



Sierra Nevada Memorial
Hospital Foundation

Partners in Health

Our Mission: To nurture the spirit of generosity and volunteerism in the community; we focus our philanthropic efforts in fostering quality healthcare of the highest standards for Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital.

SNMH Awards and Achievements



The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has again granted three-year national accreditation with five commendations to the Cancer Center at SNMH.



The College of American Pathologists inspected our Laboratory and agreed that it meets rigorous international accreditation standards earning SNMH's Laboratory a two-year accreditation. The goal of the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is to improve patient safety by advancing the quality of pathology and laboratory services through education, standard setting, and ensuring laboratories meet or exceed regulatory requirements.



The Primary Stroke Center program was re-accredited by the Joint Commission. The Joint Commission's Certificate of Distinction for Primary Stroke Centers recognizes centers nationally that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care. Achievement of certification signifies that the services SNMH provides has the critical elements to achieve long-term success in improving outcomes.



The Transitional Care Unit received a California Department of Public Health Five-Star rating based on quality, staffing and patient safety. This Five-Star rating is the highest level that a skilled nursing care unit can receive and SNMH is the only skilled nursing facility with this excellent rating in western Nevada County.



Dr. Brian Evans,
Emergency Medicine

A national healthcare ratings organization recognized our Emergency Department as one of the top in the country earning the Emergency Department the "Emergency Medicine Excellence Award" for 2011.

Executive Director's Brief



Dear Friends,
Happy Holidays! This time of year we think a lot about giving. Giving to others is the most powerful thing we can do for ourselves. We often say, "Giving is good for the heart" because when you give to SNMH Foundation you can give confidently knowing that your support is positively impacting people in our community. I hope this makes your heart feel warm knowing that your support makes a difference in the lives of loved ones when they are in need of healthcare services.

Recently, with the generous support of our community, we have been able to:

- ♥ Improve the care for our Cancer patients with the new Varian Linear Accelerator.
- ♥ Provide respite care support for families caring for a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's.
- ♥ Provide subsidized mammograms to women in need.
- ♥ Improve patient care through the continued work on the community-wide electronic health record project.

Many thanks for your generous support to help those going through health concerns receive the best care possible in their own backyard.

With Gratitude,
Kimberly Parker
Executive Director



Community Events Make a Difference

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Ron Rodecker, a grateful patient of SNMH's Cardiac Rehab Department and the creator of the Emmy nominated PBS series *Dragon Tales*, hosted an art show on December 3rd and 4th. A portion of the proceeds benefited the Heart of Gold campaign.

With sales and generous donations, the event raised approximately \$2,000 for the cardiac campaign.

Picture: Kimberly Parker, Sandra Barrington, Katy Ellis Ron & Kathryn Rodecker

The Union Donates \$19,000 for Breast Care

The Union newspaper's 5th Annual Paint the Town Pink event raised \$19,000 for the breast care program at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. In its five-year history, the event has raised more than \$75,000 to advance breast care services for our community.



Maiden Lane in downtown Nevada City hosted a raffle for the Breast Care Fund donating \$400 for the cause.

All the Raj Nets \$30,000!

The new fall formal event, All the Raj, was a HUGE success! Many thanks to Chairs Alison Jones-Pomatto and Corinne Pryor and the committee for creating an over-the-top dinner and dancing experience in the theme of the 1920's British Raj. With incredible sponsor support, including a generous donation from **Ken Meyers Investment Group**, a great guest turn-out and a successful silent auction, the event will provide \$30,000 in support to vital hospital projects and programs.



Guests danced the night away to the George Souza Band with the Taj Mahal in the background.



Corinne Pryor, Alison Jones-Pomatto & Hazel Shewell



Our community is filled with Grateful Patients who are thankful for the excellent care they received at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. We receive many Grateful Patient stories throughout the year. Here are a few stories that touched our hearts. If you have a Grateful Patient story that you would like to share, email kparker@snmhf.com.

“My husband has been sick for the last twenty-three years. He has stayed at UCD, UCSF and hospitals in southern California. For a small hospital, yours is the best. It’s clean and the food is good. The people doing the cooking and cleaning want to help or will explain things. The doctors are first rate!”

“On a recent visit to Grass Valley and Nevada City, my husband and I had to pay an unexpected visit to your emergency room. My ER experience at your town’s hospital was an unusually pleasant one. As a stage IV breast cancer patient I am accustomed to being herded like an animal and treated like a number. From the moment I walked through the ER doors of your hospital I was treated kindly, respectfully and efficiently. I received the utmost in nurturing care from Mike, an RN II in the ER. Dr. Brian Evans was professional, friendly and kind. Our visit to Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Emergency Room was a very good first experience to your beautiful Grass Valley. We extend our thanks to the kind people of Grass Valley for providing such an excellent ER experience.”

“I participated in your recent prostate cancer screening and I’d like to thank the nurses, doctors and others who did such a great job. I am glad there are so many generous and public-service oriented people at our local hospital. Thanks again.”

Volunteer Spotlight



Carol and Don Hauswirth do not consider themselves “volunteers”. More so, they think of themselves as “Opportunists”, taking advantage of all of the volunteer opportunities that

SNMH Foundation calls upon them for year-round. Rarely is there a time when they do not answer the door when “Opportunity” knocks.

You may recognize Carol from her Auxiliary work in the SNMH Cancer Center. Carol has also been involved with organizing the popular Cancer Center bracelet program.

Carol and Don are always in the Foundation office with smiling faces to help with a mailing project and they never turn down the chance to help out at Foundation events like Starry, Starry Nights.

We are so lucky to have such amazing volunteers in the Hauswirth’s. We look forward to honoring them at the Donor and Volunteer Recognition Event on January 18, 2012.

Donor and Volunteer Recognition Event

January 18, 2012

Miner’s Foundry Cultural Center

6:00pm ~ \$30 per person

Please join us as we honor

Jerry Angove

Curtis Grimes Perpetual Leadership Award

Carol & Don Hauswirth

Volunteers of the Year Award

Stucki Jewelers

Business of the Year Award

Fred Hargesheimer *posthumously*

Humanitarian of the Year Award

For more information or to RSVP for this event please contact Ellen Persa at (530) 477-9700 or email epersa@snmhf.com.



The Heart of Gold campaign has now reached the 50% mark! The goal of the campaign is to raise \$200,000 to provide new technologies and advanced education and training for the cardiac programs at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. We hope to hit our goal by the end of National Heart Month in February of 2012.

Save the Date

Martinis & a Movie

February 2, 2012

7:00pm at the Del Oro Theatre

Martinis & Treats at 7:00pm

Movie starts at 7:45pm

*Proceeds benefit the
Heart of Gold campaign*

Visit www.SupportSierraNevada.org to see our FY2011/2012 1st Quarter Report

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