

# GRATITUDE

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# 64th Annual Celebration Gala MASQUERADE MADNESS April 17, 2021 | 5:30PM Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa



Celebrate a night of masks, music, dancing, comedy and cuisine as we raise the roof on fundraising for southern Nevada's only not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare ministry.

Sponsorships, tables and tickets are now available. Proceeds will support the physical, emotional and spiritual care provided by our three acute care hospitals, as well as vital services and community outreach programs.

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# Gratitude *is a* Blessing

Dear Friends,

The mystic Meister Eckhart, a Dominican preacher, proffered that if the only prayer we ever say is “thank you,” it will be enough. Thank you is exactly what I wish to say.

Last March, as COVID-19 swept through our community, Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican hospitals and our donors swung into action. As interdisciplinary teams provided exceptional medical treatment to the sick and frightened, Panda Express, Capriotti’s and Five Guys delivered nourishing meals to keep our team’s energy up and masks to keep their rate of infection down. Thank you.

The coronavirus is considered “novel.” Without downplaying the worldwide pandemic, it is important to recognize that St. Rose’s response to the crisis was not. Our people routinely express their values and live out the hospital’s mission by giving their utmost when a baby is born 16 weeks early, an executive experiences cardiac arrest, a teenager suffers a sickle cell anemia attack, a single mother is diagnosed with breast cancer, or a family faces traumatic injury resulting from a head-on collision.

Also critical to our response to crises such as COVID-19 or the 1 October tragedy is state-of-the art medical facilities and equipment, and top-quality, real-time training. We encourage you to read how our donor-supported da Vinci surgical robotics program is proving essential in this time, and why – more than ever – your support of a St. Rose Medical Simulation Training lab is vital.

The pandemic gives all of us reason to reflect on the accessibility of reliable health care. Your support of the top-quality care and *humankindness* delivered by St. Rose’s acute-care campuses, neighborhood hospitals, and wellness centers is essential. Thank you.



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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### Board Highlight – Tom Kovach

St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation has elected Tom Kovach as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors. Tom has served on the board since 2014 and brings deep industry experience in fundraising, strategy and board development. In addition, he has served on the Executive Committee and as the Board Development Chair. Tom is President of DonorBasis, LLC. – a firm he founded to help nonprofit organizations achieve greater good through improved fundraising.



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# COVID-19 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

## St. Rose has received special grant funding to address the economic hardships experienced by Clark County residents during the pandemic

- The National Breast Cancer Foundation provided \$5,000 to cover transportation, food, prescriptions and other basic needs to help breast cancer patients in our Engelstad Foundation R.E.D. Rose Program. Our Patient Navigator counsels clients by phone and connects them to resources.
- CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) supplemental funding from the State supported three initiatives: **1)** \$22,104 to provide monthly groceries to 250 homebound seniors. **2)** \$50,000 for the DASH (Dietary Advice while Staying Home) and Dine Program to deliver weekly fresh and nutritious breakfasts and dinners to 77 seniors, focusing on African-American and Hispanic residents, through a partnership with Diced Kitchen, a local family-owned catering company. A St. Rose registered dietician called each client to discuss their nutrition concerns. **3)** \$45,833 to shop and deliver food to 100 families per month who participate in the Women, Infants and Children program. Due to COVID-19, these families are struggling to get to the store and can't afford delivery services.

## DASH and Dine clients share their gratitude

- Louise is 93 and still living independently. Before COVID-19, she grocery shopped weekly, either getting rides or using a walker to go to the 99 cent store. "I haven't left my apartment in over 60 days and have been relying on friends to bring me groceries. It's been hard – a can of soup and some crackers is a staple these days. These meals have been a godsend. They are fresh and healthy and the weekly delivery is great because I don't have much storage space. If it weren't for this program I don't know how I would be eating now."
- Eddie has hypertension and usually tries to follow a healthy diet but with COVID-19 had no choice but to order food delivery or rely on friends to get his groceries. "The meals have all been super and much better for me than ordering take-out seven days a week. I'm very thankful for the healthy meals and it's kept me from having to go out there and risk my life."



