

2015 Impact Report



With your support,
the Foundation continues to help
Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital
deliver compassionate, high-quality
health services to our community.

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Whether it's a micro-preemie entering the world, a youngster suffering a traumatic injury, a domestic violence victim, a senior with stroke symptoms, or any host of other health care needs for which our community seeks out our help, you—our friends, donors, and supporters—have a real and direct impact on their lives each day and into the future.

Because of your ongoing legacy of generosity, we have the largest Center for Women's and Children's Services, Healthgrades ranks us as one of "America's Best Hospitals" for 2015, our Center for Rehabilitation Medicine now offers the only ReWalk™ System in the Greater Los Angeles area for patients with spinal cord injuries, we help fragile seniors with our Chronic Disease Transitional Care Program, and patients in our Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Cancer Center are given hope, compassion, and life in their battle with this disease. It doesn't stop there, however; with your support we continue to do much, much more, each day.

Thank you for all you do to help us in our mission to develop healthier communities. I hope you enjoy reading about how you are making an impact—with us—on someone's life every day.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Hammel

President

Northridge Hospital Foundation

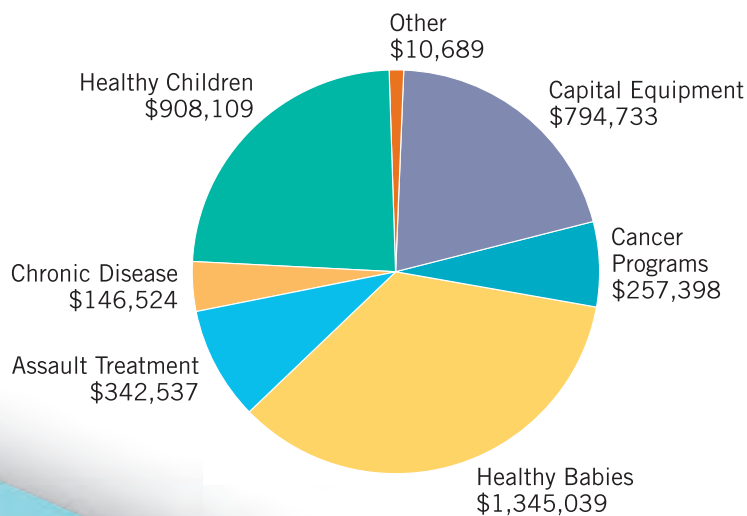
FOUNDATION BY THE NUMBERS

2014-2015 SUPPORT

Annual Support	\$343,197
Events	\$488,803
Major Gifts	\$801,000
Public Grants	\$2,142,000
Private Grants	\$252,000
Change in Value of Split Interest Agreement	\$12,000
TOTAL	\$4,039,000

FOUNDATION TRANSFERS BY DESIGNATION

TOTAL: \$3,805,029



NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION AND MEDICAL CENTER 2014/15 FAST FACTS

- The **Foundation** raised \$4 million from friends and supporters
- \$3.8 million was transferred from the **Foundation** for critically needed Medical Center equipment and programs
- **The Harold & Carole Pump Foundation** provided 811 FREE health screenings, 118 community events, 1,101 access trips, and 1,600 hours of home healthcare
- **Angie's Spa Cancer Foundation** provided for 1,847 complimentary therapeutic massages to cancer patients
- Northridge Hospital Medical Center is the only medical center in the San Fernando Valley to offer the **ReWalk™** exoskeleton system to patients with spinal cord injuries
- **Healthgrades®** named Northridge Hospital Medical Center in the 100 Best Hospitals in America for 2015
- Northridge Hospital Medical Center's **Women's and Children's Services** is the largest in the San Fernando Valley

UNEXPECTED FRIENDSHIPS

“I gained an entire family here... the people at the Cancer Center took care of me and saved my life. They are my guardian angels, I love them with all my heart, and I am forever grateful.”

-- Youlia

Youlia is 41 years old, a single mother of two young children, who each day is managing the varied demands on her like many others. But in April 2014, she came into **Northridge Hospital's Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Cancer Center** for a consultation and on that day was presented with one of the greatest challenges of her life. Youlia was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer.

