



# Your kindness in action

2023–2024 Annual Impact Report

Hello humankindness®

CommonSpirit's mission, vision and values inform every aspect of our work each day, and remind us that we serve our patients, their families, our communities—and also each other.

## Our mission

As a part of CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

French Hospital Medical Center Foundation is committed to supporting the charitable and community health care mission of French Hospital Medical Center through fundraising and relationship building. The Foundation solicits philanthropic gifts, provides stewardship of these gifts, and grants funds to the hospital to advance the community's access to health care.

## Our vision

A healthier future for all, inspired by faith, driven by innovation and powered by our humanity.

## Our values

### Compassion

Care with listening, empathy and love.  
Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

### Inclusion

Celebrate each person's gifts and voice.  
Respect the dignity of all.

### Integrity

Inspire trust through honesty.  
Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

### Excellence

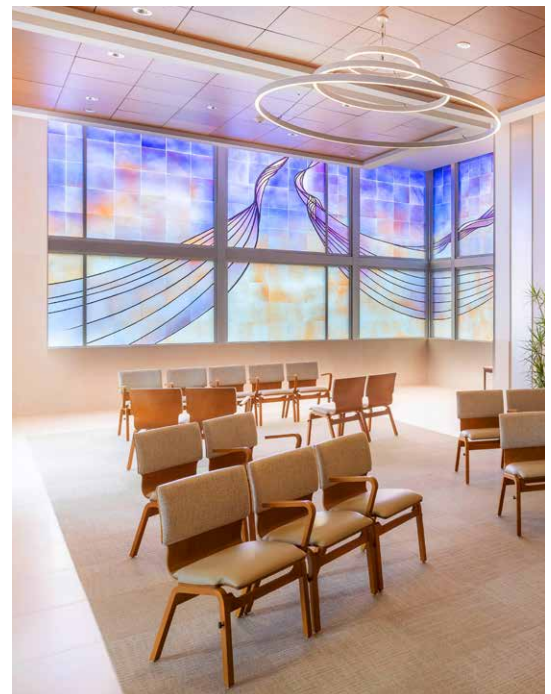
Serve with fullest passion, creativity and stewardship.  
Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

### Collaboration

Commit to the power of working together.  
Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

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Cover photo and above: "Ribbon of Hope" stained glass graces the new Swanson Family Chapel (more on page 6).

# A message from our leadership team

I joined the French Hospital Medical Center Foundation as the Chief Philanthropy Officer in January 2024. I have resided in San Luis Obispo for 23 years and worked professionally at Cal Poly for 16 years prior to joining the leadership team at French Hospital. I am honored to lead the Foundation team and engage our local community in bringing outstanding health care to SLO County.

Our hospital is fueled by humankindness, not only from our dedicated and compassionate caregivers, but also from you, our generous donors, who help sustain and amplify the excellence of French Hospital. Your support breathes new life into our work—through programs like the Hearst Cancer Resource Center and through our Beyond Health campaign, which will bring a new patient tower and vital services to the French Hospital campus and our community.

Through your continued partnership and generosity, we can achieve our vision for French Hospital—a place where each person gets the high-quality care they deserve. Thank you for your sustained partnership and support. We have so much to be proud of, and much of it is made possible thanks to your generosity!



I am honored and excited to be back at French Hospital as the new President and CEO. As you may know, I started with French Hospital in 1992, serving as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for nearly a decade and later becoming the CFO for Dignity Health's Central Coast Region. In 2018, I stepped into my current role as the President and CEO for Dignity Health's two other local hospitals, Marian Regional Medical Center and Arroyo Grande Community Hospital, a role in which I will continue.

Coming back to French Hospital truly feels like coming home. I have profound respect and admiration for our leadership and caregivers, who always strive to provide exceptional care to our community with the compassion for which French Hospital is known.

I have long been a donor to the French Hospital Foundation, as I personally understand the significant impact that philanthropy provides to our community. As a nonprofit hospital, philanthropic support allows our hospital to go above and beyond a basic level of care, providing programs and services to address the unmet needs of our community. I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of our donors and look forward to partnering with you in our shared efforts to advance access to local, high-quality health care. Together, I'm excited to usher in a new era of care at French Hospital.



**Tessa Espinoza**  
Chief Philanthropy Officer



**Sue Andersen**  
President and CEO



# A renewed vision for French Hospital Medical Center

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## Looking to the future of local health care

Many community members recall various seasons of growth and change at French Hospital over several decades. As we look at our origins, we remember that in 1946, Dr. Edison French purchased the San Luis Sanitarium on Marsh Street and renamed it French Hospital. Dr. French began practicing state-of-the-art medicine—he was the first surgeon to use intravenous anesthesia locally, the first to perform a lung resection, and the first to do collapsed lung therapy. Dr. French encouraged other specialists to settle in the area, making French Hospital the hub for medical expertise in the region.

The existing hospital on Johnson Avenue opened in 1972 and continues to serve as the original nonprofit hospital in San Luis Obispo. For decades, French Hospital has proudly served as the premier facility for cardiac care and has been widely recognized as one of the safest hospitals in the nation. In fact, the hospital recently became the only hospital in California and one of only eight hospitals nationwide to achieve a Five Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and earn 25 straight 'A's' in Hospital Safety from the Leapfrog Group.

