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**French Hospital Medical Center Foundation Gala raises record breaking amount for new hospital programs and services**  
*Jill and Rick Stollmeyer's match of \$250,000 will help fund Beyond Health Campaign*

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – September 26, 2019** – The French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) Foundation is pleased to announce that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Caring Gala raised more than \$500,000 to support the BEYOND *health* fundraising campaign for the Your New French Hospital expansion. This project will add a four-story patient care tower with private patient rooms, enhanced services, advanced technology, and more.

The celestially themed, *Written in the Stars*, event took place August 24th, 2019 at the ACI Jet Center in San Luis Obispo. The annual event's remarkable success is due to the incredible generosity of its sponsors, contributors, and guests. Since 2006, the Gala has raised more than \$3,300,000 to support FHMC patient programs and services.

Rick Stollmeyer, CEO of MINDBODY was honored with the prestigious 2019 Louis Tedone, MD Humanitarian Award. During the Gala, the Stollmeyer's surprised the crowd of 300 by announcing a matching gift of \$250,000 for funds raised at the Gala.

“Having accessible world class health care is a vital priority that touches all of us who live here on the Central Coast,” said Rick, “The French Hospital team and generous members of our community have done an extraordinary job over the past 15 years lifting the facilities and care to truly world class status, and positively impacted tens of thousands of lives in the process. For this reason, Jill and I are pleased to support this \$125 million expansion of the FHMC campus as a capstone of those efforts.”



Blue Distinction Centers (BDC) met overall quality measures for patient safety and outcomes, developed with input from the medical community. A Local Blue Plan may require additional criteria for facilities located in its own service area; for details, contact your Local Blue Plan. Blue Distinction Centers+ (BDC+) also met cost measures that address consumers' need for affordable healthcare. Each facility's cost of care is evaluated using data from its Local Blue Plan. Facilities in CA, ID, NY, PA, and WA may lie in two Local Blue Plans' areas, resulting in two evaluations for cost of care, and their own Local Blue Plans decide whether one or both cost of care evaluation(s) must meet BDC+ national criteria. National criteria for BDC and BDC+ are displayed on www.bcbs.com. Individual outcomes may vary. For details on a provider's in-network status or your own policy's coverage, contact your Local Blue Plan and ask your provider before making an appointment. Neither Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association nor any Blue Plans are responsible for non-covered charges or other losses or damages resulting from Blue Distinction or other provider in-network information or care received from Blue Distinction or other providers.

The \$125 million dollar expansion on the FHMC campus includes 56-private patient rooms, 16-bed NICU, ten ICU beds and a more modern and technologically advanced campus.

To learn more about supporting the BEYOND *health* campaign visit [www.gobeyondhealth.org](http://www.gobeyondhealth.org) or call the Foundation office at 805.542.6496.

### **About French Hospital Medical Center**

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, is rated one of the Top 100 Hospitals in the nation and one of the Top 50 Cardiac Hospitals in the nation by Thomson Reuters. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology on the Central Coast. The hospital's current modernization and redesign project is an example of the commitment to meet the growing needs of the community with lifesaving advancements in medicine coupled with excellent, compassionate care. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. French is a Dignity Health member of the Central Coast which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA and Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA. Dignity Health of the Central Coast is an integrated network of top quality hospitals, physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services including primary care offices, premier ambulatory surgery centers, technologically-advanced laboratories and imaging centers and a full service home health agency; all recognized for quality, safety and service. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities.