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Welcome to Northridge Hospital...

**Hello
humankindness**



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Dignity Health - Northridge Hospital Medical Center has been part of the San Fernando Valley community since 1955, and for more than 60 years we have been dedicated to delivering high quality, compassionate care. We have made it our goal to create environments that meet each patient's physical, mental, and spiritual needs. We also believe this healing philosophy promotes the wellbeing of our staff.

Through teamwork, innovation, faith and compassion, advocacy and action, we strive every day to offer what our community needs. But when Northridge Hospital Foundation received a call from **Pastor Dana at LIFEhouse Church**, several weeks ago, we were speechless because now someone wanted to help us. Pastor Dana said, *"I want to help your staff get through this pandemic we are facing."*

LIFEhouse Church has been an amazing neighbor over the years by providing us with spiritual chaplains for our patients, continuous prayers to look over our patients and staff. The church also has a preschool, which offers extended hours to accommodate our NHMC employees. Most recently, the church coordinated weekly Zoom prayer gatherings to pray for our staff and patients. But, they still wanted to do more. Pastor Dana started talking to volunteers of the church and asked what else could be done. **Debbie Jusko, RN, Dignity Health Medical Foundation**, mentioned to him that our hospital cafeteria was offering limited services due to the spread of COVID-19 and precautions needed to be taken.

That was when they came up with the idea of providing healthy meals to staff. Since March 13th, when life changed before our eyes, Pastor Dana and LIFEhouse Church organized meals twice a week to be provided to our staff. Not only was the church going to provide great meals to the hospital, but they were dedicated to only purchasing the meals from local community restaurants that were facing hardships.

In a conversation with **Pastor Dana**, said they raised over **\$8,000** to provide these meals, and just when he thinks they are running out of money, an influx of donations start coming in again. He calls it the "Elijah Miracle." In the bible story about Elijah, he visits with a widow and her son. They have no money and are starving. The mother says for the last meal before we die, I will cook bread. After Elijah's visit, the oil and flour that was used to cook the bread miraculously continues to reappear, and that is how he feels about the money that is being raised for this fund. *"We will continue to support our neighbors and provide these meals as long as we have the money. Our theme here at LIFEhouse is to love our neighbors, and bless our neighbors. We believe that prayer is a powerful tool and the more specific, the stronger. We will continue to support Northridge Hospital."* To date, **LIFEhouse Church** has delivered **544** meals as of Tuesday of this week.





Dr. Shawki Saad

Thank you again for feeding our ICU staff. Our ICU department has truly been working tirelessly as we get through the pandemic of COVID-19.

Thank you Dr. Saad for making our staff feel appreciated, and providing them such an amazing feast!



Lulu's Restaurant

Our heart is filled with joy, thanks to your generosity. Thank you for coming for the 3rd week in a row to provide lunches to our staff!



Robin Permaul, Go Fund Me

Thank you for sticking with us as we fight this horrible pandemic. Robin, your efforts to fundraise to help frontline workers with meals, is beyond words. Thank you so much for treating our evening staff so great every Monday night!



Israeli American Council (IAC)

Thank you Shlomit and the IAC for making our staff feel good as they come to work their shifts. We appreciate the breakfast and lunch that was provided over the last week.

Thank you all for showing true acts of humankindess!

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