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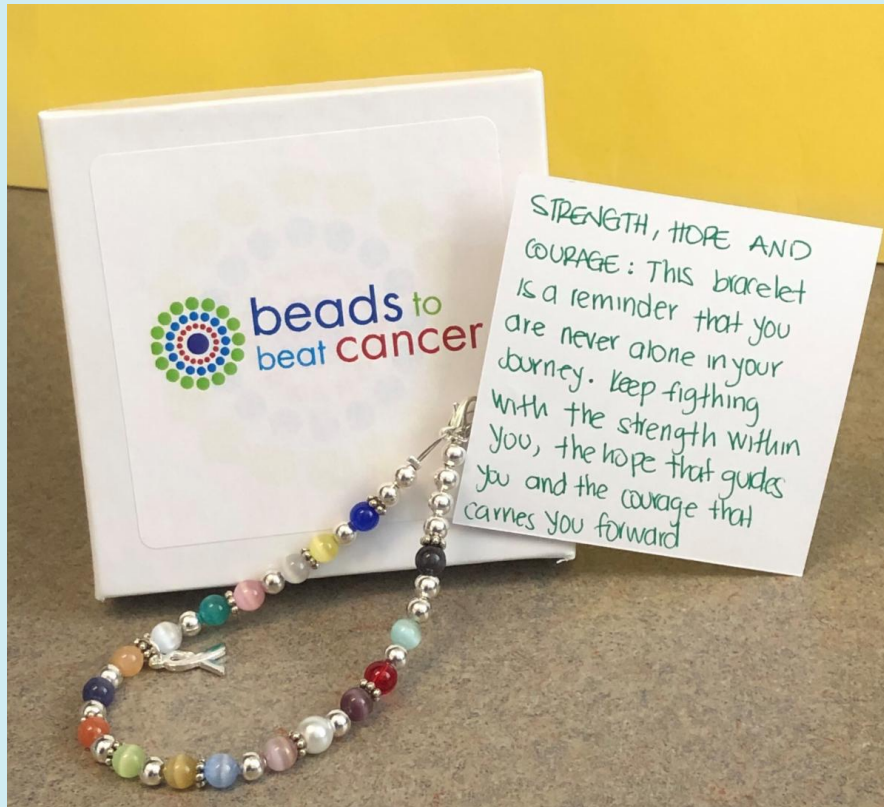


Photo: The Foundation received a heartwarming donation of bracelets from [Beads to Beat Cancer](#) for distribution to cancer patients. Each donated bracelet included a handwritten message of support.

From the Desk of the Executive Director



Welcome to the fall 2024 edition of the Foundation Focus, where we celebrate the meaningful strides your generosity is helping us make in enhancing

healthcare for everyone in our community.

In 2024, **your support has helped us raise nearly \$2,000,000** in funds for critical healthcare programs and services at Washington Hospital. Your giving has helped equip our Level II Trauma Center with lifesaving medical equipment, fund the purchase of an ultra-high-

Since February 2022, our community has helped us raise \$10,750,000 towards a \$12,000,000 goal for the **UCSF-Washington Cancer Center Campaign**, and we're still going. We ask for your support to help us reach our final fundraising goal by December 31st.

The holidays may be right around the corner, but the Foundation still has a few exciting events planned to wrap up a tremendous year supporting Washington Hospital. We hope you will consider spreading the holiday cheer on **Giving Tuesday, December 3rd**, in support of the new Cancer Center.

We hope you and your family will join us on **December 5th** for our **Holiday Tree**

resolution 3T MRI, expand in-demand services for mental health, enable Washington Hospital to begin construction on an expanded UCSF-Washington Cancer Center, and much *much* more.

I want to express my gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the **38th Annual Top Hat Gala**. With over 600 attendees and many more generous contributors, the Foundation raised over \$1,005,000 in gross revenue to help fund the new MRI- our 2nd highest-grossing Top Hat in Foundation history!

We are also pleased to share that construction began on the new UCSF-Washington Cancer Center in September and is set to be completed by early 2026.

Lighting Celebration with Santa at Washington West. We'll have hot chocolate, cookies, local entertainment, and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus!

For all Foundation Trustees and Members, the **Annual Dinner Meeting** will be held in person in the Anderson Auditorium on **Tuesday, January 28th, beginning at 4:30 p.m.**

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

Sarah G. Gemski
Executive Director
Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation

Upcoming Foundation Events	Save the Date
Giving Tuesday	Tuesday, December 3
Holiday Tree Lighting with Santa	Thursday, December 5, 5 p.m.
Foundation Annual Meeting	Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Planned Giving Seminar	Tuesday, March 11, 2025 -5:00 p.m.
Coffee with the CEO	March 2025 - TBA
Foundation Quarterly Meeting	Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
38th Annual Golf and Bocce Tournament	Monday, May 12, 2025

The 38th Annual Top Hat

The **38th Annual Top Hat Gala**, which took place on Saturday, October 12, was a huge success! Donations totaled more than \$1,005,000 in gross revenue. The Foundation extends a sincere thank you to the sponsors and all those who attended Top Hat, with proceeds benefiting a new MRI for Washington Hospital.