It's important to reflect on the origin story of French Hospital and highlight the consistent achievements in excellent health care that we have provided for over seven decades. However, it is essential that the hospital not waver on our steadfast effort to bring a level of health care that rivals a much larger metropolitan area. The quality of our physicians, caregivers and services are comparable to big cities, and yet we continue to provide high quality care in a facility that needs significant updates.

As we look to the future, we will bring single-patient rooms to our community, which are universally accepted as an industry best-practice and is an



French Hospital Medical Center in its original location on Marsh Street in 1946

essential contributor to successful patient recovery. French Hospital is dedicated to offering the only single-patient rooms in our county. Our patients deserve the dignity and privacy of healing quietly and with the comfort and closeness of family and loved ones.

We hold a vision for the future in which physicians who move to San Luis Obispo to work at French Hospital have access to the same quality of equipment and technology that exists at premier hospitals across the country. We attract the highest-caliber physicians to SLO County and we must invest in the most advanced tools, surgical robots, lasers, imaging equipment, and various innovative technologies to ensure that our physicians can practice and perform in the same high-tech, high-functioning environment in which they were trained.

Our vision for French Hospital also stems from the vision of our parent company, CommonSpirit Health—a healthier future for all, inspired by faith, driven by innovation, and powered by our humanity.



## Beyond Health: Your New French Hospital is coming soon

The Foundation continues to raise funds for the Beyond Health Campaign, supporting Your New French Hospital. This transformative \$235 million hospital expansion project will provide an unprecedented level of world-class care to our community. To date, more than \$22 million has been raised towards our \$30 million community-based fundraising goal for Beyond Health. Financial support from CommonSpirit Health will allow us to construct this state-of-the-art facility; however, it is essential that we have philanthropic support.

The completion of the Swanson Family Chapel and the Martin-Hulburd Family Healing Garden in 2024 represents the first step in bringing Your New French Hospital to our community.

Construction of the new Patient Care Tower and parking structure were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a required two-year environmental impact report that was completed in mid-2024. New architectural drawings are now underway to reflect updated building codes, and final project approvals are moving forward. French Hospital aims to update all construction plans and get City approval in 2025, allowing for State approvals and phase 1 construction to follow.

## *Your New French Hospital*

A new Patient Care Tower

Single-patient rooms

Diana Beaudry  
Patient Care Wing

Stan & Barbara Clark  
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Expanded Intensive Care Unit

A new front entrance, lobby,  
and dining area

Swanson Family Chapel

Holistic grounds and  
healing spaces

Miozzi Rooftop Garden Terrace

New Imaging Center

Expanded space for labs,  
food services, and more

Enhanced and advanced  
technologies and services

Hearst Heliport for  
critical emergencies

A new parking structure

**Learn how you can go  
Beyond Health:**



Learn more about  
Your New French Hospital at  
[supportfrenchhospital.org/  
beyondhealth](https://supportfrenchhospital.org/beyondhealth)

# Your kindness in action

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## Swanson Family Chapel and Martin-Hulburd Family Healing Garden provide comfort and solace

In May 2024, French Hospital officially opened the new Swanson Family Chapel, alongside the recently renovated Martin-Hulburd Family Healing Garden. These serene spaces represent the first completed projects of the Beyond Health campaign for Your New French Hospital and bring our vision of holistic well-being to life.

The interfaith chapel, located near the main hospital entrance, is a welcoming space for patients, visitors, and staff to reflect, pray, and find spiritual connection. The chapel's mission-style exterior reflects the Spanish architecture of San Luis Obispo, including a beautiful tower with a custom forged and inscribed bell. The chapel's open, light-filled interior features the striking

"Ribbon of Hope" stained-glass windows created by internationally recognized artist Elizabeth Devereaux.

"The new interfaith chapel has become a beacon of hope and a source of deep solace for our staff, patients, and their loved ones," says Peter Kang, Manager of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care. "We are profoundly grateful to Bill and Cheryl Swanson for their unwavering support in making this sacred space a reality, where people of all faiths can find peace and comfort."

The Martin-Hulburd Family Healing Garden, located adjacent to the Swanson Family Chapel, offers patients and visitors a natural outdoor space for peaceful reflection. The garden was renovated during the addition of the chapel and features therapeutic art pieces that augment the restorative nature of the space.





## Treating the whole person

At French Hospital, we understand the importance of providing a holistic experience for our patients, one that goes beyond standard medical care. Hospitals are often where we find ourselves in times of concern for our own health or the health of our loved ones. Hospital visits can be a time of heightened emotional stress, fear, and anxiety. Recognizing that our physical surroundings can significantly impact our well-being and overall emotional states, French Hospital strives to incorporate serene indoor and outdoor settings to provide reprieve from the standard hospital environment.

That's why our Beyond Health campaign includes new and expanded spaces of beauty and solace at French Hospital, beyond those typically found on medical campuses. Creating environments that promote overall well-being is part of our commitment to patient-centered care.

At French Hospital, the people on our campus are at the heart of our work—including our staff members, medical providers, and visitors. We want everyone at French Hospital to find relief from the challenges and uncertainty of being a patient or caring for a patient. Through the Beyond Health campaign, we're doing more than ever to support the body, mind, and soul of our community.

