breast Cancer Care

VHF is always grateful to partner with community champions (like you!) to support the health of our community. A champion for breast health of women, Dr. Kamakshi Zeidler has partnered with VHF to create the Dr. Zeidler Breast Health Fund, which will support breast health screenings and direct support to patients.

To raise awareness and support the new fund, Dr. Zeidler hosted the Flex and Chill event on October 8 during Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Loma Brewery in Los Gatos.

Dr. Zeidler worked with Linda McGrath, owner of YogaSource, and Julie Youkilis, co-owner of Loma Brewing Co., to creatively engage the community in wellness through the practice of yoga while raising money for an important cause.

Thank you, Dr. Zeidler and everyone who joined her in supporting breast cancer detection and care!



Navigating Care

One of VHF's core pillars is supporting innovative solutions to vital needs in our community. With grant support from Kaiser Permanente, VHF has partnered with County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Department (BHSD) to provide community outreach for their Navigator Program, which was launched last year.

The new Behavioral Health Navigator Program is a peer-run program that helps to connect community members to County and community resources, including the behavioral health system. This service ensures no one feels lost or confused trying to navigate complex systems to get the resources they need.

Through this grant, VHF was able to place an outreach worker at key community events and locations and produce community outreach materials to help connect people to the program.

To learn more about the Navigator Program, visit bhnavigator.org or reach out to BHNavigator@hhs.sccgov.org.

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