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Dear Friends,

During this season of gratitude, we invite you to join us as we pause, reflect and renew a commitment to creating a better tomorrow – for everyone.

We know that the conditions in which we are born, grow, work, live and age can have a serious impact on health, for better or for worse. That's why, in partnership with people like you, we work to address the social and economic needs of our patients.

In this issue of *GRATITUDE*, you will learn about the impact of your dollars at work at Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican and the new services that St. Rose is able to provide to the community. You will read about St. Rose's 75th anniversary of providing compassionate care for the people of southern Nevada. Also, you will hear more about how community partners are stepping up to provide support for St. Rose's expanding services.

I am very pleased to announce that the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation team is growing. Dr. Chad Warren, DPP is the new President and Chief Philanthropy Officer, and will now lead the Foundation as I serve in a new capacity as VP of Philanthropy for the Southwest Division. Also, Brenda Griego, MBA, CFRE is our new Director of Philanthropy. We are thrilled to have them on board!

As we close out the year, I want to thank you for being part of our hospital family as generous supporters. Let us leave 2022 with a grateful heart and enter 2023 with a renewed sense of opportunity and inspiration. Best wishes for a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season.



With gratitude,

**Charles L. Guida** Vice President of Philanthropy Southwest Division

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#### **STAFF HIGHLIGHT**

**Brenda Griego, MBA, CFRE** Brenda began her development career at her alma mater, Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. She earned her CFRE credential in 1998, and moved to Las Vegas in 1999.



She feels honored to have worked for great southern Nevada organizations and businesses like the UNLV Foundation, Caesars Entertainment, and Roseman University of Health Sciences prior to joining the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation as the Director of Philanthropy. A mom to two who is married to David Griego, Brenda is proud to make a difference in our community.

TO CONTACT THE FOUNDATION, PLEASE CALL 702-616-4545 OR VISIT SUPPORTSTROSE.ORG

# GRANTHIGHLIGHTS

Grant funding enables the expansion of current programs and the development of new programs at St. Rose. We are deeply grateful for this support.

#### NEVADA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Awarded \$3,278,632 to support development of St. Rose's graduate medical education programs in Family Medicine and Internal Medicine. This funding is designed to increase the number of physicians serving our community since physicians are more likely to practice where they complete their residencies. By training residents, St. Rose will help increase the primary care physician workforce and meet the growing healthcare needs of our community, especially those who are under-resourced and historically marginalized.

#### **CITY OF LAS VEGAS**

Awarded \$1,000,000 to construct a Wellness Center on the second floor of St. Rose's neighborhood hospital located at the corner of Sahara Avenue and Decatur Boulevard in Las Vegas. The Wellness Center will provide free disease management and community health programs to the local community, focusing on those who are underserved and in need.

#### **CAESARS FOUNDATION**

Awarded \$100,000 to help build out the fifth floor of the Dominican Tower at the St. Rose Siena Campus. The floor will include 35-40 in-patient medical surgical rooms, a nurse's station, and all other ancillary and support services. The additional rooms will allow the prompt transfer of patients in the Emergency Room to an in-patient room and address the increased demand for elective surgeries as the prevalence of Covid-19 declines.

#### **MINISTRY TRUST**

Awarded \$34,000 from the Adrian Dominican Sisters to support the Senior Peer Counseling Program, which addresses the severe shortage of mental health services in southern Nevada. The program uses trained volunteers to provide confidential, supportive counseling to people over age 50 facing the challenges of growing older.

#### NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

Awarded \$20,000 to St. Rose's Engelstad Foundation R.E.D. Rose Program to provide free breast health screenings for women who are uninsured or underinsured.

#### NEVADA VOLUNTEERS, GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SERVICE

Awarded \$13,024 to support the recruitment, orientation, and recognition of our Community Health volunteers, who together contribute over 9,500 hours of service per year.

#### PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION

Awarded \$12,000 to provide Tai Ji Quan Moving for Better Balance to people with Parkinson's disease, their care partners, and families in southern Nevada to improve their well-being.