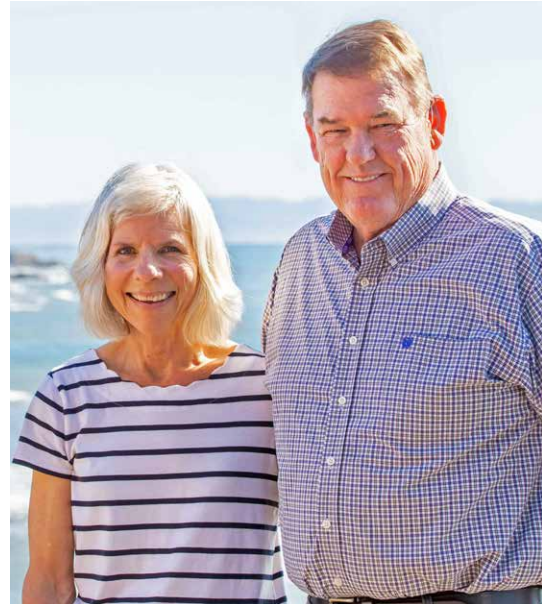


The Martin-Hulburt Family Healing Garden offers serene outdoor areas for patients, families, and staff to enjoy

## Randy & Nancy Flamm

In 1989, Randy and Nancy Flamm launched IQMS, a software company, from the living room of their Paso Robles home. After 27 years at the helm, they sold IQMS in 2016 and looked to new opportunities. Today, the Flamms reside on the coast, where they own and operate Thunder Creek Cattle Company, a 6,000-acre cow and calf operation in Cayucos and Harmony.

As long-time residents of San Luis Obispo County, the Flamms became inspired to learn more about health care by their daughter, Janice, a labor and delivery nurse. A visit to French Hospital and conversations with caregivers left the Flamms deeply moved by the dedication and exceptional care provided by the medical staff. The Flamms were particularly moved by the Beyond Health Campaign's vision for a new patient tower with single-patient rooms, recognizing the positive impact it would have on patient privacy, comfort, and healing. Inspired to take part, the Flamms made a generous \$500,000 donation to support the new patient tower, ensuring that French Hospital can continue to provide the highest quality care to our community.



**“We were so impressed by the dedication of the staff at French Hospital. We believe in the importance of ensuring that high-quality health care is available locally, and we are proud to be a part of bringing this new patient tower to fruition.”**

