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THE VALUE OF HOPE

At the Valley Medical Center Foundation, we believe that giving is never just about the money. Don't get me wrong, the money part is crucial. Without it, none of our work happens.

But as a supporter, you should know that your gift has a value that isn't only measured in dollars. It's about the hope that giving inspires, and the change that hope makes possible.

Time and again, we have seen a gift pay off in ways far beyond the purchasing power of the money itself. Yes, the new piece of equipment it buys or the program it funds is vital. But something else happens as well—it sends a message of support to caregivers working extraordinarily hard to take care of their patients and to keep all of us safe, reminding us that, yes, change is possible if we keep working for it.

So remember, when you write a check to the VMC Foundation or make a donation online, you aren't just sending money. You're sending hope. And after the hardest of years, hope is no longer a luxury. It's the fuel that will help beat the pandemic in Santa Clara County.

Yours in community service,

Michael Elliott,
Acting Executive Director



NICU COVID-19 Maternal-Infant Antibody Study

Donor support has helped SCVMC to engage in urgent research and data collection that has informed infant and maternal care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Early during the pandemic in April 2020, with support from the VMC Foundation, SCVMC's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) led a collaborative study with Labor and Delivery and pathology staff at SCVMC, O'Connor hospital and UCSF. The study investigated whether viral and antibody transmission occurred from SARS-CoV-2 infected mothers to their babies during pregnancy. The study also looked at antibodies in breast milk. This data helps inform care practices and policies for newborns and their mothers during this pandemic.

Dr. Dongli Song, the lead investigator of the study team and physician in the SCVMC NICU, explains that "Being able to launch this study was huge because it was one of the first studies and it is now referenced across the world. The speed of getting this funding was pivotal in getting the study off the ground early in the pandemic when data and information was lacking considerably."

This crucial study was made possible because of the generous support of donors to the VMC Foundation. Donors not only support direct patient care, but also contribute to medical and scientific knowledge to improve the health and well-being of communities near and far.



Bascom Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic

Tools for Care in Pediatrics Clinics

To support children with developmental and behavioral health needs, getting a diagnosis is key in helping parents and families learn how best to provide care. At Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP) clinics at Bascom and Downtown, and soon Gilroy, providers are grateful for important tools the VMC Foundation could provide to assist in assessments. "We have to observe children for an hour or longer during a session and kids need space, surfaces and toys to interact with," explains pediatrician Emily Whitgob. From child-sized tables and chairs to soft furniture, outfitting these clinics will go far in helping children receive timely, accurate, and life-changing diagnosis and follow-up care. "Our kids have been especially hard-hit by remote learning which means that getting support to navigate a possible new diagnosis has great impact. These toys and tools help us give parents and families answers and that sense of support," said Dr. Whitgob.

Blood Pressure Cuffs to Support Patient Care



Effective healthcare means getting ongoing care when health conditions require it. At the Renal Care Center, patients who need dialysis and kidney care were among the most vulnerable, both to the risks of COVID-19 and to the disruption of care that the pandemic threatened. With donor support, the VMC Foundation was able to help purchase much needed home blood pressure cuffs that allowed patients who couldn't afford them to have them to monitor their blood pressure at home. This allowed patients to continue to coordinate care with their providers without having to come to the clinic.

Assistant nurse manager at the Renal Care Center, J. Enrique Reyes-Carranco says, "During a crucial time, the foundation provided equipment for our patients' needs—vital tools for basic care that many wouldn't have been able to afford on their own."



Preparing for Pediatric Vaccinations

To support the continued vaccination of our community, the VMC Foundation is going all in to support SCVMC as it prepares for the upcoming vaccinations of elementary school-aged children 5-11 years old. This will have massive benefits for the well-being of our schools, teachers, and families throughout Santa Clara County. With 140,000 children in this age-range in our region, the efforts will need the full support of our donor community. With generous seed funding from Silicon Valley tech leader Godfrey Sullivan and a consortium of companies, led by Carl Guardino, including Bloom Energy, Shield T3 Health, and El Camino Health, the VMC Foundation has already raised \$250,000 to ensure that every eligible child can be vaccinated in a manner that will celebrate them and their part in beating this pandemic. But it isn't enough, and we will need your support too. Please give generously to get this vital population vaccinated and move us ever closer to a community safe from COVID-19. To donate, visit www.vmcfoundation.org.



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November 30, 2021

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