We thank our Board members for generously giving of their time and talents! To contact the Foundation, please call 702-616-4545 or visit supportstrose.org

#### ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HEALTH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Anand K. Nair (Vice Chair) Jon Van Boening Heather Van Ness, PhD Dr. Chad Warren, DPP Mark Wiley The St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation welcomes Dr. Chad Warren, DPP, as President and Chief Philanthropy Officer.

With over two decades of experience as a senior leader in philanthropy, marketing, advocacy, and consulting expertise, Chad is an expert in maximizing donor engagement and meeting goals with the best use of resources. Chad joins the St. Rose team after years of service as a Vice President and Senior Consultant for Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL). Before RNL, he served as senior associate vice president for alumni engagement, annual giving, and career services at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the executive director of the UNLV Alumni Association.

Prior to UNLV, Chad served as assistant vice president at The Ohio State University, executive director for university outreach and engagement at the University of Dayton (OH), and director of annual giving at Florida State University.

Chad has also served as a highly-rated volunteer presenter at numerous conferences, including AFP, AMA, CASE, and AGB. He has also served on conference committees and as faculty. Chad's undergraduate degree is from the University of Dayton (OH), and he received an MBA from Saint Leo University (FL). He completed his doctor of public policy degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with his research in coordinating strategic revenue and "advocacy" philanthropy for the benefit of higher education and non-profit organizations.



Warren is happily married with three dogs and enjoys attending concerts and traveling the world in his free time. He also enjoys serving as Treasurer for the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF) Nevada Chapter. A self-proclaimed Christian to his core, Chad will bring integrity, honesty, and strong moral principles to St. Rose.

"Philanthropy is derived from the Greek, 'for the love of mankind,' and is about a desire to promote the welfare of others. That means more than just giving. In our profession, we are responsible for more than just fundraising; engagement and volunteerism are part of philanthropy and increase the joy of giving," says Chad.

### Medical Simulation Center Signage Unveiled

Signage for The Leona M. And Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust was recently unveiled in the Medical Simulation Center at the Rose de Lima Campus. Part of the new Professional Education Center, the Simulation Center features three high-tech, state-of-the-art simulation suites. St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation was awarded \$462,000 in grant funding from the Helmsley Charitable Trust to purchase the equipment.



Wayne Booze, Program Officer; Mitch Krebs, Program Director; and Walter Panzirer, Trustee for The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust



Medical Simulation Center Team

### Helping Hands of Henderson Receives New Van

Left to Right: Orlando Muntean, Cerise McCalister, Jennifer Trinkle and Judy Vizcarra

Helping Hands of Henderson is a St. Rose program that provides transportation to residents 60 years and older. The Helping Hands team had something to celebrate recently when the Kasner Family Foundation awarded a grant to the program to purchase a van to expand its fleet of vehicles. The handicap-accessible van, which includes a wheelchair ramp, will enable more seniors to remain independent by providing them with safe and reliable transportation to medical appointments, the grocery store, and social activities. Helping Hands of Henderson serves hundreds of seniors every year and there is great demand for its services, so this generous grant will make a difference for many of our neighbors in need.

"Our Board members were happy to support Helping Hands of Henderson," shares Alison Kasner, who co-founded the Kasner Family Foundation with her husband, Bob. "This is an important program for Henderson, and one that aligns well with our Foundation's mission. We have great respect for the very caring team that runs Helping Hands, and know the new van will have a very positive impact on seniors in our community."

### PATIENTS SHARE THEIR GRATITUDE

#### **GENERATIONS OF CARE AT ST. ROSE**

As St. Rose celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, one Henderson family has three generations of members who are thankful for the hospital and its services. Vallana Wulkan, her godfather Robert Torgerson, and her grandmother have all received excellent care from St. Rose Siena and Rose de Lima.

"St. Rose was the only medical provider that was able to diagnose an illness for me that turned out to be a severe food allergy," notes Vallana. "It's hard to get well when you can't identify the problem you have to fix." She's grateful for the expertise of the physicians at Siena.

