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**French Hospital Medical Center Foundation’s Golf and Tennis Tournament raises nearly \$80,000**  
*Surpasses previously set record for amount raised for this event*

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – July 13, 2017** – The French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) Foundation is proud to announce more than \$79,000 was raised during The French Cup, its eleventh annual charity Golf and Tennis Tournament. Held on June 12, 2017 at the San Luis Obispo Country Club, this year’s event broke previous French Cup records with the amount raised. Funds from the event will support patient programs and services at FHMC.

The event featured a golf tournament, a women’s doubles tennis tournament and an awards reception. In total, this year’s tournament included 140 golfers and 14 tennis players. Mustangs Sports Properties was the Presenting Sponsor with other major sponsors including Pacific Premier Bank, J.W. Design & Construction and French Hospital Medical Center Medical Staff. The Restaurants on the Green included Ciopinot Seafood Grille, Olde Port Inn and Old San Luis BBQ.

The winning golf team included Dr. Luke Faber, Dr. Mark Soll, Sadie Strain, and Cole Nygren. Paige Esparza and Stephanie Ventura were the winners of the women’s doubles tennis tournament. All winners took home the highly acclaimed French Cup medals created by Malcolm DeMille, designer of the PGA Tour trophy. Nipool Patel, a Foundation Board Member, has chaired the event for the past ten years.

Since its inception in 2007, The French Cup has generated more than \$570,000 for FHMC’s programs and services. The FHMC Foundation hosts a number of fundraising activities such as the annual golf tournament to support patient services and hospital programs.

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### **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.