## When Many Join Together for a Common Purpose, Amazing Things Happen

During this challenging time, many homebound, medically fragile seniors have needed support. Our Helping Hands of Henderson Program—which provides free transportation to Henderson residents age 60 and over to doctor appointments, food pantries, social activities, and errands – took early action by delivering groceries. When our Rose Bud Auxiliary heard about the great need for resources, they quickly rallied together and began a toiletry drive. The M Resort also helped by graciously donating thousands of rolls of toilet paper when it was in short supply. Thanks to their support, Helping Hands van drivers were able to deliver 124 humankindness care kits, which included face masks, toiletries, toilet paper, and a guide that staff created containing helpful resources, crossword puzzles and recipes. The drivers provided vital in-person wellness checks and needs assessments at a time when seniors were feeling isolated and anxious. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming together to support so many people in need!



## Las Vegas Aviators

During some of our more challenging days of the pandemic, our friends from the Las Vegas Aviators dropped by with hundreds of gift bags for our frontline staff. The staff could not have been more grateful for the outpouring of community support. The thank you's and well wishes warmed their hearts and the gift bags were full of ballpark goodies.

Thank you, Aviators! We are so thankful for your kindness!



## Most important meal of the day...

We had a breakfast delivery in early October for our San Martín Resp, EVS, and Rehab services team members from Southern Hills Baptist Church.

The church wanted us to know how much they appreciate the work our staff does each day. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness!



## What do you get when a young girl decides she is going to make a big difference one tiny dog treat at a time?

### Many lives saved & humankindness in action!

When the COVID-19 pandemic first began, Zenia Simos saw her mother, Lorie, return home from the hospital, exhausted from her 12-hour nursing shifts. She decided she wanted to do something to help. She knew the hospital needed more personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff and she was determined she would find a way to help. Zenia decided to raise funds for the PPE by selling dog treats using one of her favorite recipes. She went to work baking thousands of mini dog biscuits. For weeks, she lovingly placed treats in mason jars with ribbon, and sold them to neighbors and friends. She met her goal and sent a check to the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation that helped support the purchase of hundreds of N95 masks for staff. Thank you, Zenia, for having a heart for *humankindness* and making our life-saving work possible during this challenging time! We are so grateful for your generosity!

Zenia Simos



# COVID-19 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

## Freed's Bakery

The only thing better than a Freed's Bakery cupcake? 300 Freed's Bakery cupcakes! Our hard-working doctors, nurses, and staff were delighted by the generous donation. Thank you! We could taste the *humankindness* baked into every bite.