The family connections to St. Rose continue with, Robert Torgerson, who had a hip replacement seven years ago. The surgery was done so expertly at St. Rose Siena, Vallana shares, "He was running five miles a day again, just a month later!" Being active is important to Mr. Torgerson. "Thanks to St. Rose, I'm still able to exercise twice a day, including running and swimming." Vallana's grandmother also receives care at St. Rose and takes classes at its Wellness Centers, including the Fall Prevention course to help her learn how to avoid a dangerous fall.

"St. Rose hospitals and programs are helping all of us stay healthy, and we're grateful for the excellent medical care and education that are delivered with kindness and caring hearts."

#### **GRATEFUL FOR HEARTFELT CARE**

"It matters where you receive care," notes new Las Vegan Janet Uthman. When a family member of hers became ill, he was treated at a series of medical offices and later at an area hospital. As his condition unfortunately worsened, he found his way to St. Rose Siena.

"Every aspect of St. Rose was uplifting," she notes. "The staff were so caring and empathetic, and even the hospital corridors and waiting areas were full of inspirational and moving sentiments. St. Rose's heartfelt care and culture made a very difficult time just that much easier to bear. My family and I are very grateful for St. Rose."



### Dedicated Pediatric Emergency Room at the Siena Campus – Supported by a Philanthropic Investment of \$2.4 million

As we look to the future, St. Rose seeks to lead in healthcare innovation and thoughtful collaboration with our partners, share resources, improve access to care, and promote healthier lifestyles in southern Nevada. Towards that end, St. Rose will relocate and expand the Pediatric Emergency Department to better serve children and their parents in southern Las Vegas and Henderson. Over the last two years, the Siena Campus treated more than 24,000 pediatric patients in the ED. The pediatric population here is projected to grow by 8.2% over the next five years, 4.5% higher than the national average.

The new Pediatric ED will have a separate entrance, registration area, triage, and waiting area; eight examination rooms; state-of-the-art specialized pediatric imaging equipment; and specially trained physicians and nurses. It will be the only dedicated Pediatric ED in Henderson. This spacious, separate ED will better serve pediatric patients and their families by providing a child-friendly, comfortable, and quiet space with appropriate artwork and furniture. The Pediatric ED will be located in the Dominican Tower, repurposing the existing Cardiac Services space and completely distinct from the adult ED. The new ED will be convenient to the laboratory, Critical Care, and surgery rooms. Our Child Life Specialists will be available to lend support as trained professionals who help children cope with the stress and uncertainty of illness, injury, disability, and hospitalization.

Pediatric emergency physicians will work closely with patients' pediatricians and on-staff pediatric hospitalists. Research shows that having dedicated emergency pediatricians in a pediatric ED leads to a better experience for families, with lower wait times, reduced costs, and similar clinical outcomes.

The new Emergency Department will be the first phase in our overall strategy and vision to provide more comprehensive services for children at St. Rose. The dedicated ED will enable St. Rose to handle more complex pediatric cases, attracting more pediatric sub-specialists to be on-call, and allowing us to grow our pediatric cancer/infusion treatment, gastroenterology services, and surgical capabilities, including spine surgery.

We expect the entire project, including design, permitting, and construction, to take seven to nine months to complete. The project is being supported by a generous anonymous gift.



On Saturday, April 23, 2022, nearly 600 people gathered at Caesars Palace Hotel to dine, dance and support Dignity Health -St. Rose Dominican. This year's annual Celebration Gala was a very special occasion as the hospital celebrates its 75th year of providing compassionate care for the people of southern Nevada. During the cocktail reception, guests enjoyed sampling delicious food and drink along with music by the Harbor Lights Band, then were seated at their tables inside the Palace Ballroom. Throughout dinner, honorees were presented with their awards as the audience learned about their individual achievements through video presentations. The Diamond Jubilee Award Honorees were the Adrian Dominican Sisters and the Humankindness Award honorees were Selma Bartlett, The Foley Family and The Tyler Foundation. In addition to the awards ceremony, guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner and took a journey back in time as we celebrated St. Rose with musical hits through the decades.

