Vaccines are here. Cases of COVID-19 are falling. Hospitalizations in Silicon Valley are dropping. In short: what we’ve been doing is WORKING.

It’s been an honor helping Santa Clara Valley Medical Center’s team set up vaccination sites and solve problems as they arise. But let us be clear: YOU are the reason we’ve been successful. Without your generosity over the past year, we would be far from where we are.

Every dollar you’ve donated helped us do what we do best: move fast in answering the call of our medical leadership. Super cold freezers to store vaccine? We can buy them today. More tablets for tele-health? Done. Food and water for testing and vaccination staff? Sure—and for the patients waiting their turn too.

You are making this happen. Santa Clara County is easing restrictions and kids are returning to schools. We have a long way to go, and we can’t let our guard down...which is why I hope you’ll continue to stand with us in 2021. Masks, distancing, and care are still crucially important, and yes—your contributions are as well.

Your gifts have never meant more, and we will have plenty of new problems to address this year. You know as I do that the pandemic has affected some communities far worse than others. We must stand with those families in rebuilding as we also support our exhausted frontline healthcare heroes.

The road will be long, but with your help, it won’t be a dark tunnel.

Yours in community service,

Chris Wilder, President and Executive Director
Safe Shelter for Healthcare Heroes

Donations during the Covid-19 crisis have helped frontline staff in their workplace and have also helped protect their loved ones at home. With contributions from generous donors, the VMC Foundation partnered with two local hotels to offer significantly reduced rates for our healthcare workers to shelter away from their families during critical moments in the pandemic. To date, we have helped 225 frontline health workers across Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospital & Clinics with hotel stays. In addition, VMC Foundation staff coordinated meals to healthcare providers staying at these hotels to further reduce exposure.

While these essential workers fought tirelessly to care for patients in need, donors helped us give them peace of mind from possibly exposing their loved ones. One healthcare staff said, “The help to get a hotel room meant so much because even though I was scared, I didn’t feel alone. Thank you for being there for me.” We thank donors for helping us show our appreciation to those on the frontlines of this pandemic.

Donors Ensure There Are “Snacks for Vaxx”

This past year, healthcare workers have worked tirelessly treating patients, providing testing, and, most recently, administering the Covid-19 vaccine. With donor support, the VMC Foundation has launched our newest initiative to provide snacks and waters to Vaccine and Testing site staff. We’ve been able to provide tens of thousands of snacks and bottled waters to the over 500 healthcare workers at vaccine sites at Levi’s Stadium, Mountain View Community Center, Berger Drive and Santa Clara County Fairgrounds as well as testing sites located throughout the county.

Some donors have even purchased and delivered snacks themselves to vaccine sites. One donor, Patrick Hammon, started his own snack drive, “Snacks for Vaxx” within his community donating over 5,000 individual snacks. Kate Nowrousi, grateful that she was able to obtain a vaccine for her mother, donated Erik’s Deli sandwiches and cookies to all 75 staff members at the Berger Drive vaccine site. Corporate donors including Hint Water, Sports Basement, and OWYN have also donated their products to the cause.

These snack donations bring delight and gratitude and are often met with cheers from the staff. One site manager mentioned, “We have been so busy, it is often hard for us to take a lunch break, so these grab-and-go snacks are a lifesaver.”

Did you know?

• Your gifts can be made flexibly
• Recurring gifts help us plan and be prepared to say yes to emerging needs
• Recurring donors stay engaged in healthcare and bring us closer to assuring healthcare for all.

You’ll also get a gift tote bag!

To learn more, call Cam Vu 408-885-5299 or visit www.vmcfoundation.org.

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