*—Randy and Nancy Flamm*



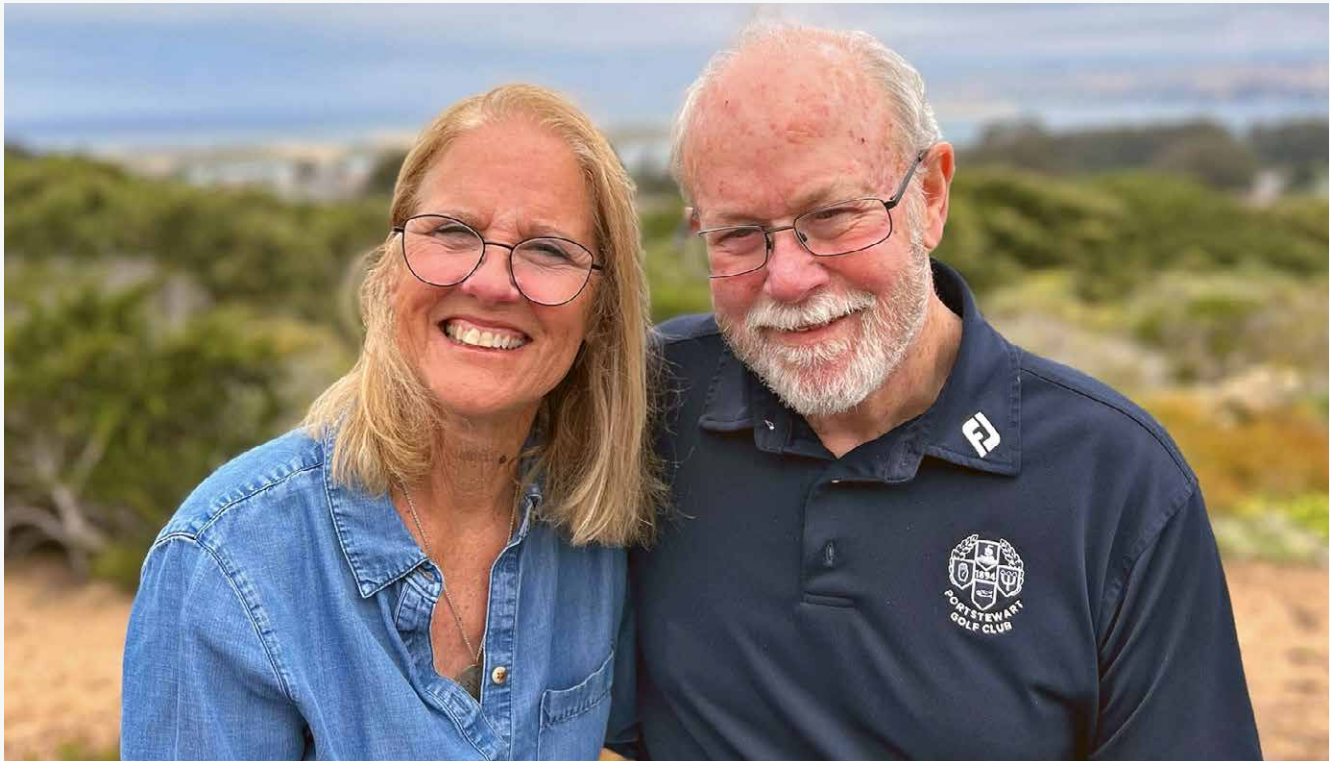
## Diana Beaudry

Diana Beaudry was introduced to French Hospital in 2021 and was immediately impressed by the level of care from the staff she encountered. Living in mostly metropolitan areas prior to moving to the Central Coast, her experiences with health care had been excellent, but patients were treated more like numbers in beds, lacking warmth and connection.

As Diana learned more about Beyond Health and plans for a new patient care tower with single-patient rooms, she knew she wanted to be a part of it. Diana made her initial gift in 2022 and increased her contribution in 2024 to support the Diana Beaudry Patient Care Wing.

**“It is so important for excellent care to be delivered compassionately and with kindness. It is a privilege to be able to support the hospital in bringing a new vision of care to the Central Coast.”** *—Diana Beaudry*





## Bob & Debbie Wacker

Debbie Wacker and her late husband, Bob, have each held a special connection with French Hospital and a deep understanding of the need to support their nonprofit community hospital.

As a grateful former patient, Bob's positive experience inspired him to become the Co-Chair of the Foundation's Beyond Health Campaign in an effort to ensure that patients have access to advanced care. Debbie is one of French Hospital's longest-serving volunteers, devoting more than 30 years to assisting hospital patients, staff, and visitors. She also currently serves as the President of the French Hospital Volunteer Guild and as a French Hospital Foundation Board member. Together, Bob and Debbie's dedication to health care and their experiences with the hospital led them to make significant philanthropic gifts to the Beyond Health campaign.

Just before Bob's passing, the Wackers decided to make yet another contribution to French Hospital. Recognizing the important role of advanced technology in the hospital's ability to care for patients, they established the Bob and Debbie Wacker Technology and Innovation Fund. The new fund was highlighted at the Celebration of Caring event, with memorial gifts in Bob's honor raising over \$135,000.

The French Hospital Foundation was honored to recognize Bob and Debbie's many outstanding contributions to the well-being of the San Luis Obispo community by naming the Wackers the 2024 recipients of the Louis Te-done, MD, Humanitarian Award. Sadly, Bob passed away two weeks before receiving the award at the Foundation's Celebration of Caring in February 2024.

Thanks to the support of the Wackers and ongoing contributions from donors, French Hospital will continually invest in cutting-edge technology, equipment, and innovative practices.

The Foundation remains forever grateful to Bob Wacker for his vision and support of our community, and to Debbie for her continued volunteerism and leadership.

**"I recognize that it's a gift and a privilege—not a duty—to have been put in a position where we can make a positive impact on people who need help. The list is endless and so are the opportunities. I appreciate the gift of being able to help."**

*—Bob Wacker*



Learn more about the  
Wacker Technology  
and Innovation Fund

# Advancing care for our community

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## New cardiac catheterization labs introduce cutting-edge technology