Through sponsorships, tickets sales, live and silent auctions and a fund-a-need, the event raised nearly \$860,000 to support expanded facilities and programs at the Siena Campus.

Thanks to our generous donors, sponsors and attendees, we can continue to make a difference in our community.

Dear Friends of St. Rose,

WE HAVE A

Plans

Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has made the difficult decision to postpone the 2023 Celebration Gala. We will resume holding the event in 2024. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

For questions or more information, please contact Barbara Davis at 702-616-4450 or Barbara.Davis@dignityhealth.org.



### 75 YEARS OF CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In 1947, seven brave women, Sisters of the Adrian Dominican Order, arrived in Henderson. Together they would change health care in southern Nevada forever. This year we celebrate the 75th anniversary of their arrival and the dedication they brought to their mission of operating a small Henderson hospital that has had such a tremendous impact on our entire community.

At the end of World War II, busy Henderson factories no longer needed thousands of workers to manufacture materials for the U.S. war effort. Thousands moved away; half the homes built for the workers fell vacant and school enrollment dropped by two-thirds.

In 1947, the United States War Asset Administration offered Henderson for sale as war surplus property.

Father Peter Moran, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Henderson, took notice when Basic Magnesium Hospital was put up for sale. He envisioned an opportunity for the Catholic church to rise to the challenge of caring for the community. He quickly shared his idea with Bishop Thomas K. Gorman.

Bishop Gorman was in full support and wrote a letter dated May 20, 1946, to Mother Mary Gerald Barry, the Superior of the Adrian Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan. He explained, "The Hospital is the last word in equipment... The whole plant would be turned over to begin with at a nominal lease of one dollar per year... The Hospital is centrally located... equidistant from Las Vegas, a rapidly developing community, on the one hand, and Boulder City, the site of the great Boulder Dam, on the other."

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**1947** - Seven Sisters of the Adrian Dominican Order assume operations of Rose de Lima Hospital in Henderson.



**1953** - Henderson was incorporated on May 23, 1953, with a population of 7,400. In its first five years of operation, Rose de Lima Hospital would treat more than 8,300 patients.

**1955** - The Hospital is the first in southern Nevada to receive accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

**1956** - The Hospital is the first medical facility in the area to obtain a radioisotope (nuclear medicine) laboratory and becomes the first fully accredited cancer treatment center.

**1960** - The Hospital opens a three-story patient wing, emergency room, surgery suites and obstetrics unit.

**1968** - Rose de Lima Hospital opens an intensive care unit, a coronary unit, and a helicopter pad. The Sisters collaborate with the Nevada State Mental Health Services to open a mental health service facility in Southern Nevada.



**1974** - Originally left off so people of all faiths would feel welcome, the word "Saint" is added to the Hospital's name, making it St. Rose de Lima Hospital. The Adrian Dominican Sisters also receive the final deed to Rose de Lima, having met their 25 year commitment to the community.

**1988** - May 4, a tragic day in Henderson history. Fire ignites in the PEPCON plant at the BMI facility. More than 100 people were inside the plant. Many of the injured received treatment at St. Rose de Lima Hospital.



**1989** - St. Rose de Lima Hospital changes its name to St. Rose Dominican Hospital to honor the founding Sisters of the Adrian Dominican Order.



**1991** - St. Rose Dominican Hospital completes a \$25 million, four-story expansion featuring new medical facilities and maternal child suites.

**1995** - The St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation is founded to support the mission and values of St. Rose Dominican through comprehensive annual and capital fundraising programs.



**1997** - On the 50th anniversary of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Henderson mission, St. Rose Dominican Hospitals announces plans to build a second campus, a \$185 million, four-story, 300-room acute care Hospital that would become the Siena Campus.



Mother Mary Gerald Barry responded immediately by Western Union telegram: "Interested. Would like more information on number of beds, wards and private rooms."

