



# IMPACT Report



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## Towards the Future

At the end of February, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center closed the last remaining Covid-19 mass vaccination site in San Jose. Its closure is a moment

to reflect on how far we have come since those terrifying early days and to marvel at what we accomplished as a community in the name of saving lives. I will forever be grateful for the thousands upon thousands of you who donated to make these vaccine sites available to all. Rest assured, SCVMC will still play an important role in vaccination efforts as we start a new chapter.

Still, we can't lose focus on the terrible toll of human suffering that this pandemic imposed on our community. This was on my mind as we celebrated the groundbreaking for the Child, Adolescent, and Adult Behavioral Health Services Center. Of the many disparities laid bare by the pandemic, few are more apparent than the mental health crisis facing our community.

Just as we united as a community to protect healthcare workers and to ensure that a vaccine would be available to all, we now have a role to play in facing our newest challenge - building the best psychiatric hospital in the Bay Area and providing hope to young people and families experiencing acute mental illness. Thank you for standing with us.

Yours in community service,

Michael Elliott,  
President and Executive Director



## Groundbreaking News!

On February 22, just over a year after the County of Santa Clara declared mental health to be a public health crisis, construction for the Child, Adolescent, and Adult Behavioral Health Services Center officially broke ground.

A ceremony and reception hosted at the VMC Foundation celebrated this important milestone to increase access to high quality and comprehensive mental health care in Santa Clara County. Housed on the SCVMC campus, the hospital will provide inpatient psychiatric care, as well as emergency and outpatient psychiatric services, for individuals of all ages.

This is especially significant because there are no inpatient hospital beds for children and teens needing acute psychiatric care in Santa Clara County. As a result, hundreds of young people are transferred out of the County for care every year.

The new building will greatly expand psychiatric care for children and teens, as well as bring together existing adult behavioral health services under its roof. It will also include a bridge connection to the SCVMC emergency department, so that patients with co-occurring medical issues can be treated quickly.





## Providing Critical Support

To keep unhoused patients warm during this unusually cold and wet winter, the VMC Foundation helped to secure a District 3 URJGENT grant through the Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee. It has provided weather-appropriate clothing and essentials for unhoused patients receiving care throughout the County's public hospitals and clinics.

"The shoes and socks that we received for one of our homeless veterans came just in time when we healed his wound," Elise Nghiem, Health Center Manager at the Wound Clinic, shared. "The compression stockings are recommended for patients to wear after their wounds are healed and helps prevent reoccurrence of open wounds. Simple items, like jackets, blankets, and hand warmers, are valuable to our patients and mean so much."



## Improving Care

The Foundation supported SCVMC's Ob/Gyn residency program in procuring the LUCY MUM Model - an example of how you enable innovative ways to improve care for all of us! The birthing simulator allows medical residents to practice using forceps and vacuum device in vaginal deliveries.

These types of deliveries are uncommon and used when complications arise during labor, which makes practicing these skills both difficult and important. "Operative vaginal deliveries can be lifesaving for moms and babies," Ob/Gyn resident Olivia Marik-Reis shared.

"These tools allow us to continue to grow and become physicians equipped with the skills needed to care for our patients as they deserve," resident Natalie Eggleston added.

SCVMC has been a training hospital that has helped to prepare physicians in our community for over 50 years, through both its own residency programs and as a training site for Stanford residents.




## Advocating for Patients

Founded in the summer of 2020, Pedi POWER (Pediatricians Organizing and Working to End Racism) is a physician-led group focused on an anti-racism approach to medicine. "In order to care for our patients, we must examine the social and political determinants of health that impact them," Dr. Amna Khan, who helped to found Pedi POWER, shared.



In 2021, Pedi POWER partnered with the Foundation to launch a multi-lingual vaccination outreach campaign, recognizing a need for diverse, approachable messaging for their patient population. It was a tremendous success in sparking conversation with their patients' families about getting vaccinated.

With your support, Pedi POWER is currently working to address food insecurity among their patients and create a pipeline to medicine for young people from under-represented communities. Led by a dedicated steering committee, the group meets monthly. "We believe that all children deserve the opportunity to thrive and flourish," Dr. Khan said. "This is how Pedi POWER pediatricians strive to invest in our collective future, one child at a time."


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