

GRATITUDE

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SUMMER 2019



**Engelstad
Foundation
R.E.D. Rose
Program**

**Helping provide
early identification
and treatment of
breast cancer**



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Gratitude

is a

Blessing

Dear Friends,

History matters at Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican hospitals. The vision our Adrian Dominican Sisters set forth in southern Nevada more than seven decades ago – and the health histories of our patients and their families – direct the course of our ministry, medical care, and community outreach. Our history informs who we are and what we do. In fact, St. Dominic's mission of peace and justice, which dates back to the 12th century, continues to animate our call to serve our community's most vulnerable members.

In this issue of *Gratitude*, we are humbled to share the details of the Englestad Family Foundation's history-making \$10 million endowment to St. Rose Dominican hospital's R.E.D. Rose breast cancer program. This incredible gift – the largest in our 72 years of serving southern Nevada – is possible because the Englestad family's breast cancer history led them to exercise their capacity to dramatically impact the future of uninsured and under-insured women and men facing breast cancer. They chose to support St. Rose's R.E.D. Rose program because of its proven history.

We anticipate your turning the pages of *Gratitude* to read about this remarkable gift – and the recent accolade the Foundation received for its work in raising funds to support St. Rose's mission through the spirit of collaboration. We, too, are making a bit of history!



With gratitude,

Charles Guida

President

St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation

We thank our Board members
for generously giving of their time and talents!

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Collaborating in Crisis and Community Response

As first responders, Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican routinely works hand-in-hand with law enforcement agencies. St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation received generous donations from the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Foundation and the Injured Police Officers Fund (IPOF) which have increased the hospital's capacity to respond to, and deter, crises.



Officer James Lassiter, Officer Alan Dong, Tom Kovach, Officer Daniel Lake, and Officer Russell Bayer

Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Foundation Supports St. Rose Dominican Hospitals

The St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation recently received \$50,000 from the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Foundation to support two initiatives:

- Continued annual training for our physicians, nurses and technicians on the most advanced trauma, disaster and emergency preparedness skills and procedures. This training is required by accrediting agencies. Our first responders must have the tools to address complex medical situations, as was evident on October 1, 2017, when St. Rose emergency rooms received approximately 87 shooting victims. Ranked as a Level III trauma center, the Emergency Department at the Siena Campus had to function like a Level I Trauma Center that night. It was because of this annual training that we were able to do just that.
- Outfitting 11 security officers with body cameras in conjunction with the Taser program. Cameras, used with Taser enforcement, have been shown to reduce the incidence of use of force by 50 percent, with a nearly 10-time reduction in false allegations and complaints. Studies have also shown that cameras can better deter violent behavior.



St. Rose is very proud to team with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the Injured Police Officers Fund.

Equipping Community to Respond

The Injured Police Officers Fund (IPOF) – through the generosity of Steve Davis, president of Barrett Jackson's collector car auctions – awarded \$25,000 to the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation. The donation has enabled the hospital to train more than 1,000 community members in Stop the Bleed, a program that teaches critical skills for stopping or slowing life-threatening bleeding that results from mass casualty events or home, work, road, or recreational injuries.

The donation, which also supports St. Rose's Trauma Education Program, came about 10 months after the 1 October tragedy. Davis donated his 2007 Ford Shelby GT500 Super Snake, which was auctioned at Barrett Jackson's annual car auction held in Las Vegas. Jeff and Paulette Carpoif made the winning \$1 million bid for the exclusive vehicle. Those funds were then donated to the IPOF for distribution. The monies were provided to 27 local organizations called into action the night of the shooting as well as those who helped in healing the community post tragedy. "There were so many deserving first responder organizations," says Lieutenant Erik Lloyd, president of the IPOF. "We made every effort to donate to those in our community who are on the front lines of law enforcement, rescue, and safety in Nevada."

From left: Gina Hines, Lieutenant Erik Lloyd, Dr. Sean Dort and Kim Dokken



Assisting Food-Insecure Seniors

St. Rose received nearly \$35,000 in funding from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Service Division to help food-insecure senior residents of Henderson by providing home-delivered groceries and transportation to grocery stores, food pantries, and congregate meals. This service grows out of our experience in operating the Helping Hands of Henderson program, which provides free transportation to seniors to medical appointments, pharmacies, and other important errands.

Our goal for this pilot program is to enable seniors who are low-income and homebound to remain independent and healthy. We are partnering with the Nevada Blind Children's Foundation, which provides kitchen and pantry space in their new Henderson facility to store the food and assemble the bags. The Foundation also contributes student graduates from their after-school programs (age 18 and older) to help pack the groceries, enabling them to gain important life and work skills. In addition, we are partnering with Three Square Food Bank, which provides the food and delivers it monthly at no cost.



Supporting St. Rose Employees

R.T. Smith, trustee of the Lynn Ruffin-Smith Charitable Foundation, recently donated \$50,000 as a continuation of support for the Employee Engagement and Recognition Program. Caring for our dedicated employees is an essential component of our healing mission at St. Rose. In order to provide quality health care every day, or support those who do, our employees must feel valued, empowered, and motivated. This generous funding helps us to foster a positive environment and enhance morale. We offer monthly employee appreciation events, where we pass out treats and express our gratitude to our staff for their hard work and commitment. We have also been able to start team-building activities including forming a softball team and ordering jerseys; participating in the Corporate Challenge, an amateur sporting competition in southern Nevada; and purchasing t-shirts for staff members. We are in the process of forming a cycling team.



Back row - Carol Carlson, Reed Howe, Michelle Taber, Patrice Kelly-Houston, Lisa Waldner, Karen Statom-Anderson, Matt Berhold; Front row - Magnolia Sesgundo, Jalyn McKellab, Lisa Melvin, R.T. Smith, David Straus, Larry Barnard, Charles Guida and Natasha Meinecke

St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation Earns Foundation of the Year Award

Dignity Health's esteemed Foundation of the Year Award was presented in February during the 2019 Dignity Health Philanthropy Education Summit. The award was created to recognize philanthropic excellence and is granted to the top-performing foundation that has significantly increased fundraising revenue and established innovative new programs, technologies, and processes.

This year, the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation was nominated along with 30 other Foundations within Dignity Health and received the award by meeting the fundraising criteria and raising a record \$14.5 million, transferring \$5.6 million to the hospital, and having a \$.20 cost to raise a dollar in FY18.



Seated - Julie Kellogg, Natasha Meinecke, Amanda Flynn, Marvelle Lynch, Polly Bates. Standing - Jason Williams, Wade Dean, Paula Green, Gina Hines, Barbara Davis, Charles Guida and Debi Walsh (not pictured).



Charles Guida and Kris Engelstad McGarry

ENGELSTAD FOUNDATION R.E.D. ROSE PROGRAM

The Engelstad Foundation recently aligned its history of business success, philanthropic giving and breast cancer by making a \$10 million gift to Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican Hospital's R.E.D. (Responsible Early Detection) Rose program. The transformational gift will help financially vulnerable women by ensuring the hospital's long-term ability to provide them early access to vital breast cancer screenings, diagnostic services, medical care and support programs.

With a history of breast cancer in her family, Kris Engelstad McGarry's worry might have consumed her as she sat in her oncologist's office seeking answers. But questions about other women in the waiting room coursed through her mind.

Do they have the medical coverage and personal resources needed to fight breast cancer?

Do they have to miss or quit work during their course of care?

Will their daughters someday face this disease?

There was one thing Kris knew for sure: she had the resources to obtain quality breast cancer care.

A History with St. Rose

When the Engelstad Foundation revisited Kris's questions, they also reflected on their years of philanthropic partnership (see sidebar) with St. Rose and the proven history of R.E.D. Rose. Since its inception in 2002, R.E.D. Rose has provided access to quality breast cancer treatments – screenings, clinical breast exams, mammograms, ultrasounds, surgical consultations, and biopsies – for more than 6,000 clients who lack adequate health care resources or the financial means to obtain them.

After Kris completed breast cancer treatment, she was compelled to give back to those in need. Not long after, St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation's president, Charlie Guida, announced the \$10 million gift at an event and rededicated the breast cancer program, now named the Engelstad Foundation R.E.D. Rose Program. Charlie and the presidents of St. Rose Dominican hospital's three acute care campuses then presented Kris with the Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Humankindness Award.

"Kris's generosity reflects her love for and commitment to our community – and her empathetic concern for the most

vulnerable among us,” said Charlie. “We are beyond grateful to Kris and the Engelstad Foundation for their humankindness.”

As Kris accepted the award, 10 R.E.D. Rose beneficiaries carrying long-stem red roses encircled the podium. Among them was Yhoanna (YOO-ANNA), a mother who turned to the breast cancer program after feeling pain and a mysterious lump in her breast. Shortly after Yhoanna received care, her daughter experienced similar symptoms. Yhoanna’s daughter – a frightened 15-year-old when she was diagnosed with breast cancer – also received the medical services and support she needed through R.E.D. Rose.

“The fear and worry Yhoanna experienced was overwhelming,” said Holly Lyman, Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican Director of Community Health. “In the past, too many women like her lacked early access to diagnostic and treatment services even though it’s well known that survival rates for women and men with breast cancer are directly related to how soon treatment is sought.”

As the event closed, Holly thanked the Engelstad Foundation and said: “I know that Sr. Monica Stankus, the beloved founder of R.E.D. Rose, is smiling down on us – on you, the Engelstads – appreciating that the services and support our vulnerable breast cancer patients need will be available far into the future.”



Sr. Katie McGrail, Sr. Phyllis Sikora and Sr. Carol Elya with Kris Engelstad McGarry

“I am a breast cancer survivor myself, so this gift certainly hits home. Wherever we can contribute to southern Nevadans living their healthiest and happiest lives possible, we are ready to help build sustainable and impactful solutions. And, when it comes to breast cancer, early detection efforts and quality treatments are absolutely vital to our neighbors’ ultimately beating the disease.” – *Kris Engelstad McGarry*

The Engelstad Family Foundation’s gift to R.E.D. Rose is one of several they have made to St. Rose to improve the quality of lives in southern Nevada:

- Helping with the expansion of Health and Wellness programs to our Neighborhood Hospitals
- Purchase of a PET/CT Scan at the Siena Campus

“Today we acknowledge a prayer answered. For 17 years, we’ve struggled to make sure no woman in need is turned away from R.E.D. Rose. While financial help from many organizations and individuals allowed us to achieve that goal, we continued to pray that we’d find a stable funding source to sustain R.E.D. Rose.” – *Holly Lyman*

Since its inception in 2002, R.E.D. Rose has cared for nearly 6,500 patients, providing:

- 3,640 mammograms
- 2,964 ultrasound examinations
- 684 biopsies
- Assistance for transportation, rent, utilities, and groceries for financially vulnerable clients in treatment or recovery

“Philanthropy at its core, truly represents the most boots-on-the-ground element of what St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation does – securing and coordinating the resources for creating and enhancing programs that improve and save lives.” – *Charlie Guida*

During the Englestad Foundation R.E.D. Rose program event, Charlie and Holly paid homage to individuals and organizations who have supported the hospital’s breast cancer efforts, including:

- Sister Monica Stankus, OP (deceased), who coordinated the founding of R.E.D. Rose
- Southern Nevada Surgery Specialists’ surgeons – Dr. Gregg Ripplinger, Dr. Lyn Knoblok, Dr. Fikre Mengistu and Dr. Sean Dort – who have provided R.E.D. Rose’s clinical breast exams, biopsies, and surgical consultations, plus more than 50 donated surgeries
- Susan G. Komen Nevada for providing vital funding for more than 15 years
- The more than 1,400 employees and community members who have paddled in St. Rose’s Rose Regatta throughout its 10-year history

Learn how you can support St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation’s efforts to fund quality compassionate care that saves and improves lives. Call 702-616-5750 or visit supportstrose.org.

Sister Monica Stankus

The loving kindness Monica Stankus received as a patient at the Rose de Lima Campus led her to Adrian Dominican life and her work as a medical technologist. Sister Monica spent much of her career ministry in the labs of the National Institutes of Health before returning to southern Nevada in 2000 to care for her mother and serve as St. Rose's Vice President of Mission.

More familiar with microscopes and Petri dishes, Sr. Monica initially questioned her ability to lead the hospital's community outreach efforts. But by working hand-in-hand with hospital employees and not-for-profit organizations, she became instrumental in founding the R.E.D. Rose breast cancer program.

Sr. Monica became so moved by the number of women who couldn't work – or lost their jobs – while receiving breast cancer treatment that she created R.E.D. Rose's financial support program. The program helps keep women in their homes with the power on and food on the table while they go through chemo or radiation. Sr. Monica Stankus, OP, passed in 2016, but her legacy lives on.



Sr. Monica Stankus

Local Companies Fund Community Health Programs

St. Rose is grateful for the following generous private grants:

- Cox Charities awarded St. Rose more than \$18,000 to expand our parenting and family classes at our neighborhood hospitals' new Wellness Centers, located in underserved areas around the Las Vegas valley. These classes, free and open to the public, include Boot Camp for New Dads, Mommy and Baby Yoga, Zumbini, and Infant CPR, as well as instruction on safe babysitting techniques, preparing for childbirth, and how to care for a new baby.



Charles Guida and
Cox Business Director
John Fountain

- MGM Resorts Foundation awarded St. Rose more than \$62,000 to support the Helping Hands of Henderson Program, which provides hundreds of Henderson seniors with transportation to medical appointments, groceries, pharmacies, food pantries, social activities, and other important errands. This program helps seniors who are low-income, disabled, or frail to remain in their own homes, reducing the risk of institution placement.

Fraternal Order of Eagles

The Fraternal Order of Eagles was founded on February 6, 1898 in Seattle, Washington, over 120 years ago by six theater owners who formed "The Order of Good Things."

As numbers grew, they adopted a Bald Eagle as the official emblem and the name "The Fraternal Order of Eagles," Local Eagles' Aeries became



centers for social interaction and local fundraising efforts. That commitment was shown to the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation when the Ladies Auxiliary of the Henderson-based Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2672 made a monetary donation as well as crocheting warming caps for the babies leaving the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Suzie Owens Proudly Pinned a St. Rose Saint

Lactation specialist Suzie Owens, IBCLC, was pinned a St. Rose Saint after St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation received two donations in her honor. The first donation came from a couple who called Suzie “their angel.” They were thrilled that her gentle, compassionate expertise enabled them to overcome initial challenges so that they could successfully connect with and breastfeed their baby girl.

As a member of the St. Rose Birth Center team, Suzie’s dedication to newborns and their nutrition helped the San Martín and Siena Campuses become the first hospitals in southern Nevada to earn the prestigious Baby-Friendly USA designation. The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative is a global program launched by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children’s Fund to encourage and recognize hospitals that offer an optimal level of care for infant feeding and mother/baby bonding. St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation provides funding to support the Baby-Friendly program.

The second donation came from Suzie’s parents, who proudly recognized their daughter and her meaningful work. To learn more about the St. Rose Saint program or how you can support the hospital’s breastfeeding initiatives, call 702-616-5750.



Miracle Donations Fund Vital Monitors for Sick Babies

Time is of the essence when delivering life-saving medical care to St. Rose Dominican Hospital’s tiniest, most fragile patients. So is community support – and donations to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) have helped St. Rose secure Philips IntelliVue MX400 units that provide the St. Rose interdisciplinary care team with accurate, real-time physiological data to assess and address a newborn’s needs.

According to neonatologist, Deepa Nagar, the compact, transportable monitors allow the NICU’s interdisciplinary team of physician specialists, nurses and clinicians to monitor the needs of multiple babies. They also enable neonatal specialists to access the monitor’s data remotely if an infant is in transport from the Emergency Department.

Dr. Nagar says the MX400 units are frequently used to monitor babies born to opioid-addicted mothers. These vulnerable infants often experience withdrawal symptoms, including tremors, seizures, problems sleeping, irritability, and weight loss. St. Rose is a committed partner in Nevada’s **EMPOWERED (Empower Mothers for Positive Outcomes with Education, Resources and Early Development)** program.

One hundred percent of donations made to CMNH in southern Nevada are used to provide medical services and care to support the health of sick and injured children. For more information on giving to CMNH, call 702-616-5755.



Suzie Owens and
Holly Lyman



Humankindness Award
Eugene Bassett, Bishop Joseph A. Pepe and Sr. Phyllis Sikora



Hero Award
Lawrence Barnard, Jason Golden and Kevin Eastman

St. Rose Dominican's 62nd Annual Gala

A Spectacular Evening of Celebration and Fundraising!

Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican presented its 62nd Annual Gala: An Evening of Heroes, Music and Celebration, the Las Vegas valley's longest running fundraising event, on April 13 at the Red Rock Casino Hotel & Spa.

The charitable evening recognized extraordinary community members and raised over \$550,000 to support the hospital's programs and services.

Joseph A. Pepe, former Bishop of Las Vegas, received the Humankindness Award because he inspired our community to live a life of faith, hope and kindness and his actions have not only helped people spiritually, but also helped our community grow and be united to care for those in need. Critical Care Comics received the Hero Award for their dedication to bringing joy to the faces of children in hospitals by delivering comic books to kids and helping them escape the discomfort and stress of hospital life.

Emcees for the evening were Emmy-award-winning broadcast journalists, and friends of St. Rose, Beth Fisher and Kendall Tenney. Gala co-chairs were Larry Schiffman and Louanne Madorma-Williams.

Guests mingled with celebrities and superheroes, enjoyed various entertainment during the cocktail reception and dinner, bid on stellar live and silent auction items and enjoyed a three-course dinner.



Tenors of Rock



iLuminate



Critical Care Comics



SMITH'S EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS WITH HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

2018 Fundraising Totals \$660,000

Smith's Food & Drug stores has supported the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation Charity Care Program and its Children's Miracle Network Hospital's pediatric units for seven years. Smith's customers are invited to join store associates in fundraising efforts throughout southern Nevada and northern Arizona, including Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Mesquite, Pahrump, Fort Mohave, Kingman, Lake Havasu and Bullhead City during its four-week campaign beginning each April.