Telegrams and letters were exchanged and negotiations progressed. In the months leading up to the Hospital's transfer, Mother Gerald Barry selected seven Sisters to travel to Nevada to operate the Hospital. Sister Mary Carolyn Harrison, a registered nurse, would serve as the first Hospital administrator. Three additional nurses were selected, Sister Marie Daniel Lundy, a registered nurse trained in labor and delivery, Sister Marie Augustine Seissinger, and Sister Daniel Therese Smith. Three additional Sisters completed the original seven, Sister Marie Felicia Haidysz, Sister Marie Joyce Smith, and Sister Anne Wasco (Sister Angelita).

A week after learning their new assignments, the Sisters were on the train headed west, some with great trepidation, leaving behind their semi-cloistered life focused on prayer and education and steaming toward the Wild West.



June 26, 1947 - The train carrying the Sisters arrived at the Las Vegas rail depot after midnight, just one day before they would begin operating Rose de Lima Hospital. Dressed in the traditional white habits topped with black woolen traveling cloaks that Adrian Dominicans wore whenever in the public eye, they were met by the summer heat. The Mojave Desert was unusually brutal that summer and still holds the Las Vegas record as the year with the most 100+ degree days.

The tired travelers finally arrived at their rented Henderson home and went directly to bed.

One Sister recalled her first daylight impression of her new Nevada home: "In the morning I opened the blinds to see what was next to us. Nothing... nothing but sagebrush. I remember thinking that if somebody would have said, 'Go home,' I would have gladly walked back."

The Sisters set a routine at Rose de Lima Hospital: Rise at 5 a.m., say morning prayers, celebrate Mass, eat breakfast and arrive at their stations by 7 a.m. to give reports.

Sister Angelita recalls her first day. She was "flabbergasted" when Sister Carolyn introduced her as the dietary manager to the kitchen staff. "I knew I would be working in the kitchen, but not until then did I realize I would be in charge." When the staff asked her what she wanted done, she said a quick prayer, told them to carry on as they had before, then turned and sighed in relief.

At the end of that first day, Sister Carolyn wrote to Adrian Dominican Mother Superior Gerald Barry, "So far everything seems to be going along smoothly – Deo Gratias. The Sisters are just wonderful, and all act as if taking over a Hospital was an everyday occurrence. They are flitting around as busy as bees, and everybody is wondering just what struck the place. As one of the doctors said to Sister Marie Daniel, 'This seems like a real Hospital now.'"

#### HOSPITAL SEGREGATION

Rose de Lima never faced the challenge of Hospital segregation because the Hospital's first administrator, Sister Carolyn, never let it begin.

In the early 1940s, two racially segregated apartment complexes were constructed on the east side of Boulder Highway to accommodate the more than 15,000 workers at the Henderson manufacturing plants. The Victory Village Apartments housed white families. The Carver Park Apartments housed only black families.

Prior to the Sisters' arrival, Basic Magnesium Hospital was also segregated. But as soon as Sister Carolyn took charge in June of 1947, she ended the practice of isolating patients based on race or ethnicity.

Bettylou Anderson recalls a Hospital staff member asking Sister Carolyn where she should place a black patient. Sister Carolyn said, "If you are a medical patient, you go to a medical ward."

And the subject was settled.



**1998** - Two surgery suites and 20 additional beds are added to St. Rose Dominican Hospital. The first Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence opens in Henderson.



**2000** - The Siena Campus is dedicated in June and opens in July. The first heart attack patient is received in the new Emergency Department within 10 minutes of opening. Siena treats more than 7,500 patients and welcomes more than 1,300 new babies in the first six month of operations. With the opening of a second campus, the Hospital system is renamed St. Rose Dominican Hospitals.

**2004** - The R.E.D Rose Program is created to provide free breast exams for uninsured and underinsured women. The program is re-dedicated as the Engelstad Foundation R.E.D Rose Program following a transformative \$10 million donation in 2018.

**2005** - The Siena Emergency Department earns designation as a Level III Trauma Center.



**2006** - The San Martín Campus opens in southwest Las Vegas with 111 beds and a three-story medical office building.

**2008** - The Siena Campus opens a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, providing the highest levels of care for the tiniest of patients.