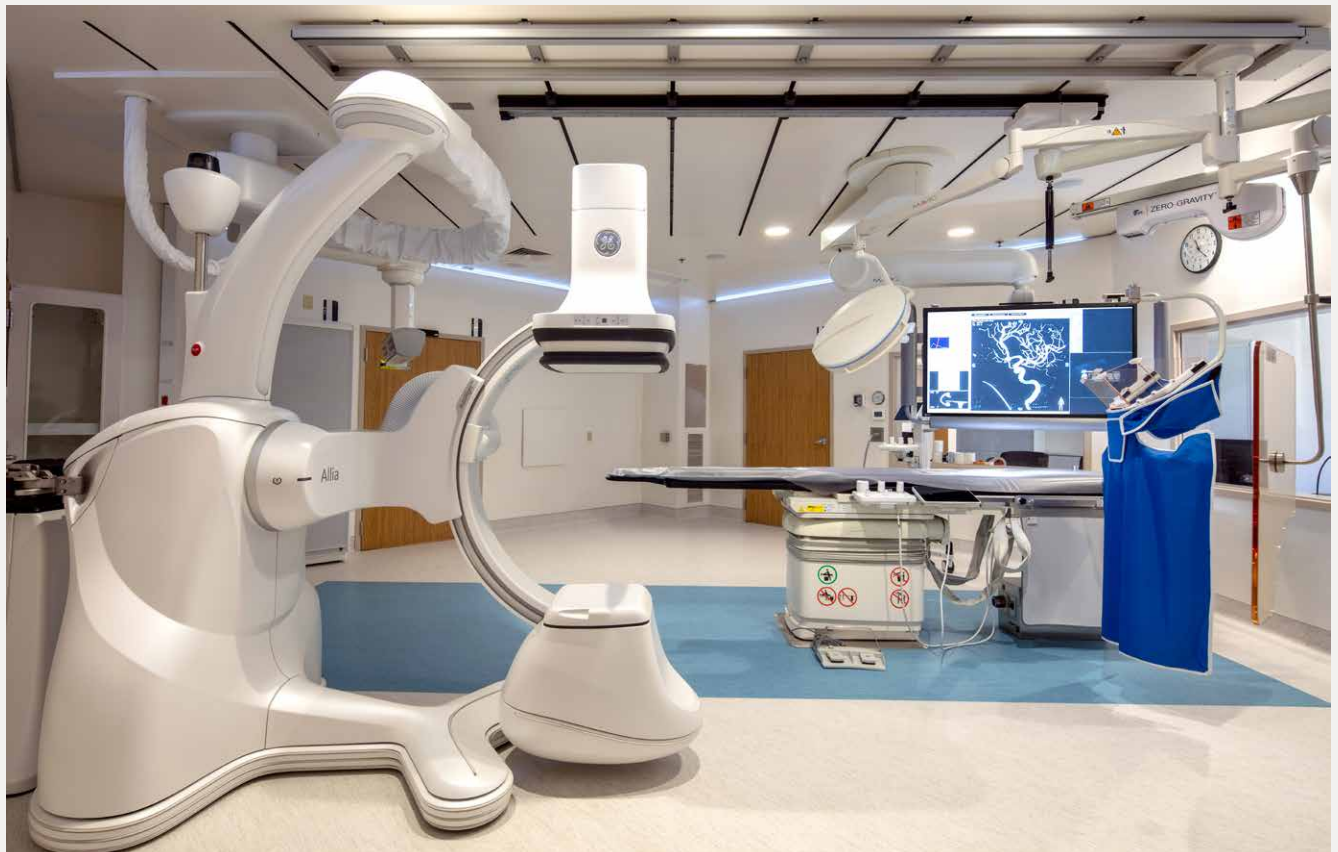
2023 marked a significant milestone for French Hospital, with the opening of the first of two newly remodeled state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization labs in the Copeland, Forbes and Rossi Cardiac Care Center. The second cardiac catheterization lab is scheduled to open in early 2025, further expanding our capacity to serve the growing needs of our community.

The new labs, featuring the cutting-edge GE Allia IGS 730 fluoroscopy system, further elevate the level of medical care available and represent French Hospital's commitment to providing our community with the highest level of cardiac care, right here at home.

As the only facility between Los Angeles and San Francisco to boast this advanced diagnostic system,

French Hospital is able to offer a wider range of minimally invasive procedures. This includes pacemaker implantation, coronary artery stenting, arrhythmia ablation, minimally invasive aortic valve replacement (TAVR), Transcatheter Edge to Edge Repair (Mitra-Clip), Watchman, non-cardiac procedures, and more.

These advanced labs are a testament to French Hospital's commitment to providing comprehensive, advanced care to our community. We are ensuring that patients can receive the treatment they need without having to travel out of the area, not only improving access to care but also reducing stress and inconvenience for patients and their families. We are excited to continue investing in cutting-edge technology and expertise through the Bob and Debbie Wacker Technology and Innovation Fund, ensuring that French Hospital remains at the forefront of care for all those who need it.







## A beacon of excellence in patient safety

French Hospital Medical Center continues to shine as a leader in patient safety and quality care, achieving a remarkable milestone in 2024. French Hospital is the only hospital in California to hold both a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Five Star Rating and to have received 25 consecutive 'A's' in Hospital Safety from the Leapfrog Group.

**This achievement places us among an elite group of only eight hospitals nationwide to hold these prestigious distinctions simultaneously.**

CMS evaluates hospitals annually based on five key quality categories including mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care.

The Leapfrog Group assigns grades to all general hospitals based on patient safety performance measures. French Hospital has earned an 'A' for 25 consecutive grading cycles (awarded bi-annually), demonstrating our unwavering dedication to patient safety.

These distinctions are not just accolades; they represent a tangible impact on the health and well-being of our community. By consistently exceeding national standards in patient safety and quality care, we are building trust and confidence in our hospital. This trust allows us to continue to provide exceptional care to our patients and their families, ensuring their safety and well-being.

Moving forward, French Hospital is committed to upholding the highest standards of patient safety and quality care, delivered with compassion and humankindness. We will continue to invest in innovative technologies, evidence-based practices, and experienced caregivers to ensure that French Hospital remains a beacon of excellence in health care.



## Newsweek names French Hospital one of America's Best Maternity Hospitals

In 2024, French Hospital was recognized by *Newsweek* as one of America's Best Maternity Hospitals, a distinction recognizing facilities that have excelled in providing care to mothers, newborns, and their families. Named for a third consecutive year, French Hospital is the only hospital in San Luis Obispo County to receive this recognition, which is awarded based on hospital quality metrics, a nationwide survey of health care professionals, and results from patient surveys.

The Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center at French Hospital includes eight private birthing suites offering labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum services. It also features a Cesarean section suite located inside the center and an Acute Care Nursery for advanced neonatal care. Thanks to donor support, the Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center was

renovated and expanded in 2017, bringing a new level of comfort and care to patients.

The Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center caregivers and staff are dedicated to providing mothers, babies, and families with a positive birthing experience.

"We are excited to be recipients of this award again, knowing the care we provide is recognized not only locally, but nationally, as well," said Ingrid Rodriguez, RN, Director of French Hospital's Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center. "The Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center team provides our patients and families with individualized, compassionate care with a focus on quality and safety. It is an honor to be recognized as a top maternity unit."



Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center Director Ingrid Rodriguez (center) with labor and delivery caregivers





## Finding comfort and care at the Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center

San Luis Obispo residents Camille and Owen Schwaegerle chose French Hospital for the birth of their first child, Walker, in 2022 based on recommendations from friends and its convenient location. While their experience at the Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center exceeded their expectations, Walker unexpectedly developed jaundice, requiring additional medical care and a longer hospital stay.

“It was very difficult to see our newborn needing extra care, but the nurses were incredibly comforting and reassuring throughout the entire process,” shared Camille. “As new parents, we were overwhelmed at first, but the nurses eased our worries and taught us everything from swaddling and diaper changes to proper baby-holding techniques.”

Two years later, with their second child on the way, Camille and Owen knew they would return to French Hospital. Their daughter, Liesl, arrived in early 2024, marking a special milestone for the

Schwaegerle family as the first female born in 100 years.

Grateful for their experiences, Camille and Owen became donors to the French Hospital Foundation, celebrating the births of Walker and Liesl with plaques on the hospital’s Baby Celebration Wall.

“We can honestly say that French Hospital genuinely cares about creating a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for mother, baby, and family,” said Owen. “The Stollmeyer Family Birthing Center is thoughtfully designed to promote family bonding, which is so important. We can’t thank the entire French team enough for our wonderful experiences.”



Scan the QR code to watch a short video about the Schwaegerle family's experience.



# Foundation Events

## Celebration of Caring

The 16th annual Celebration of Caring, held on February 24, 2024, at ACI Jet in San Luis Obispo, raised more than \$283,000 to support patient programs and services at French Hospital. At the event, Debbie Wacker and her late husband Bob Wacker were honored with the 2024 Louis Tedone, MD, Humanitarian Award. Each year, this award recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals dedicated to building healthier communities.

A special Call to Action raised more than \$135,000 to establish the Bob and Debbie Wacker Technology and Innovation Fund. The fund will enable French Hospital to stay at the forefront of new health care technology, continuing to evolve by bringing the latest technology and innovative best practices to local patient care.



Debbie Wacker, after accepting the 2024 Louis Tedone, MD, Humanitarian Award



Thank you to our cocktail sponsor, Rod + Hammer's SLO Stills



Foundation Board Vice Chair Carolyn Herzog and Angel Chairez



Left to right: Armen and Nyri Agajanian with Stephanie Ronca Matthews and Sandy Matthews



Left to right: Dr. Tom Vendegna, French Hospital Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gayle Cekada, Tracy and John Ronca, and Cal Poly President Jeff Armstrong



Left to right: Terrance and LeBren Harris with Carlesha and Darnell Harris





## Share the Hope

On April 6, 2024 more than 180 guests gathered together at Hearst Castle and the Hearst Ranch Dairy Barn for Share the Hope, the Foundation's annual event benefiting the Hearst Cancer Resource Center (HCRC) at French Hospital. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, more than \$480,000 was raised to support the vital programs and services offered by the HCRC. These resources are offered to local cancer patients, and their families, at no charge.



Left to right: Rose Ancheta, Dr. Rob Johnson, and Camila and John Strong



Irene Henrickson and Amy Spain



Chad and Lauren Rava



Foundation Board Chair Kris Yetter and Bob Yetter

# Giving by the numbers



## Total dollars raised

Each fiscal year (July-June), our donors come together to realize the power of generosity and gratitude in our community. The results have been inspiring.

**\$4,651,000 | 2024**  
**\$3,143,000 | 2023**  
\$4,752,000 | 2022  
\$4,545,000 | 2021  
\$4,557,000 | 2020



## Transfers to hospital

Transfers by the Foundation to French Hospital show collaboration as monies are transferred only after the obligations of donor intent have been met. In other words, the Foundation transfers charitable funds to the hospital only after the hospital has demonstrated that related expenses have been incurred. This ensures that all charitable dollars are used exactly as the donor intended.

**\$1,410,000 | 2024**  
**\$3,625,000 | 2023**  
\$3,373,000 | 2022  
\$2,797,000 | 2021  
\$3,437,212 | 2020



## Total donors

Donors bolster innovation, bring together our community, and serve the vulnerable. Together we accomplish what none of us could do alone.

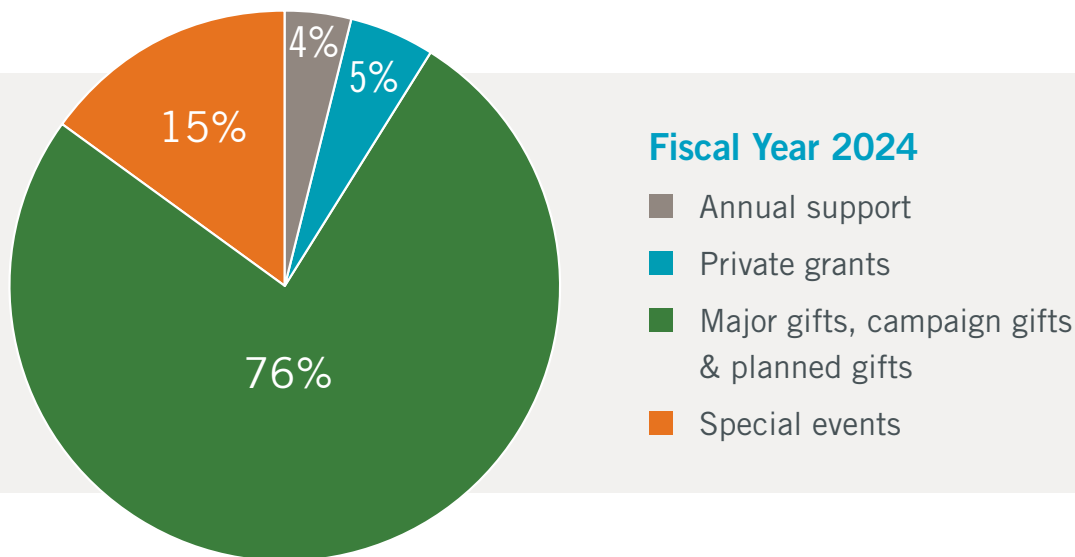
**960 | 2024**  
**1,162 | 2023**  
1,222 | 2022  
1,129 | 2021  
1,303 | 2020

**Together  
we heal.**

# How funds are raised

At the French Hospital Medical Center Foundation, a diverse group of donors support our work through a variety of ways—annual donations, grants, planned and estate gifts, and event attendance. The entire hospital administration, and the patients we serve, are forever grateful for the support of our generous donors.

Donations, both large and small, enable the Foundation to provide advanced technology, build and sustain health education and community outreach programs, and support those who cannot afford health care. Contributions also enable us to provide vital patient programs at no charge and improve patient care, quality and safety.



## What does it mean to be nonprofit?

French Hospital Foundation is a mission-driven organization that exists to improve the health of everyone in our community. Philanthropy is an important way to connect those with resources to those in need, offering an opportunity to express gratitude for the expertise, care, and kindness experienced throughout our ministry. Together, we continue to advocate for those who are poor and vulnerable, and innovate how and where healing can happen—both inside our hospitals and out in our community.

Both French Hospital Medical Center and the French Hospital Foundation are nonprofit organizations. As a nonprofit hospital, this means that French Hospital reinvests profits back into the hospital and our community through community programs and charity care.

## 100% of your donations benefits the cause.

Thanks to an operating grant from French Hospital Medical Center, 100% of your gift to the Foundation is directed to your chosen designation. Unlike many nonprofits, donor funds are never used to pay for any administrative cost or gift processing fee. Your generosity and expressions of gratitude—individually and collectively—enable us to envision and achieve the remarkable. Thank you for working with us, connecting your purpose and passion with our mission to build a more resilient community.



# Your support at work

In fiscal year 2024, these are the top 10 areas that were funded through donations made to the foundation.



**Beyond Health Campaign**  
\$3,125,355




**Hearst Cancer Resource Center Endowment**  
\$515,109



**Area of Greatest Need**  
\$349,802



**Hearst Cancer Resource Center**  
\$292,256



**Bob and Debbie Wacker Technology and Innovation Fund**  
\$142,940



**Cancer Patient Support**  
\$72,940



**Cancer Patient Medical Transportation**  
\$32,500



**Employee Giving Fund**  
\$26,432



**Cancer Patient Lodging**  
\$20,000



**Homeless Patient Support and Prevention**  
\$16,230

# French Hospital Medical Center Fiscal Year 2024 by the numbers

## Hospital



**78** years serving the community  
**5,233** inpatient visits  
**151,125** outpatient visits  
**28,345** Emergency Department visits  
**7,658** surgeries performed  
**731** babies delivered

## Community Benefits



**32** Cancer Center programs  
**12,588** patient and community connections made to Cancer Center Services  
**\$80,821** provided in financial assistance to cancer patients  
**21** Community Wellness Programs  
**43,182** persons served with Community Wellness Program  
**\$14,543,283** in patient financial assistance, unreimbursed costs of Medicaid, community health improvement services, community grants, and other community benefits

## Staff



**690** employees  
**400** affiliated physicians with privileges and allied professionals  
**286** nurses

## Foundation



**\$4,651,000** total amount raised  
**960** donors

## Volunteers



**168** volunteers  
**12,191** hours donated by volunteers  
**\$408,277** value of hours donated by volunteers

# Meet the Foundation

## Foundation Staff



Left to right: Tessa Espinoza, Jenny Meyers, Samantha Cardenas, Holly Leighton, and Val Vaz

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## Foundation Board Officers and New Members

