

Furthering the Mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983



Photo: Washington Hospital's Infusion Center staff with patient

From the Desk of the Executive Director



As we approach the holiday season, all of us at Washington Hospital wish to say *thank you*, for the continued support and generosity. 2023

has been a big year for us all, and together we've had an even bigger impact on the health and wellbeing of our community members. With your partnership this year, we've funded new surgical equipment to meet the rising patient need in the OR, education and baby supplies for new parents in need, \$8,000 in scholarships for local students; \$6,000 in assistance for patients experiencing homelessness; \$7,500 for the growth of the Hospital's palliative care programs, and much, *much* more.

We hope you will consider spreading the holiday cheer on **Giving Tuesday, this November 28th**. Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that inspires people from all across the world to give their time, their voice or a donation to help build a better world. This year, Giving Tuesday at Washington Hospital will bring awareness to trauma training and trauma prevention efforts in our community. We invite you to read more below or reach out if you are interested in learning more.

And we hope you and your family will join us on **December 6th** for a **Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration with Santa** at Washington West. We'll have hot chocolate, cookies, entertainment from Fremont Christian and the California School for the

And *thank you* to all who attended, supported or sponsored the **37th Annual Top Hat Gala**. We had our most successful Top Hat to date. We are in awe of your generosity- your donations totaled over **\$1 million for the new UCSF-Washington Cancer Center**. *Thank you*, from the bottom of our hearts, for your support in making this new cancer center a reality. We invite you to reach out if you are interested in learning more about the Hospital's cancer programming and how you can get involved.

The holidays may be right around the corner, but the Foundation still has a few exciting events planned to wrap up a tremendous and impactful year in support of Washington Hospital.

Deaf, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus!

For all Foundation Trustees & Members, the **Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30th** beginning at 4:30pm, in-person in the Anderson Auditorium.

This year, we extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for your dedication and generosity towards our community. Thank you for being part of the Washington Family.

Sarah G. Gemski
Executive Director
 Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation

| Upcoming Foundation Events | Save the Date |
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| Giving Tuesday | Tuesday, November 28 |
| Holiday Tree Lighting with Santa | Wednesday, December 6, 5 p.m. |
| Foundation Annual Meeting | Tuesday, January 30, 4:30 p.m. |
| Planned Giving Seminar (Rescheduled) | Thursday, February 29, 5 p.m. |
| 37th Annual Golf and Bocce Ball Tournament | Thursday, May 2, 2024 |



Estate Planning & Charitable Giving Seminar February 29th, 2024 5pm

The estate planning seminar, originally scheduled for Thursday, November 9th, has been rescheduled **for February 29th**. Please mark your calendars, and **RSVP here**. A reminder will be sent prior to the seminar.

The 37th Annual Top Hat

The 37th Annual Top Hat Gala, which took place on Saturday, October 14, was a huge success! Donations totaled more than \$1,170,000 making this year's gala the most successful to date! The Foundation extends a sincere thank you to the sponsors and all those who attended Top Hat with proceeds benefiting the UCSF - Washington Cancer Center.

The Hospital and UCSF Health share a vision to offer a leading cancer program in the region, providing world-class care to oncology patients and their families, closer to home. This new Cancer Center will provide patients in our community with expanded access to the latest cancer research, technology and treatment in a convenient and comforting environment, close to home and family.

The night of the gala, guests enjoyed beautiful fall weather in the outdoor garden reception area, before entering the grand tent decorated with a flare of Spanish Nights. Festivities included a fabulous meal, a colorful performance of flamenco dancers and a high-energy auction, followed by live music, dancing and desserts fireside.

Sophia Ahmad, President of the Foundation, said, "I am thrilled that we exceeded our fundraising goals in support of the UCSF-Washington Cancer Center! I want to sincerely thank all our generous supporters, especially Fremont Bank, Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Sisters of the Holy Family and UCSF Health who are helping us make this center a reality."

A very special thank you to the chairs of the event: **Paul Bonderson, Dr. Bogdan Eftimie, Dr. Carlton Scharman, and Dr. Matthew Tenold** for their support, dedication and passion for the planned expansion of the UCSF – Washington Cancer Center.

It's not too late to show your support! Please click [here](#) or call 510.818.7350 to donate. **Mark your calendar for Top Hat 2024 taking place on Saturday, October 12!**

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Thank You!



Foundation Updates



Holiday Donations

The Foundation welcomes donations of holiday meals for our staff and new toys or books for our pediatric department. If you are interested in coordinating a donation, please email foundation@whhs.com

Join us at 5pm on Wednesday, December 6th for a **Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration with Santa!** This family-fun event will feature local entertainment, refreshments, music, a tree lighting and photos with Santa!

When: 5pm-6:30pm; photos with Santa at 5:30pm; 12/6/2023
Where: Washington West, 2500 Mowry Ave, Fremont

The **Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship** is an annual scholarship awarded to a student interested in pursuing a career in medicine. This year, a \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to **Sophia Ahmadyar**, attending UCLA and **Jason Lee**, attending the University of Pittsburgh. Congratulations to the winners!

SAVE THE DATE
Nov 28, 2023

GIVING TUESDAY

You can make a difference!

Visit www.whhs.com/GivingTuesday to learn more and make your gift today to support Washington Hospital's Nursing Education Fund

Giving Tuesday -Nov. 28

Falls and motor vehicle injuries are among the top five causes of death or preventable disability for adults.

Trauma education and prevention is a key focus of Washington Hospital's journey to become a trauma center. Over the next year, nurses and staff from numerous departments will be trained in specialized trauma care to provide lifesaving and life-sustaining care to patients, while also educating our community on trauma prevention.

This year, we've designated Giving Tuesday towards the Nurse Education Fund at Washington Hospital, to help ensure our staff remain at the cutting edge of patient care, providing specialized, and culturally-relevant health care to our community. We encourage you to join the global generosity movement with a gift of time, your voice or a donation to support trauma care and prevention in our community. Please visit www.whhs.com/givingtuesday to learn more.

Donor Spotlight

For the third year in a row, family-

owned and operated, **Berge-Pappas-Smith Chapel of the Angels**, generously coordinated a meal donation to thank Washington Hospital staff for their dedication and hard work. Approximately **200 meals** were distributed to grateful staff members across the Hospital. Thank you, Chapel of the Angels, for your support!



Masquerade
Experience the Frenzy!
\$5 Jewelry and Accessories SALE
2 HUGE ROOMS!

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| Monday November 27 th 7 am - 5 pm | Tuesday November 28 th 7 am - 5 pm | Wednesday November 29 th 7 am - 5 pm |
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Washington West 2500 Mowry
Anderson Auditorium
Lots of Parking!!

Proceeds benefit The Annual Hospital Donation
Sponsored by Washington Hospital Service League
Cash, Credit/Debit Cards & Payroll Deduction

Masquerade Sale

Be part of Masquerade Sale on **Nov. 27 - 29, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Washington West, 2500 Mowry Ave., Anderson Auditorium sponsored by the Washington Hospital Service League.



[Donate Now](#)

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