**2015** - Siena opens the Dominican Tower, doubling the capacity of the Emergency Department, adding six new surgical suites and 100 in-patient beds.



**2017** - Dignity Health Nevada opens four new neighborhood Hospitals in underserved areas of Las Vegas in a joint venture with Emerus.

**2019** - The Dignity Health Rehabilitation Hospital opens on the Siena Campus, offering specialized rehabilitation services for patients recovering from stroke, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury.

**2019** - The Rose de Lima Campus completes a two-year transition to a small Hospital with a 24-hour Emergency Department, diagnostic radiology, and a small in-patient Hospital. The campus becomes home to more than 100 Nevada operations, administrative and support staff.

**2020** - In the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Siena Campus marks its 20th anniversary on July 17, 2020. Over 20 years, more than 60,000 babies are welcomed into the world at Siena.

**2021** - Siena and San Martín Hospitals become the first Nevada acute care Hospitals to achieve certification as Centers of Excellence in Robotic Surgery.

**2022** - As part of a federal grant to the City of Las Vegas, Dignity Health receives a \$1 million grant to open a seventh Community Wellness Center.

**2022** - St. Rose Dominican celebrates 75 years of caring for our community.

#### THE BABY BOOM

It was the 1950s and the Baby Boom had arrived in southern Nevada.

Sister Felicia wrote in a November 1956 letter to Mother Gerald Barry, "Everything is progressing at a rapid pace and the babies just keep us stepping. We average about fifty babies and more a month – just since the beginning of the year we have had 530 births – so that will give you an idea, Mother, about the increase in the maternity department."

It has been said that so many babies were born in the late 1950s that the Hospital did not have enough bassinets to hold them all. In an effort to find suitable sleeping quarters for the little ones, some were placed in the top drawer of a bureau. People have often wondered if this story is folklore – Hospital annals have confirmed it to be true.

#### BELL TOWER CROSS

The Cross on the Bell Tower above the St. Rose Siena Campus is a familiar sight to southern Nevadans, but few recall the story behind its origin.

The 6-foot tall, 75-pound cross was lifted to the top of the 90-foot bell tower, during the Hospital's topping-out ceremony in late 1999. The cross is made of pure titanium, fashioned in Henderson by long-time TIMET employee Ray Martinez.

The cross was a gift from the TIMET Corporation symbolizing, in 1999, the then 50-year relationship shared by TIMET, St. Rose Dominican, and the City of Henderson. TIMET operations in Henderson began in 1950, just a few years after the Adrian Dominican Sisters arrived in 1947.

This incredible gesture of friendship and community was repeated on February 10, 2004, when TIMET donated a second titanium cross that stands atop the San Martín Campus bell tower.



John L. Smith is an accomplished author and longtime columnist whose family's Nevada roots go back to 1881. He was born at Rose de Lima Hospital.

### JOHN L. SMITH ESSAY: ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITALS FOREVER IN BLOOM IN THE DESERT AFTER 75 YEARS

Only Hollywood's dizziest dreamers could have conjured up the storyline of how seven Adrian Dominican Sisters dressed in angelic white traveled in the heat of the summer by a Union Pacific train from southern Michigan to

notorious post-war Las Vegas; how they bought the struggling Basic Magnesium Hospital standing outside the gates of a fading magnesium plant for \$1; and how they overcame withering financial challenges to carve out a legacy of compassion, care, and ethics. The faith-based mission of St. Rose has spread far and continues to reverberate after 75 years. In saving the hospital, the seven Adrian Dominican Sisters helped save a whole town. Scan the QR code on your smartphone to read the full article.



### When You Have a Stroke, Every Minute Counts

As a Joint Commission and American Heart Association/American Stroke Association certified stroke center, the Dignity Health -St. Rose Dominican Stroke Program is in the top tier of the region's stroke-intervention facilities. The stroke specialists at both the Siena and San Martín Campuses work in rapid-response teams from a variety of medical disciplines to diagnose and treat strokes, using the most advanced imaging technology and treatments to achieve the best possible patient outcome.

