

Other Uses of Funds

Since its inception, the Auxiliary has given more than \$3 million to support major projects such as:

- The Thomas & Dorothy Leavey Cancer Center
- The Northridge Hospital Heliport
- Women's & Children's Services
- Emergency & Trauma Services
- The Cardiovascular Center
- Northridge Hospital Foundation

Community Relations

- Scholarships are offered to qualifying individuals pursuing health care educations
- Paws That Refresh – Pet Therapy dogs are escorted to visit interested patients five-days-a-week
- Leadership – Auxiliary members provide organization and leadership by chairing various volunteer committees within the hospital



Other Auxiliary Functions

- Auxiliary meetings include a special program and lunch
- Social events include summer and holiday parties
- Publication of a monthly newsletter

General

Auxiliary membership is open to all active NHMC Volunteers and offers numerous leadership and service opportunities. Associate membership is available to anyone. The Auxiliary is governed by an elected Board of Directors organized under California State laws. The NHMC Auxiliary is a not-for-profit organization under the Northridge Hospital Foundation.

For further information:

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Attention NHMC Auxiliary

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Auxiliary

Become a part of the
Auxiliary Family
and share in the joy



History

The Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center Auxiliary was organized by nine women in October 1959 and was accepted as a member of the California Hospital Association in 1960.

Purpose

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to supplement hospital personnel with patient care and other services as jointly determined by the Auxiliary Board and the Northridge Hospital Foundation, through which the Auxiliary has its non-profit status. Additionally, the Auxiliary raises funds which are donated to designated projects within the hospital for patient care or in the community.

Involvement Opportunities

- Services to patients
- Fundraising and the use of those funds
- Community relations
- Social activities within the Auxiliary
- Auxiliary board

Fund Sources

- **Member Dues**
- **Gift Shop** – All proceeds help provide quality patient care items
- **Tree Of Love** – Donations are accepted to honor family, friends, patients or the memory of loved ones during the holidays
- **Cookie Walk** – Members donate homemade baked goods for sale
- **Special Sales** – Periodic sales of books, jewelry or other items are conducted by vendors in the Gift Shop
- **Personal Donations** – Each year, members are given the opportunity to make personal donations along with their annual dues

Areas of Service

Auxiliary Members serve in many areas of the hospital such as:

- **Ambassadors** – Provide assistance to patients and their visitors
- **Information Desk** – Staffed eight hours daily on weekdays
- **Gift Shop** – Staffed seven-days-a-week, excluding holidays
- **Emergency Department Liaison** – Assists with communication between doctors and ER patient's families
- **Surgery Liaison** – Assists with communication between doctors and surgery patient's families
- **Caring Cards** – Providing cards for resident patients during the holidays
- **Board Membership** – Serve as an elected member of the Executive Board or as an appointed member of the Board to participate in planning, monitoring and directing the committee activities of the Auxiliary
- **Hospital Units/Departments**
- **Pet Therapy** – Handlers escort their certified dogs to bring comfort to patients, young and old
- **Spiritual Care** – Providing comfort and spiritual care to all denominations



Use of Funds

- **Special Donations** – In response to requests from Hospital departments for patient care and comfort equipment, the Auxiliary makes bi-annual donations for unbudgeted department needs
- **Scholarships** – Annually, the Auxiliary awards scholarships to qualifying adults and high school seniors to pursue health care educations
- **Caring Cards** – Each Northridge Hospital patient receives a card during the holiday season
- **Stuffed Animals** are delivered to comfort young patients in the Emergency Room and Pediatric Services
- **Support of Annual Projects** such as the Golden Hour Guild Brunch, the Northridge Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament and the Steppin' Out Gala
- **Donations** are made to the hospital to support specific major projects and patient/family-centered care
- **Funds** are provided to support the annual Holiday Jam for young children of needy families in the community
- **Special Equipment** for quality patient care