### FY24-25 Board Officers



### **Kristen Yetter**

Chair  
Promega



### **Carolyn Herzog**

Vice Chair  
Corvus Wealth Advisors



### **Brooks Wise**

Secretary/Treasurer  
Pacific Premier Bank



Our Newest Board Members from FY24-25



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Chief of Staff



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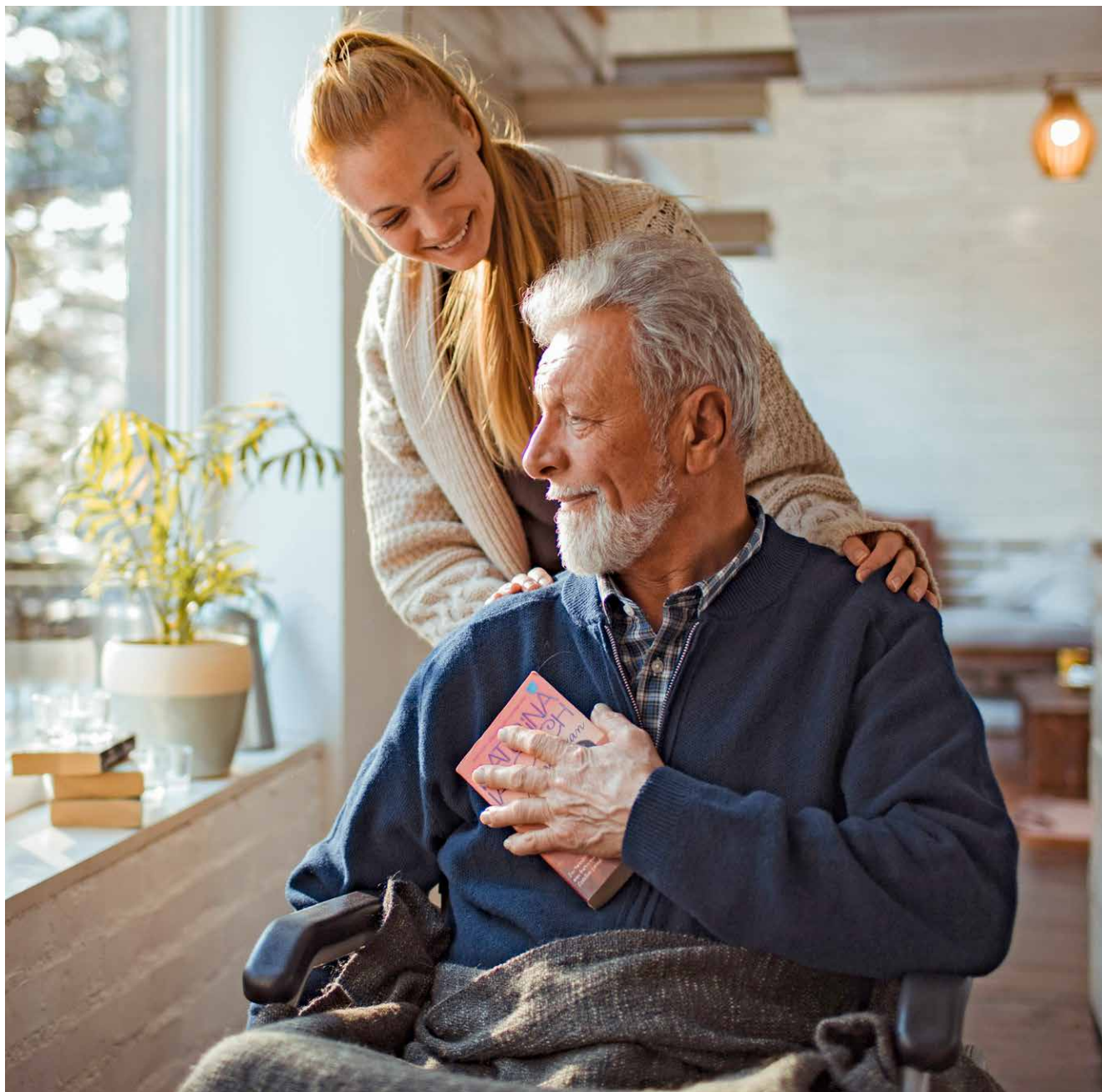


**Ty Safreno**  
Trust Automation



**Debbie Wacker**  
Certified Public  
Accountant

To view the full Board roster, please see page 27.



French Hospital Foundation believes every act of humankindness is worthy of celebration and every expression of gratitude deserves recognition.

# Caring Circle of Donors

The French Hospital Medical Center Foundation Caring Circle of Donors supports a wide variety of hospital programs. It is our pleasure to recognize and celebrate the generosity of those donors who have invested significantly in their community hospital, as of June 30, 2024.

## Circle of Excellence

Anonymous  
Diana Beaudry  
Stan & Barbara Clark  
James & Sandra Copeland | Thomas  
& Pamela Copeland  
William & Linda Frost  
Stephen & Barbara Hearst  
The Hearst Foundations  
Noreen Martin & Dr. Chris Hulburd  
Peter & Mary Beth Oppenheimer  
San Luis Obispo Physician's Health  
Alliance  
James P. Sargen  
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Ryan  
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Foundation  
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Nancy & Randall Flamm  
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George Hoag Family Foundation  
Harold J. Miossi Charitable Trust  
John & Marcia Lindvall  
The Rossi Family  
Bob & Debbie Wacker

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Rex & Alina Duhn Family

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