The Stroke Team at Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican is made up of some of the best trained physicians in the country who work with highly skilled clinicians to provide excellent, patient-centered care. This team consists of specialized neurologists, neurovascular interventional radiologists, emergency physicians, neurosurgeons, neuro-trained nurses, and technicians who provide compassionate care, tailored to the needs of each patient.

The stroke program provides a full range of stroke care from onset of stroke symptoms and working with our EMS partners, to emergent-acute care, using the latest research-based best practices, through rehabilitation and recovery.

Year after year, our stroke program has earned the highest possible honors from The Joint Commission and AHA/ASA, including Get With The Guidelines Gold Plus and Target: Stroke Honor Roll awards, recognizing the program's consistent meeting and exceeding of national quality-of-care standards.

# Heart of the Matter

The cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons at Dignity Health -St. Rose Dominican provide a full range of heart services, from screenings and diagnosis to complex surgical procedures. We have some of the best trained physicians in the country who work with skilled clinicians to provide excellent, compassionate care tailored to the needs of each patient. There is a highly trained team of cardiovascular specialists available 24/7 to administer the best available care in an emergency situation.

For 2022-2023, Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican's Siena Campus earned "High Performing" ratings in US News and World Reports for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Hip Replacement, Knee Replacement and Stroke, 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. St. Rose's Chest Pain Center accreditation by the American College of Cardiology recognizes our high level of expertise in treating patients who are having heart attacks. In 2020, the Siena Campus received the Mission: Lifeline-STEMI Receiving Center - GOLD PLUS Achievement Award from the American Heart Association for its continued success in applying the most up-to-date, evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve heart patient care and outcomes. The San Martín Campus received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® STEMI Receiving Center Silver Recognition Award in 2018.



"We provide a full array of cardiovascular testing to ensure a precise diagnosis, such as angiogram, echocardiogram, tilt table test, stress test and outpatient cardiac rehab services," says Ric Miller, Cardiovascular Services Director. We also offer a full complement of cardiac and peripheral therapies, including percutaneous and surgical options. St. Rose is at the forefront of new cardiac techniques and technology such as the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR). The Siena Campus has one of only three hybrid operating rooms in southern Nevada, allowing the patient's prompt transition to surgery if needed during a more complex, higher risk procedure. In addition, our electrophysiology laboratories have the most state-of-the-art equipment available locally.

"We appreciate the ongoing support donors to the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation provide to our cardiac services," says Ric.

We continue to explore new technologies and procedures to reduce the need for our neighbors in southern Nevada to travel out of state to obtain these more advanced therapies. For more information about this program, please call Brenda Griego at 702-616-4673.

### Siena Hospital Recognized as 2022-2023 High Performing Hospital by U.S. News & World Report

#### More than any other southern Nevada hospital

Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican hospitals is proud of the high quality, compassionate care we provide to members of our community. Our hospitals have recently been recognized as follows for providing high quality care:

U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in hospital rankings and consumer advice, has named the Siena Campus a High Performing hospital for six different condition categories in its 2022-23 survey, more than any other southern Nevada hospital. High Performing is the highest award a hospital can earn in U.S. News' Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings. In recognition of care that was significantly better than the national average, as measured by factors such as patient outcomes, Siena earned "High Performing" ratings for Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Stroke, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Knee Replacement, and Hip Replacement. (July 2022)



The Siena Campus achieved the Comprehensive Center accreditation from the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) for their commitment to providing and supporting quality improvement and patient safety efforts for metabolic and bariatric surgery patients. As an accredited program Siena has demonstrated that it meets patients' needs by providing multidisciplinary, high-quality, patient-centered care. Siena is now part of an elite group of MBSAQIP-accredited centers. (April 2022)

The Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine Center at San Martín received the 2021 Healogics Center of Distinction award for clinical excellence. The Center achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction rates of higher than 92 percent and a minimum wound healing rate of at least 92 percent within 28 media days to heal. (May 2022)