As Washington Hospital continues to grow, and with the opening of the new Level II Trauma Center, the Hospital is in need of its own MRI. The **3 Tesla wide-bore MRI** is an ultra-high resolution imaging device that will significantly improve patient outcomes and enable more detailed readings, which can lead to earlier and more accurate diagnoses. It will also allow us to offer new procedures locally that patients previously had to leave the community to receive.



The night of the gala, guests enjoyed beautiful fall weather in the outdoor Italian-themed garden area, before entering the grand tent, which included a fabulous meal, a wonderful performance by Italian tenor, Pasquale Esposito, and a high-energy auction. The night continued until midnight with dancing, cocktails, coffee and desserts fireside.

Sophia Ahmad, President of the Foundation, said, "I want to sincerely thank all our generous supporters, especially Dearborn & Associates Institute for Joint Restoration, Fremont Bank, Sharon Gallacher and Family, Sisters of the Holy Family and UCSF Health, who helped make the night a success." A very special thank you to the chairs of the event, Dr. Ramin Beygui and Dr. Sandeep Kunwar, and to Gabrielle Oyler for sharing her impactful story with guests. Check out the Top Hat 2024 event pictures [here](#) on Facebook.

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 2025 taking place on Saturday, October 11!

Washington Hospital Foundation Thanks These Major Supporters

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Move Generosity Forward this Giving Tuesday

As a not-for-profit Hospital, philanthropy is and will continue to be an integral part of what enables Washington Hospital to provide the highest-quality care to our community when and where it is most needed.

To meet the needs of a growing patient population and increase access to exceptional cancer treatment for our community, the urgency to expand Washington Hospital's patient care facilities has never been greater. Every



dollar you give on **December 3rd** to the new **UCSF–Washington Cancer Center** will provide world-class cancer treatment to patients and their families close to home.

You can play an important role in helping us achieve our mission by supporting the **UCSF-Washington Cancer Center** this **Giving Tuesday**. Don't miss your chance to make an impact on cancer care in our community- for patients now and into the future.

You can make a difference!

Visit www.whhs.com/GivingTuesday to learn more and make your gift today to support the new UCSF - Washington Cancer Center at Washington Hospital

Together we give



GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday -Dec. 3

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Please visit www.whhs.com/givingtuesday to learn more.

Honor a loved one today with a gift for Giving Tuesday

Foundation Updates



Holiday Donations

The Foundation welcomes donations of holiday meals for clinical staff or participate in our **Holiday Coat and Toy Drive** -

Please bring a new or slightly used coat or blanket to donate to those in need or a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots, presented by the US



Join us at 5pm on Thursday, **December 5th** 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!



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 **Shannon Ly**, and

Marine Corps Reserve. If you are interested in coordinating a donation, please email the Foundation

When: 5pm-7pm;
photos with Santa at 5:30pm
Where: Washington West, 2500 Mowry Ave, Fremont

Juan Ernesto Vasquez Guijarro,
Congratulations to the winners!

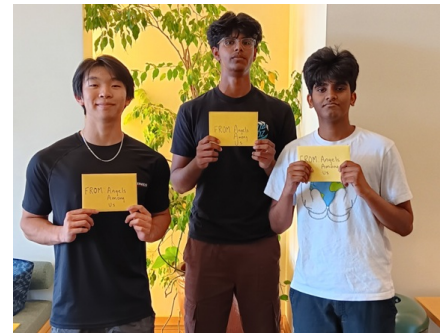


Trustee Spotlight

We'd like to congratulate **Chip Koehler** - this quarter's Trustee Spotlight! Chip has been a Trustee of the Foundation since 2020. This year, Chip went above and beyond as a member of the golf committee- even serving as our volunteer auctioneer. Chip also played a big role in the success of Top Hat, bringing in a number of sponsorships. Thank you, Chip, for your years of support!

Angels Among Us

The Foundation received a generous donation and thoughtful hand-made cards for the UCSF-Washington Cancer Center. Hrishik, a local American High School student, along with other student volunteers (Sujit, Surya, Ethan, Srivastava) created the group Angels Among Us and recently asked community members for donations in support of the new Cancer Center. Thank you Angels Among Us, for this thoughtful and generous gift.



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