

Impact Report



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When Local Action Isn't Enough

Thank you to everyone who continues to stand with our local hospitals. The challenges ahead are real: Federal actions threaten health coverage for millions, and here in Santa Clara County the impact could reach \$1 billion a year. That isn't abstract — it means fewer services, longer waits, and growing pressure on the safety net our neighbors rely on. We've acted locally with passage of Measure A, and Santa Clara Valley Healthcare is working hard to reduce costs by hundreds of millions, but cuts alone can't fix this problem if we want to avoid the loss of life-saving services. That's why VHF is part of a coalition of community organizations and our County government urging the State Legislature to act decisively and invest in public hospitals, protect Medi-Cal coverage for millions of Californians, and partner with local communities fighting to protect healthcare access for all. Santa Clara County has already stepped up. Now we need that same urgency statewide. Please follow us online to learn ways to get involved. Just as we proved in November, we can all make a difference by working together.



Michael Elliott, President and Executive Director, Valley Health Foundation

Resources for Immigrant Families: Comfort over Fear

At the request of Santa Clara Valley Healthcare Pediatrics, Valley Health Foundation purchased and distributed 650 copies of *Tengo Miedo (I'm Scared)* to outpatient pediatric clinics and all four hospital emergency departments.

This bilingual book helps children of immigrant families process fear and stress regarding federal enforcement. By providing copies to children's health providers, VHF empowered clinicians to offer comfort and normalize difficult emotions. This vital resource is strengthening trust and connection between care teams and the families navigating these uncertainties.

Latino Summit Impact

As a fiscal sponsor of the 2025 Latino Health Summit, VHF enabled critical collaboration between community leaders, policymakers and residents to improve Santa Clara County health outcomes. **Over 140 stakeholders pledged commitment** to collective well-being, utilizing VHF's infrastructure to transform community priorities into actionable momentum and lasting impact for the Latino community. **Watch Supervisor Sylvia Arenas' video:** <https://vhfca.link/LHA-Arenas>

Patient Sound Amplification Pilot Improves Communication at the Bedside



“Using the amplifier, the hearing-impaired patient’s eyes lit up as they were finally able to hear questions from nurses and doctors, improving the quality and dignity of care.”

– Jonathan Fong, LCSW,
Lead Medical Social Worker

Clear communication is essential to safe, compassionate care — yet many hospitalized patients struggle to hear clinicians, particularly if they don’t have or won’t use hearing aids. VHF partnered with social workers at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center to pilot new sound-amplification devices designed to bridge that gap. The devices are already helping patients better understand care instructions, participate in decision-making, and feel more connected during their hospital stay. The pilot will inform future system wide strategies to improve communication and patient experience across SCVH hospitals.

Stars & Strides: Making Every Step Count!

The sixth annual Stars & Strides returns on July 11, 2026, uniting thousands at Discovery Meadow for a fast, flat 5K/10K that fuels community health. Runners, walkers, kids, and virtual participants are all invited to be part of this joyful celebration of movement and mission.



Since its inception, Stars & Strides has raised over \$1.45 million, directly supporting Valley Health Foundation and strengthening Santa Clara County’s public healthcare system through investments in family wellness, essential equipment, and programs that expand access for vulnerable neighbors.

Participants can look forward to a Kids Fun Run, team fundraising with exciting prizes, great swag, and a post-race festival with activities and entertainment for all ages.

Registration is now open at starsandstrides.com

Where Your Generosity Leads

Your support today for Valley Health Foundation (VHF) ensures that our public healthcare system has the capacity to provide the very best care to everyone who needs it. Every dollar makes a difference — whether it’s exploring new models of care or investing in new technologies to do more with less.

For every friend, family member, or neighbor who has relied on our public healthcare system, your support helps dedicated and caring staff meet the challenges ahead.

Your generosity fuels this work every day. Whether you give monthly or whenever inspiration strikes, your support helps Valley Health Foundation respond quickly to emerging needs and invest in long-term improvements.



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