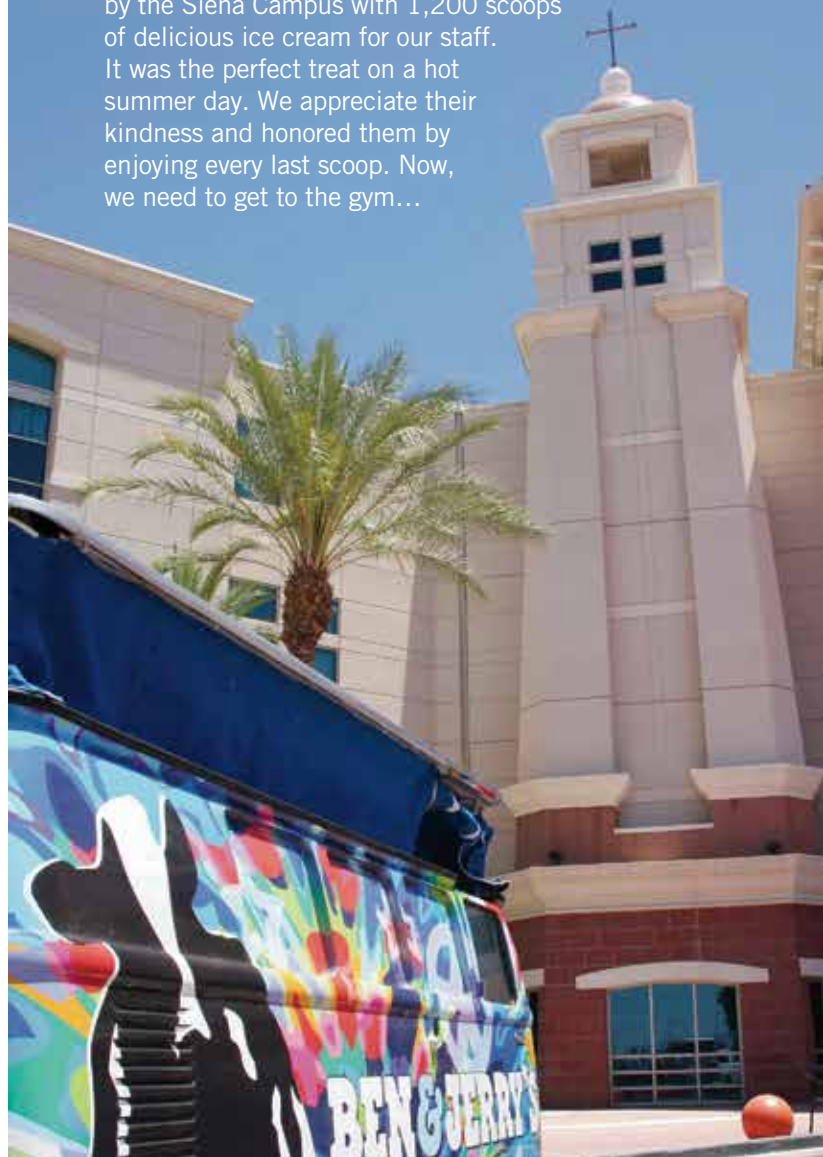
## Hope Church

Hope Church arrived at the Rose de Lima Campus to fill the staff's stomachs and lift their spirits, and we cannot thank them enough. Not only did they arrive with delicious Chick-fil-A, but they brought hand-drawn cards and posters from their church members, each with a touching message of thanks and appreciation for our hard-working doctors, nurses and medical staff. Thank you so much for remembering us as we work to keep our community safe and healthy. Keep us in your prayers, and we will do the same for you.



## Ben & Jerry's

Our friends Ben & Jerry are celebrating Project Joy, which honors caregivers. They stopped by the Siena Campus with 1,200 scoops of delicious ice cream for our staff. It was the perfect treat on a hot summer day. We appreciate their kindness and honored them by enjoying every last scoop. Now, we need to get to the gym...



**"As we deal with this crisis, we must seize this once-in-a-lifetime moment to lead the kind of comprehensive changes in health care that we knew were needed long ago but require a comprehensive industry-wide and American effort. The challenge for all health systems is to build on the progress of managing through Covid-19 to embrace change and improve the ways we deliver health care."**

*– Lloyd Dean, CEO of CommonSpirit*





# St. Rose Siena Campus Celebrates 20 Years



The Siena Campus of Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican recently marked the 20th anniversary of when the hospital first opened its doors. While a traditional celebration is impractical, Siena is inviting the community to mark the occasion by becoming part of the Siena legacy in a modern way.

On July 17, 2000, Henderson, Nevada, was the fastest-growing city in the United States, and the debut of the \$85 million Siena Campus provided 141 new in-patient hospital beds and services to the community. Designed to provide one-stop care for an entire family's health care needs, the new facility offered state-of-the-art technology across the full spectrum of care – from Emergency Services, Cardiology and Surgery to Radiology, Maternal Child Care and Oncology.

“The opening of the Siena Campus in 2000 was a strong testament to both the burgeoning growth of Henderson and St. Rose Dominican’s commitment to provide quality, compassionate healthcare,” said Lawrence Barnard, Dignity Health Nevada President and CEO of the Siena Campus. “Our commitment to this community remains undiminished. In recent years, and in the face of unspeakable tragedy and unimaginable pandemic, our healing mission is stronger than ever. I am proud of the Siena team and the compassionate care they deliver to our patients and families every day.”

Sister Phyllis Sikora, O.P., Vice President of Mission Integration for St. Rose Dominican said, “I encourage everyone to be a part of our celebration and a part of Siena’s legacy of compassionate care. Our world needs compassion like never

before. Our communities need caring and our families need protection that we can provide.”

Still guided by the sisters, St. Rose Dominican continues to promote wholeness of body, mind and spirit in the Dominican tradition of working with others to improve the health status of the community in a shared pursuit for justice and truth with a commitment to those with special needs.

For more information, visit our website at [www.strosehospitals.org](http://www.strosehospitals.org).



# Necessity is the mother of invention



The internet has a bit of trouble determining who originally coined the familiar phrase, “Necessity is the mother of invention.” Many alternatives - Plato, Einstein, Rockefeller - but no consensus.

Whoever deserves the credit we believe would be proud of the recent accomplishments of the Dignity Health Wellness Center team in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Out of concern over the spread of the virus, Governor Sisolak closed down the state on March 17. He asked all but essential Nevada businesses – including more than 400 licensed casinos – to shut their doors and stay at home.

That day, inside the locked doors of the Dignity Health Wellness Centers across the valley, concern was focused on the hundreds of people each day who counted on the facility’s fitness instructors, specialty counselors and Registered Dietitians to help them stay healthy.

The Community Health team decided that if the people couldn’t come to the Wellness Centers, the Wellness Centers would come to them – if not in person, then on their computers. They immediately went to work to find a way to reach their clients remotely.

Without any fancy equipment or special technical expertise, this group of committed professionals found a way. One of the fitness instructors logged on to something called Zoom.

(Admit it, most of us rely on Zoom now but it was a relative unknown back on that memorably uneventful St. Patrick’s Day.)

“It was pretty remarkable,” Dignity Health Director of Community Health Holly Lyman said. “We were asked to close our doors on March 17, and with no prior plan in place, on March 18th we hosted our first online fitness class. It might not have been pretty, but we were there. And 22 brave people were online with us getting their work-out on.”

The system is simple to use. Find a class you like, click on the link a few minutes before the class begins, then get comfy in your own home and get ready to rumble!... or Zumba, or Yoga, or Tai Chi. Just about anything you can imagine. There are even classes to help you eat better, manage your diabetes, and sessions offering senior peer counseling, advice for caregivers and chronic pain management.

Whatever your interest, there’s likely a class for you. And they are all free. All you need is a computer and an internet connection.

By the end of June, the Wellness Centers had offered more than 650 free classes and logged more than 10,000 participants.

To find a class you will love, visit [StRoseHospitals.org/VirtualClasses](https://StRoseHospitals.org/VirtualClasses) anytime to view the most up-to-date schedule.



## ROSE DE LIMA'S 73RD ANNIVERSARY

June 27 marked the 73rd anniversary of when the Adrian Dominican Sisters assumed responsibility of a small community hospital in Henderson, Nevada. The hospital was dedicated in the name of St. Rose de Lima, and ever since staff have been guided by her words: "When we serve the poor we are serving Christ."

"I witness these words lived out every day as I walk the halls of our three hospitals," says Sister Phyllis Sikora, Vice President of Mission Integration. "Our health professionals and hospital staff still follow St. Rose in her mission to serve the poor and vulnerable – not only in our hospitals, but in the community as well."

Thomas Burns, Rose de Lima Campus COO and Chief Nurse Executive Officer, agrees, saying, "Our medical mission is alive and well here at Rose de Lima. The commitment of our doctors and staff to the community we serve makes this a very special place to work and heal."

The Rose de Lima Campus recently dedicated the latest in a series of ongoing renovation projects, which included a new Professional Education Center and a Community Wellness Center.

When they took over the hospital in 1947, the Sisters immediately put an end to the practice of segregation. They believed that all who needed care should feel welcomed. The original Sisters likely could never have imagined that the Rose de Lima Campus would grow into a multi-faceted healthcare system with three main hospitals and 3,500-plus employees. It is only through the hard work and perseverance of our first employees and so many others who followed over seven decades that we are able to continue the mission, vision and values of CommonSpirit Health.

"The Adrian Dominican Sisters are indebted to the many compassionate individuals whose care and service have been so lovingly provided in our name and tradition," says Sister Sikora. "With your prayers and support, may our ministry live and thrive long into the future for the sake of the poor, vulnerable and underserved within our community."



Chief Operating Officer  
Thomas Burns and  
Vice President of  
Mission Integration  
Sr. Phyllis Sikora.



## ST. ROSE TO MANAGE NEW MEDICARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division awarded a \$357,696 grant to St. Rose to assist Medicare eligible residents, pre-enrollees, their family members, and caregivers. The new Medicare Assistance Program (MAP) is composed of three federally funded grant programs:

**State Health Insurance Assistance Program** – provides free and unbiased Medicare counseling to help people understand their options and choose the appropriate health insurance plan.

**Senior Medicare Patrol** – increases public awareness to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud and errors.

**Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act** – provides information and application assistance to low-income Medicare beneficiaries who may qualify for cost-saving programs.

The St. Rose Community Health Department will operate this program at their six Wellness Centers throughout the Las Vegas valley to serve Clark County. A partnership with Nye Communities Coalition will serve Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln counties. Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7; call 702-616-4926 for assistance. MAP relies on staff and volunteers. If you work with seniors or know a senior who would like to volunteer to help Medicare beneficiaries, please call 702-616-4926.

*This project was supported in whole or in part by grant numbers 90SAPG0066-01-00, 90MP-PG0047, 1801NVMISH-01, 1801NVMIAA-01, and 1801NVMIDR-01, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL) as well as Nevada Aging & Disability Services Division (ADSD).*





R E D U C I N G

# “Surgical Footprints”

W I T H   A D V A N C E D   S P I N E   S U R G E R Y

Back pain is a leading cause of doctor visits, missed work, and disability. Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican hospitals' San Martín campus is planning to lead the way in relieving this pain and restoring quality of life by offering patients Endoscopic Spine Surgery which has not been performed in the region.

Efrem Cox, MD, a neurosurgeon who practices at San Martín, specializes in both complex and minimally invasive spine surgery, says, “In performing Endoscopic Spine Surgery, we make very small skin incisions (8-10 cm) and with the aid of a small tubular corridor, treat degenerative and deformity conditions of the spine that may cause pain, numbness, or weakness with minimal disruption of the paraspinal muscles.” The same treatments, when performed through traditional spine surgery, require making significantly larger incisions and cutting through and retracting the muscle layers that provide stability to the spine.

“Performing Endoscopic Spine Surgery effectively reduces the ‘surgical footprint’ which allays a good deal of our patient’s surgical concerns,” says Dr. Cox. “Patients experience less surgical blood loss, muscle damage, days in the hospital, and overall recovery time.”

For perspective, Dr. Cox notes that the amount of blood a patient loses through Endoscopic Surgery is generally less than a small prescription bottle thereby reducing the need for blood transfusions. Importantly, because the state-of-the-art surgery method results in less disruption to the body and thus less pain, post-surgical prescription opioid use for pain is significantly reduced.

To learn more about how you can support St. Rose’s neurosurgical programs, as well as its efforts to curb the opioid epidemic in southern Nevada, reach out to the Health Foundation at 702.626.4545 or visit [strosecare.org](http://strosecare.org).

## ENDOSCOPIC SPINE SURGERY & ITS BENEFITS

- Appropriate for moderate to severe disc herniation, osteoarthritic joint damage, sciatica, and spinal stenosis
- Smaller incision, less tissue and muscle disruption, less blood loss
- Shorter hospital stays, quicker recovery and regaining of normal mobility
- Less need for prescription painkillers

## DR. COX IS FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS FATHER IN MEDICINE

Dr. Efrem Cox was inspired to become a neurosurgeon by his father, Emmett Cox, II, MD, who had an intrepid journey to become an orthopedic hand surgeon. His father overcame a near fatal bicycling accident. Hit head-on by a bus, his father sustained innumerable craniofacial fractures and Traumatic Brain Injury that have required more 65 reconstructive surgeries to date. While Dr. Efrem Cox initially had interest in becoming an orthopaedic surgeon like his dad, he was ultimately compelled to become a neurosurgeon.

As fate would have it, 40 years following his father’s accident, Dr. Efrem Cox completed his minimally invasive spine fellowship training at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami where neurosurgeons saved his father’s life.

# Panda Express Provides Kindness and Compassion During a Crisis

Panda Express Restaurant Group has gone above and beyond to ensure that frontline workers at Children's Miracle Network member hospitals were taken care of during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the moment the coronavirus outbreak started, Panda Express Restaurants in Las Vegas and Henderson began working together to donate food and supplies to St. Rose Dominican hospitals as our staff worked tirelessly to care for our community.

The company usually asks its customers to round up their bill or make an outright donation to help the children treated at St. Rose. This support totaled nearly \$800,000 in 2019 alone. During a time that was anything but typical, Panda shifted quickly and effectively as the pandemic hit while facing challenges of their own.

The restaurant chain had to close 20% of their locations and switch to drive-thru only business back in March. This, however, did not deter them from their focus of being a tremendous community partner to our hospital.

By donating 1,400 hot meals and 120,000 surgical and N95 masks to all three acute care campuses of St. Rose Hospitals, Panda showed that their commitment to serve others was unwavering.

"The incredible relationship we have with Panda Express is something I am truly grateful for," said Debi Walsh, CMN Director at St. Rose. "This partnership allows us to provide the very best pediatric care to our patients every day, and their shift amid the pandemic to support the entire hospital was truly something to behold. I am awestruck by their commitment and dedication to continually step up when they are needed most."

Panda's generous donations throughout the past few months gave St. Rose's frontline healthcare workers one less thing to worry about. For that, we are forever grateful.



*Fe Navarro, EVS Tech Lead*

**Children's  
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## U.S. News & World Report Names Dignity Health – Siena Campus a High Performing Hospital for Congestive Heart Failure, Knee Replacement, and Hip Replacement

The Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Siena Campus earned a “High Performing” rating in three categories: Congestive Heart Failure, Hip Replacement, and Knee Replacement, in recognition of care that was significantly better than the national average, as measured by factors such as patient outcomes. “High Performing” is the highest rating U.S. News awards for those types of care.

## 2020 Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

The San Martín Campus has earned the 2020 Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award and also qualified for the following recognition:

- Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll

The award recognizes San Martín Campus’ commitment and success in implementing a high standard of stroke care by ensuring that their stroke patients receive treatment that meets nationally accepted, evidence-based standards and recommendations.

## Forbes Names Dignity Health One of Nevada’s Best-In-State Employers 2020

Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has been recognized as one of the top 10 best employers in Nevada as part of Forbes’ annual list of America’s Best-in-State Employers 2020, based on an independent survey of approximately 80,000 U.S. employees working for companies employing at least 500 people in their U.S. operations.



Robert Feduniak delivering Grimaldi's Pizza

## Gourmet Pizza Brings Smiles For Over a Month

When Robert and Maureen Feduniak saw what was happening in our community during the peak of Covid they partnered with Grimaldi's Pizza franchise owners Lisa & Joe DePatta to bring warm meals to our front lines. The Feduniak's donated over 1,500 gourmet Grimaldi's pizzas to our Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican Hospitals for over a month and a half feeding hungry healthcare workers through their most challenging days & nights. Because of limited delivery hours, Robert and Maureen would often hand deliver the pizzas themselves to each shift. Thank you for the kindness you showed our staff during such a difficult time we will never forget your generosity!



## Spread Joy Not Germs...

The TailGate Extreme came to spread joy to our staff – our caregivers loved the lunches they provided and truly appreciated the kindness.

Thank you so much for taking the time to support our employees!!!

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS

### Costco

This fundraising campaign usually takes place in May, however, due to the pandemic and in order to maximize their efforts, Costco's annual Children's Miracle Network Hospitals register campaign took place September 1 through September 30, 2020. We are very excited to have partnered once again with this tremendous sponsor. As with all CMNH donations raised in the Las Vegas area, 100% of the money raised stays right here to support the pediatric efforts at St. Rose. They had another amazing year despite the added stress of these unprecedented times, and we are very grateful. Sponsors continue to step forward to help out the kids treated at St. Rose and we continue to be amazed at the efforts they and their members extend year after year! Thank you, Costco, for another banner campaign!



Ray and Priscille Atkisson

### FRIENDS OF ST. ROSE

Ray and Priscille Atkisson were married in 2003 and decided to settle into a new home in Sun City Anthem. One day, as they were driving, Priscille saw a sign for the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation. She visited the office to introduce herself and the rest is history. Seventeen years later, Ray and Priscille continue to love Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican and all that it stands for and are so proud of what it has built over the years, further developing its medical care programs, technological advances and so much more.

In giving to St. Rose, they have an opportunity to give from the heart, to help sustain the life of a newborn child, to help bring remission to a cancer patient, to help someone walk who was told they possibly would never walk again, to help bring meals to homebound patients who live alone, sometimes so isolated from the joys of daily life. St. Rose is the only not-for-profit, faith-based health system in the State of Nevada, which is an astounding achievement in itself. They love the daily work the hospital staff performs to sustain the good health of our community residents.

Ray and Priscille are humbled by whatever acts of kindness and resources they can give to those who need it most, and St. Rose makes it possible to do that. Priscille said, "Every single dollar counts and becomes significant when we all partake in giving." They have discovered that giving to others provides a great feeling of happiness that is truly everlasting. Ray and Priscille invite you to join them in giving what you can and experiencing this happiness!



ICU and IMC staff

### ROSES FOR ST. ROSE

We are blessed to work in a community where support for our hospital and staff comes in many different forms. Recently, a delivery of beautiful roses arrived at our door. Susan Fimmons grows long-stem roses in her garden. Each year when her roses bloom, she carefully cuts them and brings them to St. Rose – Siena to share with the nurses and staff in appreciation for the compassion they once showed her. "Please tell the staff thank you for all they do. I always ask God to get the roses to the people who need them most and it looks like He did it again." Thank you, Susan. He did, indeed.





**Children's  
Miracle Network  
Hospitals**

*Every dollar raised by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in southern Nevada benefits pediatric and neonatal services at Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican.*

## Walmart and Sam's Club

For the 33rd year in a row, Walmart and Sam's Club held their annual register campaign for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals from June 22 through July 31, 2020. Despite the challenging and unprecedented times we are in this year, the associates and customers stepped up to raise an incredible \$39 million to help sick kids all over the country! Las Vegas-area stores actually raised 11.25% MORE money than 2019 to support pediatrics at St. Rose. Thank you to all the wonderful associates and generous customers who donated!



CMN Director Debi Walsh, CMN Miracle Child James Kish and Walmart Associate Rita Herrera

## GIVING THE JOY OF GAMING

Tracy Goins, Community Relations Manager with Microsoft, donated 14 Xbox units, games and more for the Pediatric Unit at the St. Rose Siena Campus. Microsoft is permanently closing their store in Las Vegas and wanted to support the children being treated at St. Rose. Children's Miracle Network and St. Rose have enjoyed a philanthropic relationship with the local Microsoft affiliate store for over six years. We truly appreciate their support!



Jason Williams with Tracy Goins

## BECOME A MIRACLE MAKER

From the fragile newborn to the sick 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, 2020

Panda Express has 72 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, 2020

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.

### November 1 - 30, 2020

Valvolene Instant Oil Change Centers will request point of service donations to support the pediatric services at St. Rose through their partnership with Children's Miracle Network to help local kids in the Las Vegas area.

### November 27 - December 25, 2020

Ace Hardware Round-Up Campaign

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

**Debi Walsh 702-616-4599**  
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## ST. ROSE'S THIRD DA VINCI XI SUPPORTED BY DONORS

St. Rose Dominican Hospitals installed its third da Vinci XI robot-assisted operating system amid the initial wave of COVID-19. Surgeon Ashlee Justice, M.D., considers the timing of that acquisition, backed by donor support, significant to the growth of the hospital's robotics program and to providing high caliber care amid the pandemic.

### WHY IT WAS – AND IS – IMPORTANT

As COVID-19 cases surged in southern Nevada, St. Rose took steps to limit the rate of infection among patients and hospital staff. One such step was delaying elective procedures such as joint replacements and reconstructive surgeries. Although that negatively impacted hospital revenues, Dr. Justice, who completed a general surgery residency with an emphasis in trauma and robotic surgeries, notes an upside.

"Our third da Vinci XI was purchased as part of strategic plans to increase St. Rose's use of robotic-assistance in emergency situations," says Dr. Justice. "While we had begun using robotics in emergency situations before the pandemic, COVID-19 is increasing surgeon interest in that effort."

The benefits of surgical robotics – which includes lower rates of hospital-acquired infection among surgical patients – are well documented. Yet, in the United States, the use of such advanced technology has been limited, almost exclusively, to elective procedures. That is rapidly changing.

As elective surgeries were postponed across the nation,

surgeons more routinely turned to robotic surgery systems to perform procedures that could not be delayed. "When a patient needs an emergency appendectomy or gallbladder removal, I am confident that the patient's risk of infection will be reduced by using the da Vinci XI," says Dr. Justice.

When performing robotic-assisted surgery, there is a socially safe distance between the surgical table and the da Vinci XI's console Dr. Justice sits at. A high-definition, 3D monitor optimizes her view of the patient's anatomy. As she moves the system's controls, the advanced technology translates her hand movements to tiny surgical instruments attached to slim robotic arms in real time. The robotic-assisted da Vinci XI allows Dr. Justice to make smaller surgical incisions, and more nimbly access and operate on diseased or injured anatomy than if she performed the surgery through an open (traditional) procedure. With less disruption to the surrounding tissue and organs, the patient's infection risk is typically reduced because their healing time and hospital stay is generally shorter.

"COVID-19 is pushing hospitals and medical teams to invest in and learn to use the latest, safest surgical technologies," says Dr. Justice. St. Rose's commitment to surgical robotics has put the hospital and its surgical teams ahead of that curve.

To learn more about supporting surgical robotics at the Siena or San Martín hospitals, call the Health Foundation at 702-616-4545 or visit [supportstrose.org](https://supportstrose.org).