Her immediate, panicked thoughts were, “This isn’t supposed to happen to me—I have small children who need me!”

As Youlia tells it, she came to realize that, under these dire circumstances, she couldn’t be in a better place than Northridge Hospital. That day, after her diagnosis, the first person she saw in the Leavey Cancer Center was Kathleen, a nurse on staff at the Center, who did what she does each day, and what comes so naturally. Kathleen held Youlia’s hand, wiped away her tears, and assured her she was in good hands and would be all right. As it turns out, Kathleen was right!

Youlia started her odyssey of multiple surgeries, 16 chemotherapy treatments, and 30 radiation treatments. She admits she was scared and often had some days when she was feeling very low. Through it all, however, she felt that the entire staff of the Chemotherapy Infusion Center cared for her as if she were a member of their own families. And when Youlia had to have follow-up radiation treatment, our Northridge Hospital staff’s care wasn’t limited to compassionately caring for her—it extended to her family—and it wasn’t limited to just her clinical care—the staff even made sure her meals were ordered on time.

Humankindness is not simply an ideal for Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center, it is a guiding light.

Humankindness is powerful medicine.



Sheri's STORY

A sexual assault is a devastating experience for a woman, and even worse for a child, leaving victims feeling ashamed.

I know because I was sexually assaulted by a stranger who broke into my home when my daughters and I were alone. When I realized what was about to happen, I had two thoughts: was I going to die that night and, more important, would my daughters be safe? I stayed quiet so as not to wake them. As he left my room, I was petrified he would turn left toward their rooms. In that split second, I was prepared to do whatever was necessary to stop him. He turned right...and walked out our front door.

The police took me to **Northridge Hospital's Center for Assault Treatment Services**. Even though I was in shock, alone, and scared, being there was different. It was a quiet and calming place and I felt safe and protected. The nurse who took care of me that night was kind and compassionate, sensitive and gentle. I remember I felt like she was holding my hand the entire time, helping me through it all.

Because of DNA evidence collected that night, my attacker was caught, tried, found guilty, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Recently, my journey brought me back to the Center when I was asked to speak to individuals being invited to join the Center's L.A. Marathon team—a fundraising activity. When I entered those doors for the first time since the night of my attack, I was overcome with emotion, especially when I saw my nurse from that night and was able to sit and talk with her.

I then realized I was given a rare gift, a unique opportunity to see the Center from two perspectives: as a victim and as a survivor. The Center had helped me rebuild my life. I had no way of knowing until I returned that, in the face of one of the most traumatic and horrific crimes possible, I had also been given hope and healing, both necessary to come back from something like that, as well as the gift of compassionate care that night.



Johanna's STORY

It was the worst Mother's Day of my life, but thanks to **Northridge Hospital's Trauma Center** team, each Mother's Day is a blessing. I could have lost my only child that day, but I didn't. I am so blessed to be able to hug him every day of my life. If it weren't for the trauma team and the support of the Golden Hour Guild, my son Julian would not be alive today.

Julian arrived at the hospital with four gunshot wounds and no blood pressure. Bullets had ripped through his spleen, kidney, liver, vena cava, diaphragm, neck and shoulder, shattering a vertebra. The trauma team had so much to repair; how could someone with so many injuries and blood loss be saved?

When we arrived at the hospital, the trauma team—led by Dr. Shawki Saad and Dr. Min Sauk—immediately informed us of what happened—their compassion was absolutely amazing. The team worked SO hard, doing everything humanly possible to keep our son alive. With spinal cord injuries, they didn't know if Julian would ever walk again—but there was hope.

I stayed in Julian's room 22 hours a day, 7 days a week. That saved my sanity and Julian needed us by his side every minute. It meant so much to us as a family that we were allowed to be with our son the entire time.

The doctors and nurses in ICU were amazing. The Rehabilitation team, where Julian spent two months, was like family to us. They were so patient and compassionate. Today, Julian is walking again—taking real steps along his long and difficult road to recovery. The entire team at Northridge Hospital Medical Center saved my only child's life and gave him back to me. Thank you with all my heart!