Customers are asked to make a donation at the checkout stands, and any change dropped into the checkout stand coin boxes is added to the effort. The funds raised are a combination of efforts between associates, customers and Smith's corporate gifts. The contributions are used to assist families struggling to pay their child's medical costs after trauma or serious illness.

"To date, Smith's has donated over \$3 million to support the children's departments at the hospital. By helping St. Rose heal the children of the Las Vegas community, we are helping our customers - who need our support," said Smith's Division Corporate Affairs Manager Aubriana Martindale.

Smith's has a long history of supporting children's hospitals. In the 1940s, company founder Dee Smith collected pennies and delivered them to the nearby children's hospital. Since 2002, Smith's associates, suppliers and customers have contributed more than \$18 million for children's charity care throughout Smith's seven western states of operation. Today, Smith's operates 142 stores in seven western states including 46 in Nevada. For more information please visit www.smithsfoodanddrug.com.



BECOME A MIRACLE MAKER

From the fragile newborn to the sick and surly teenager, every child is a miracle. By teaming up with St. Rose through these CMNH events, you can help fund the medical miracles they need. Every dollar donated to CMNH in southern Nevada benefits sick and injured children cared for by St. Rose.

Now – December 31, 2019

Panda Express has 67 locations that support CMNH at St. Rose all year long. They do a round-up campaign, a coin canister campaign, employee giving and also sell balloon icons at the register.

Now – December 31, 2019

Credit unions across the nation offer members the opportunity to "skip" their loan payment for a nominal processing fee. Most credit unions charge processing fees between \$20 and \$40 per loan payment skipped. Credit unions can choose to donate all or a portion of the fees to their local CMNH hospital.

May 1 – 31, 2019

Throughout May, Costco associates ask their members for donations at the register, do associate bake sales, BBQs and many types of fundraisers to support CMNH at St. Rose.

June 10 – July 7, 2019

Shop at your local Walmart and Sam's Club during the month of June to help support CMNH by purchasing a paper balloon icon, buying a root beer float, or making a donation at the checkout stand!

June 1 – July 25, 2019

Visit your local participating Dairy Queen on Miracle Treat Day and purchase a blizzard to support sick and injured kids treated at St. Rose.

For more information on supporting CMNH, please reach out to:

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YOU ARE VITAL TO ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITALS' STORY

Use the enclosed envelope or visit SupportStRose.org to make your gift and share details about how St. Rose has made a meaningful difference in your health, the well being of a loved one or the quality of life in our community.

#PANDACARES...IN A BIG WAY!

2018 Fundraising totals \$634,000

In 2018, Panda Express associates and customers really showed how Panda Cares by donating \$634,770.98 to St. Rose Dominican hospitals through Children's Miracle Network. With a ring of the bell and a thank you shout-out for every donation made, kids and families in the Las Vegas area were helped by 67 Panda Express locations. The majority of funds are collected through year-round register donations by customers in each store. Panda Express employees also participate in a workplace giving campaign.

Panda Express is an amazing partner because they go above and beyond for our hospital. Panda Express customers and associates generously donated over \$21.4 million to benefit 131 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in 2018! As a partner of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Panda Express has raised more than \$58 million since 2007.

The 2018 donation from Panda Express makes the company the fastest growing Children's Miracle Network Hospitals partner – both in percentage of increase and dollar increase in giving, year over year.

Funds are used by each local hospital to help create hope for children – whether spiritual, mental, physical or emotional. Donate at any Panda Express register to help kids treated at St. Rose. Thank you for making miracles happen for kids treated at our hospital every time the donation bell rings.

"Our passion for giving means that we contribute to the communities in which our restaurants operate in any way we can," says Andrew Cherng, Founder, Chairman and Co-CEO of Panda Restaurant Group.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Please join us for upcoming St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation events. For more information, please call 702-616-5750.

June 10 – July 7, 2019

Walmart/Sam's Club Register Campaign

Four-week register campaign - Donations will be collected at the register as well as other fundraising conducted by associates, such as root beer float sales, potlucks, car shows and cookouts during the campaign.

October 12, 2019

11th Annual Rose Regatta Dragon Boat Festival

Lake Las Vegas Marina • 8:00 a.m.

Please visit LVDragonBoatClub.com for race details, registration and sponsorship opportunities.

October 21, 2019

22nd Annual "Swing for St. Rose" Golf Tournament

SouthShore Country Club • 8:00 a.m.

To secure a golf sponsorship or reserve a team, please call 702-616-5762 or email barbara.davis@dignityhealth.org.