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Greetings from the CEO



I know this will end, and we will look back at how we did. Based on what I've seen so far, we'll be able to take some pride. That's because we've seen an outpouring of generosity here at the VMC Foundation.

Individuals and

Silicon Valley businesses are giving money, supplies and support. It's been amazing, as has been the heroic response from the men and women of the County of Santa Clara Health System.

From our Health System's leadership all the way to the individual nurses and line staff — everyone is doing everything they can to make life better during this crisis. That's why the VMC Foundation is here, at the ready, open for business. It's because of them. But it takes all of you. THANK YOU for your generosity. Fred Rogers famously said that, in an emergency, "look for the helpers; there are always the helpers."

I'm looking at you.

Yours in service,

Chris Wilder, CEO



Photo Credit: World Class Tae Kwon Do of San Jose

A Miracle Indeed

In February 2020, the World Class Tae Kwon Do of San Jose held *Kicking for Miracles*, a fundraising event to support the SCVMC Women and Children's Center. The charitable event involved students, from children to adults, breaking over 2500 boards. Students showed off their skills while helping raise much needed funds to support infants and newborns. In 2020, the event raised over \$24,000.

In its five years of fundraising support, *Kicking for Miracles* has raised over \$80,000 to provide critical support and has the gratitude of all who work at and are served by SCVMC.

This is what we call *breaking good!*



Girls in Medicine

The VMC Foundation celebrated its first ever Girls in Medicine Program in December of 2019, we hosted 16 young ladies from Mount Pleasant High school for a day of education and inspiration. The program is designed to allow young girls an opportunity to learn about the many different career paths within the healthcare field, by hearing first-hand from successful female leaders in healthcare careers. We are proud to support Girls in Medicine, a program to nurture interest among young women to explore the idea of a career in a healthcare related field. A special thanks to Xilinx for helping sponsor the day.

Legacy Giving

When you think about Planned Giving, you think about your legacy. And we do too.

We want your legacy to reflect what you care most about.

Please consider including the VMC Foundation in your legacy. Ralph Dickman, a past chairman of our board, is now a member of our staff and is available to discuss options with you.

Contact Ralph at ralph.dickman@hhs.sccgov.org or 408-282-1748.

Doing good in your community can make good financial sense. Let us show you how.

Training for Real Patient Care

Part of great patient care is ensuring healthcare providers have the training tools necessary to excel in their patient work. Thanks to donor support, we were able to purchase “wearable” simulation equipment for Education Services.

This wearable system simulates parts of the body allowing providers to train in multiple scenarios such as listening to heart sounds, catheterization, and other critical areas of care. It provides a “real” opportunity for the learner to interact with a human being as they practice patient-centered care.

Because the equipment is worn by real people, care providers get a more realistic experience and the opportunity to learn not only procedural skills, but also refine soft skills of customer service and interacting with patients on a personal level.

The ability to provide this training to hospital care teams is a defining feature of what donor giving makes possible. This is a victory for patient care and for donors who champion quality care in our Santa Clara County Health and Hospitals System.



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