2015-2017 “BUILDING THE FUTURE— TODAY” CAMPAIGN

In the late 1940s, retired physician Dr. Frederick Gruneck envisioned a major medical center among the farms and orange groves of the expanding San Fernando Valley. In 1955, his vision became a reality and a single-story, 49-bed Northridge Hospital—with a one-room emergency department—was started to serve the health needs of the community.

Today, on our 60th anniversary,

our Medical Center has grown to a 417-bed, acute care, not-for-profit medical center with more than 700 physicians, nearly 60 specialties, and approximately 1,800 employees. The only Pediatric Trauma Center in the Valley, we are recognized as one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals in 2015 by Healthgrades and have received Excellence and 5-Star Ratings in cardiac care, neurosciences, pulmonary care and other services.

Recognizing that population growth is a critical factor, the time has come to renovate and expand our Medical Center, rededicating it to relieving the suffering of the thousands who come through our doors. As a result, the senior and physician leadership of our Medical Center has identified four core areas for renovation and growth:

THE EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA DEPARTMENT (ED)

Population growth is the single greatest factor impacting increased ED use, efficiency, and expeditious, high-quality treatment of patients. With visits to our ED projected to increase to more than 96,000 by 2025, we are planning a redesigned ED flow process with a focus on increased capacity, increasing treatment stations to 45, and added ED/Medical Center floor interaction.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$4,500,000

THE CHEMOTHERAPY INFUSION CENTER

Treatment demand and wait times are increasing. Plus, patients who need hydration and blood transfusions have to be moved from this location, interrupting care and continuity with physicians and medical staff. For the highest quality of care in a comfortable environment for both patients and their support, we will increase the number of infusion chairs from 13 to a total of 20, adding one private treatment room for higher acuity patients, an additional restroom and nutrition room, and increased chair space. Plus, physician offices will be redesigned with better patient access.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1,500,000

THE CENTER FOR ASSAULT TREATMENT SERVICES

Our assault victim Center—the only such 24/7 Center serving the Valley and major Los Angeles cities—provides compassionate and high-quality care, forensic evidentiary examinations and interviews for use by law enforcement. They recently moved to a new location that ensures those in need of help have a comforting, safe, highly efficient, and results-oriented haven. These funds will ensure that the Center continues to provide vital services to all in need—free of charge.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$500,000

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS/AREA OF GREATEST NEED

In addition to the current expansion, our Medical Center has other critical program and equipment needs that depend upon raising unrestricted philanthropic support.

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$500,000

TOTAL INVESTMENT \$7,000,000

Thank you for your support !





NEW IN OUR REHABILITATION CENTER

Through the generosity of a donor, the **Northridge Hospital's Center for Rehabilitation Medicine** is proud to now offer the ReWalk™ System to help patients with a spinal cord injury to walk again. ReWalk is a wearable robotic exoskeleton (the only FDA-approved system in the U.S.) that provides powered hip and knee motion to enable spinal cord injury individuals to stand upright and walk.

The system integrates a wearable brace support, a computer-based control system and motion sensors to allow independent, controlled walking. The ReWalk also offers the potential for physiological benefits as a result of walking, including increased muscle mass, decreased body fat, improved bowel and bladder function, and decreased pain.

“Going through radiation, I had low energy, physical pain, and depression. Angie’s Spa massages made me feel better and helped me overcome my pains. It gave me hope.”

– Dora, cancer survivor

After losing a nine-year battle with breast cancer, Angie Levy’s family honored her legacy by creating Angie’s Spa – a nonprofit organization funding free, in-hospital therapeutic massages.

In 2009, Northridge Hospital Foundation became the first recipient of **Angie’s Spa Cancer Foundation’s** support. We have built a program that leads the way in therapeutic massages for cancer patients, which is modeled around the country.

This last year, we have received \$39,000 that has provided 1,847 free therapeutic hand, foot, head, and neck massages, which lead to better patient outcomes and self-reported reduction in anxiety.



