



# IMPACTReport



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## Let's Talk

I get asked a lot about what I love most about this job, and I can't come up with just a single answer. This is a good problem.

It starts with my extraordinary team,

who amaze me each day with their creativity and devotion to the work, and my board for their wisdom and confidence in my leadership. It's also the incredible people we support, who go to work every day to keep all of us safe no matter the hardships.

But if I really HAD to choose one thing, the answer is obvious. It's you, the supporters of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. YOU are what I love most about this job.

Since taking on this role in January, I've had the pleasure of connecting with many of you. I've been inspired by your stories of giving and heartened by your words of encouragement. If you haven't heard from me yet, please don't feel left out. We are fortunate to have many supporters, and talking with each of you will take time. But I'm going to try!

Don't want to wait? Please drop me a line at [michael.elliott@hhs.sccgov.org](mailto:michael.elliott@hhs.sccgov.org) or call me directly at **408-885-2485**. I can't wait to talk.

Thank you for believing in the VMC Foundation and ensuring that every resident of Santa Clara County has access to high-quality healthcare.

Yours in community service,

Michael Elliott,  
President and Executive Director



## Your Support Helped Transform COVID-19 Vaccination Site into Kid-Friendly Jungle

Getting vaccinated can be especially scary for younger children. As part of a push for pediatric vaccinations for children ages 5-11, the Valley Medical Center Foundation and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center unveiled a kid-friendly makeover for the Fairgrounds Expo Hall, a mass vaccination site in San Jose, to encourage more families to receive their vaccines.

With a little creativity, the vaccination site now includes its very own jungle experience, complete with music, rainforest animal statues, trees, and other vibrant decorations. The jungle's bright colors and fun activities aim to ease children's anxieties before and after their vaccination. The jungle features a scavenger hunt, games, and fidget toys to keep children entertained and make getting vaccinated a more positive experience.

You helped to bring this jungle to life! Special thanks to the leadership of Carl Guardino and the support of Bloom Energy, tech leader Godfrey Sullivan, and the sponsors and runners of the Bloom Energy Stars and Strides Run/Walk. The support of donors like you helped make this space possible as it continues to get more people of all ages vaccinated against COVID-19 in our community every day.



## Youth-Led Diaper Drive Supports New Mothers

14-year-old Kaelen organized a diaper drive at Hillbrook School this past February! He collected over 5,000 diapers, as well as

baby wipes, books, bottles, toys, and other baby essentials, with the help of the Hillbrook School community. All of the items will go directly to support new mothers and their babies at the Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. This donation helps to ensure that diapers are not a concern for low-income mothers giving birth at SCVMC. Kaelen is the son of VMC Foundation board chair Marcelle Dougan and a wonderful young leader in our community. Donors of all ages are critical in meeting the diverse needs of community members who come through SCVMC's doors.



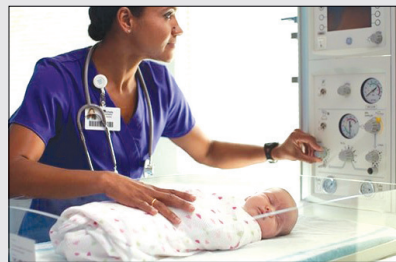
## Transportation Help for Cancer Treatment



There are many costs that patients bear when they undergo cancer treatment. One less discussed cost is transportation. Treatment plans sometimes require daily visits stretching months at a time, and the everyday financial costs of getting there become quickly burdensome. Through a grant from the American Cancer Society, the VMC Foundation has been able to provide much needed transportation support to patients coming to SCVMC's Sobrato Cancer Center for treatment.

Dr. Nam Cho, Medical Director of Sobrato Cancer Center shares, "Sometimes our patients travel very far to get life-saving treatment, and while support like this helps them financially, it also lifts their spirits, even sometimes bringing tears to their eyes."


## New Panda Warmers Assist Delivery

Taking care of our littlest patients is no easy task, but it's one that the VMC Foundation takes to heart. Our Labor and Delivery Department at O'Connor Hospital recently had a need to update their equipment for our delivery rooms to ensure the highest quality of care is provided during such an important moment in life. The VMC Foundation is excited to share that with the support of grant funding provided by Sunlight Giving, we were able to purchase 15 new panda warmers for the hospital. Panda warmers are a crucial piece of equipment that helps regulate newborn babies' temperatures while the pediatric team assess their health. They also play an essential role in neonatal resuscitation. "It's a big deal!" Michelle Pimentel, Nurse Manager at the Birth Center at O'Connor Hospital, said. "We need one for every single baby."



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