# “SWING FOR ST. ROSE” GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

Over \$100,000 raised for Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 23rd annual “Swing for St. Rose” Golf Tournament on October 19! More than 115 players, sponsors, donors, and volunteers came out to support St. Rose and enjoy a gorgeous day at the beautiful SouthShore Country Club. The tournament featured a continental breakfast, ticket drop, putting contest and shotgun start in the morning followed by an awards reception, including a live auction, after golf. We had great weather, great teams and great prizes. Thanks to our participants and sponsors, it was our most successful golf tournament yet, raising over \$100,000 for the hospital’s programs and services!

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**Save the Date for next year’s event scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021, at SouthShore Country Club!**

For more information on sponsorships, registering a team, reserving your spot for next year or donating an auction item, please contact Barbara Davis at 702.616.4450 or [barbara.davis@dignityhealth.org](mailto:barbara.davis@dignityhealth.org).

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# SIMULATION SUITES BRING REALITY TO MEDICAL EDUCATION

## New Professional Education Center continues advancements with new technology

Nurses, medical technicians, and other Dignity Health professionals are reveling in the newly opened Professional Education Center facilities on the Rose de Lima Campus. Located adjacent to the recently renovated lobby, the Nevada Market Education Department debuted the new classrooms, labs, and offices in August.

“These new facilities offer a greatly enhanced learning experience for our St. Rose Dominican medical professionals,” said Thomas Burns, COO and Chief Nurse Executive Officer of the Rose de Lima Campus. “Hundreds of our caregivers will flow through these labs and classrooms each year to fulfill their annual requirements and maintain their licensing and certifications.”

Mr. Burns also serves as Education Director for Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican. He adds that more beneficial improvements are on the horizon.

“The Education Center will soon feature three high-tech, state-of-the art Simulation Suites, which will even further enhance our ability to explore best practices and share knowledge to improve patient care and patient safety in our hospitals.”

Each of the three planned Simulation Suites will feature hospital beds, medical equipment, and an interactive, high-fidelity patient/mannequin. Suites will be designed to simulate trauma, critical care, medical surgical, pediatrics, labor & delivery, and the operating room. High-fidelity mannequins will realistically emulate a variety of symptoms and conditions in male and female adults, pediatric patients, a laboring mother, and a newborn.

From a nearby control room, instructors will actively monitor lessons, controlling the condition of the mannequin patients in response to students' actions. The system's video replay capabilities allow instructors to review each scenario with students to evaluate performance and further enhance the learning experience.

“We've already taken a major step in our commitment to the ongoing education of our health care staff, but these suites will truly take our game to a new level, enabling us to deliver the ultimate realistic training and preparing our staff to handle situations with patients of all ages,” said Mr. Burns.

The new Simulation Suites are scheduled for completion in 2021. The St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation is helping to fund the Simulation Suites. If you would like to contribute, call the Health Foundation at 702-616-4545 or visit [supportstrose.org](http://supportstrose.org).



# HIGH HOPES

## FOR MOVING PRECIOUS PAYLOADS

Advances in cutting edge medical technology normally take place within the sterile confines of a laboratory or an operating theater within the walls of a hospital. But on a recent hot summer afternoon, technology took a leap forward in the parking lot of the San Martín Campus as an unmanned aircraft carrying some very special cargo gently set down on the asphalt.

MissionGo, a provider of unmanned aviation solutions, teamed up with the Nevada Donor Network in an effort to transform organ procurement logistics, conducting two successful test flights carrying human tissue via an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS).

The first flight transported research corneas from Southern Hills Hospital to the Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican, San Martín Campus. Representatives from the hospitals and Nevada Donor Network were on hand to witness the flight demonstrating the viability of moving a lifesaving payload via UAS within an urban environment.

The second test flight, which delivered a research kidney from an airport to a location outside of Las Vegas, marked the longest unmanned aircraft organ delivery flight in UAS history.

Anthony Pucciarella, MissionGo President, said, “These flights are an exciting step forward – the research conducted... illustrates that unmanned aircraft are a reliable mode of transportation for life-saving cargo.”

Tests such as the one San Martín was a part of demonstrated the feasibility of a touchless solution which reduces the number of handoffs by transporting human organs or tissue directly between hospitals through the air.

MissionGO has high hopes this new technology will advance the future delivery of this precious payload. Additional test flights are planned later this year and throughout 2021.



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