HEALING EFFECTS OF MASSAGE

SERVING OUR MOST FRAGILE BABIES

Our new **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)** provides the largest Women’s and Children’s Services in the Valley. Key features include: private rooms, double-sized rooms to accommodate twins, four specialized Giraffe™ Omnibeds for the highest acuity patient, two isolation rooms, and more.

Our NICU offers the most sophisticated 24/7 care for babies born at any gestational age including micro-preemies. This new space complements our expansive Pediatric Trauma Center, Pediatric Medical Center, and PICU.

Our thanks go to the Will Rogers Institute for their support of a Giraffe™ Omnibed.



OUR VOLUNTEERS


Members of the Northridge Hospital Medical Center Auxiliary—volunteers and staff—serve our patients and visitors, plan fundraising activities, and attend educational meetings. This year, the Auxiliary provided more than \$46,000 for much-needed equipment, including pulse oximeters, vital signs monitors, blanket warmers, and Golvo® patient lifts.

 A HEALTHY
START

Healthy Kids!

Northridge Hospital's Center for Healthier Communities' Choose Health LA collaborative, along with a grant from the County of Los Angeles to help reduce obesity in families and young children, conducted 42 outreach presentations, gave 61 food demonstrations to 700 participants, and developed partnerships with 19 grocery stores. In addition, the Center's School Wellness Initiative, with UnitedHealthcare funds for fitness and nutrition programs in 20 Valley elementary schools, reached almost 14,000 students and more than 550 teachers, increasing students' physical activity, improving eating behaviors, training classroom teachers, and providing health-related presentations for parents.



 HOLIDAY FUN
FOR ALL

The holidays arrived a few weeks early at Northridge Hospital for many local youngsters! **Hello humankindness** and Santa Claus arrived just in time for the **13th Annual "Helping Hands Holiday Jam"** on December 12. More than 340 children between the ages of seven and ten, students from local Title 1 elementary schools in the San Fernando Valley, enjoyed a special day with Santa and a host of other activities.


While **Hit the Floor** performed their "street act" and entertained, the children were treated to lunch, gifts from Santa, as well as hair and face painting throughout the day. There was plenty of other fun, too, as the children played in a carnival midway, did arts and crafts and visited the popular mobile gaming truck! As the holiday festivities came to an end, some of the children could be heard saying **"this is the best day ever!"**



Baby's First Year

First 5 LA generously supported our **Welcome Baby** and **Baby Friendly** programs. Through their funding, Welcome Baby—free hospital and home-visitation supporting pregnant women and baby's first nine months—saw 320 women participate to learn about pregnancy health and wellness, breastfeeding, health coverage and consistent healthcare, providing a nurturing home, and available community services. Baby Friendly, which promotes at-birth skin-to-skin contact, healthy breastfeeding practices, and provides mothers with the information, confidence

and skills to successfully nurse their babies, trained more than 50 nurses to support women in this program.

 CONTINUING
THE CARE



UniHealth Foundation and The Annenberg Foundation have funded our **Chronic Disease Transitional Care Coordination Program**. The funds will support a new part-time nurse practitioner care coordinator needed to help serve the average of 370 patients enrolled in the program per month. This program serves moderate- to high-risk adult chronic disease patients with congestive heart failure, stroke, cancer, cardiac-related illnesses, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, end-stage renal failure, and the frail elderly.

Care coordinators conduct in-home or skilled nursing facility safety visits within three days of discharge to revalidate the continuity of services; provide community resources, equipment, education and medication reconciliation; educate about the red flags of illness; and ensure follow-up appointments with primary physicians and specialists are met.

Patients are called at least once a week or more (if needed) for updates on their condition for 30 days post-discharge from our medical center.

Each year, the Harold & Carole Pump Foundation hosts a celebrity golf tournament and awards dinner that raises more than \$500,000 for Northridge Hospital's **Carole Pump Women's Center**, **Harold & Carole Pump Department of Radiation Oncology**, and **Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Cancer Center**. In 2014, while honoring Vin Scully, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Jim Brown, the Pump Foundation raised funds that provided for 811 FREE

health screenings, 1,101 access trips, almost 1,600 hours of home healthcare and 12 health fairs.



