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## **French Hospital Medical Center Foundation Receives Donation from Local Organization Cancer Connections**

*Donation will support the Hearst Cancer Resource Center at French Hospital*

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – July 14, 2016** – The French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) Foundation is pleased to announce that the Hearst Cancer Resource Center (HCRC) was the recent recipient of a donation from Cancer Connections, a local grassroots organization that supports newly diagnosed cancer patients.

Volunteers at Cancer Connections celebrated the tenth birthday of the organization by donating to the HCRC’s Angel of Hope Fund. Cancer Connections provides individualized support for those diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers. All volunteers of Cancer Connections have had cancer or have supported others dealing with cancer and are willing to share their personal experience to help others at no cost, and in complete confidentiality.

The HCRC Angel of Hope Fund, supported by community donations, provides immediate financial assistance for basic medical needs of cancer patients in treatment and their families. Financial assistance enables HCRC clients to maintain their cancer treatments without interruption by helping those facing financial hardship due to increasing health care costs and other expenses.

Cancer Connections and the HCRC partner to offer free resources and a support network for those diagnosed with cancer and their families.

For additional information about the Angel of Hope Fund, or to donate, please visit [www.supportfrenchhospital.org](http://www.supportfrenchhospital.org) or call 805.542.6496.

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

French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, has been named one of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics, and is rated among the top hospitals in the nation for cardiac, orthopedic and GI services. French Hospital has achieved prestigious designation as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. In addition, an expansion and modernization project is underway at French Hospital, including the new Copeland Health Education Pavilion, which provides the community access to comprehensive health care education resources free of charge. French is a Dignity Health Central Coast hospital which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA, Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA, St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA and St. John's Pleasant Valley in Camarillo, CA. Dignity Health 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. To learn more go to <http://www.dignityhealth.org/frenchhospital/>