L-R, Sugar Ray Leonard, Bob Costas

The Foundation hosted its 25th Annual Golf Classic in May.

Almost 180 friends and supporters joined in the fun at North Ranch Country Club. More important, \$150,000 was raised to support the purchase of an Endobronchial Ultrasound. "Endoscopic Bronchial Ultrasound is superior to a surgical approach in terms of its diagnostic performance for staging lung cancer because it is less invasive and affords superior diagnostic sensitivity," says Azmi Atiya, MD, Thoracic Surgeon and Co-Chair/2015 Golf Classic.

Fritz Benning, Foundation Board of Directors



In the United States every two minutes, someone is sexually assaulted and every nine seconds, a woman is assaulted or beaten. With support from In-N-Out, Lon V. Smith and Sunair Children's Foundations, Northridge Hospital's **Center for Assault Treatment Services** is the only 24-hour/7-day-a-week program—serving the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys and beyond—for medical evidentiary examinations and interviews for victims of domestic and sexual violence and child sexual abuse.

Each year, the Center hosts the **Victory for Victims Walk/Run** to raise much-needed funds for the services provided to victims—FREE of charge. The 2015 event raised \$152,000, including generous gifts from the Wells Fargo Foundation and the John W. Carson Foundation.

L-R, Brian Hammel, Foundation President, Congressman Tony Cárdenas, Saliba H. Salo, Northridge Hospital President/CEO



Deserved awards were given, great fun was had, and much-needed support was raised at our annual Steppin' Out Gala! More than \$317,000 was raised for the expansion and renovation of our **Emergency and Trauma Department**, our **Chemotherapy Infusion Center**, and our **Center for Assault Treatment Services**. We honored Congressman Tony Cárdenas with the Celebration of Hope Award, in recognition and appreciation for his enduring support of our Center for Assault Treatment Services, and also honored Michael J. Soltero, MD, with the Grace Leland Physician Appreciation Award, in recognition of excellence in his field, his commitment to saving lives, and his contributions to our community. Many thanks to the evening's sponsors, donors, and supporters—you made it happen!



Julian Archer with first responders

Since its inception in 1984, the Golden Hour Guild—named for the critical first hour of care after traumatic injury—has raised more than \$1 million to support **Northridge Hospital's Trauma Center**.

Today, our Medical Center is one of only two trauma centers in the San Fernando Valley. This year, the Golden Hour Guild provided almost \$60,000 in vital equipment for the Trauma Center.

Through their generosity, the following individuals, organizations, corporations, and government entities have supported a wide range of programs and Northridge Hospital Medical Center capital needs between July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

Thank you!

\$1,000,000 and above

Los Angeles County Children and Families First

\$450,000 - \$500,000

Harold & Carole Pump Foundation

\$250,000 - \$399,000

County Of Los Angeles
UniHealth Foundation

\$75,000 - \$150,000

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For more than 35 years, Albert M. Lapidis was an engaged and supportive member of the Northridge Hospital Foundation and a passionate Northridge Hospital Medical Center proponent. Al passed away on June 15, 2015.

Born in Los Angeles on December 25, 1927, Al grew up in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles. He attended the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1949 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

After serving four years in the United States Air Force, Al spent the next 17 years in the defense industry, with Marquardt Corporation and Litton Industries, while also receiving his Master's in Management Science from California State University, Northridge. In 1972, he co-founded Replacement Parts Industries, Inc., providing replacement parts for medical and dental equipment.

Al's more than 35-year tenure on the **Board of Directors** of Northridge Hospital Foundation saw him provide support, wisdom, and guidance spanning numerous leadership changes at the Foundation and the Medical Center. He was deeply committed to his community and the need for a robust community medical center. His loss to Northridge Hospital Foundation and Northridge Hospital Medical Center will be profound—he will be sorely missed.

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