The San Martín Campus achieved accreditation as a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery, recognized for providing the highest quality of care and patient safety by Surgical Review Corporation, an independent, not-for-profit, organization that administers best-in-class accreditation programs for medical facilities and professionals. (January 2022)

### **Community Health Highlight**



### New Class Helps Those with Dementia

Earlier this year, with grant funding from the State of Nevada, St. Rose Community Health established the Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) Program to serve those with mild to moderate dementia – the first such program in Clark County. An evidencebased treatment designed by dementia experts at University College, London, CST helps people experiencing memory challenges. Two facilitators meet with a small group for one hour twice a week for seven weeks. Each session follows a general theme, with activities such as playing number and word games, matching sounds with pictures, playing percussion instruments, cooking a dish, discussing current events, and making a seasonal collage.

Research shows that CST leads to significant benefits in people's cognitive functioning and is as effective as several

dementia drugs. Participants experience an enhanced quality of life, with improvements in mood, confidence, and concentration. They especially enjoy the group experience and the supportive environment. "We can actually see their cognition improve over the session, and family members say they see a difference at home with less stress in relationships and more independence of participants," says Julie Tousa, St. Rose social worker and CST program coordinator. The class is offered at St. Rose Wellness Centers around the Las Vegas valley. For more information and to register, please call 702-616-4922. Additional funding would enable expansion of the classes to more underserved populations. If you are interested in supporting this program, please call the Health Foundation at 702-616-4545.

#### Rose Bud Auxiliary Board Members



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### Having Fun Raising Funds

Everything continues to come up Roses for the dynamic Rose Bud Auxiliary, which financially supports Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican Hospitals in southern Nevada in concert with the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation. Founded in 2019, the Rose Bud Auxiliary's mission is to advance the quality of healthcare in the community through volunteering and social and fundraising endeavors, while building awareness of the numerous healthcare services provided to the community.

Since its inception, the Rose Bud Auxiliary has raised over \$200,000 for the highly respected Cardiac Care Services at St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Siena Campus. "We selected cardiac services because everyone has a heart and we all want the best and most compassionate care possible for the community, our loved ones and ourselves in times of need," explained Patricia Lindberg, President and Auxiliary Co-Founder.

The auxiliary recently held a special Charter Member Reception in the St. Rose Healing Garden to recognize its founding members and to unveil a special plaque in the Siena hospital lobby. The Co-Founders of the Rose Buds, Patricia Lindberg and Priscille Atkisson, were honored with St. Rose's Humankindness Award in recognition of their leadership and vision. Charles Guida, Vice President of Philanthropy, presented the awards.

Membership in the Rose Bud Auxiliary is open to everyone interested in advancing quality healthcare for the only faith-based, non-profit hospital system in southern Nevada. Membership donation is tax deductible and is \$50 per year. Men and women are welcome. For further information, please contact: rosebudauxiliary.membership@gmail.com.

# **"SWING FOR ST. ROSE" GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP**

#### **Over \$75,000 raised for Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican**

On Monday, October 17, St. Rose kicked off the 25th Annual "Swing for St. Rose" Golf Tournament at SouthShore Country Club. It was a huge success as more than 100 golfers arrived to hit the links. Golfers were provided a gift bag, concept shop gift card, cart, access to the driving range, putting green, boxed lunch, putting contest and awards reception. The program also included silent auction items for guests to bid on, a wine grab with a chance to win a grand prize, and over 30 items in the ticket drop.









#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

**1st Place – Radiology Associates of Nevada** Darren Blanford, Kristian Levigne, Matt Brady & John Lyons

**2nd Place – Team Shawn Coomer** Shawn Coomer, Robert Henn, Al Swanson & Adrien Zumelt

**3rd Place – Team Ted Lachowicz** Jerry Butcher, Steve Dilts, Joe Kozma & Pete Pena

Putting Contest - Adrien Zeumalt Closest to the Hole Winners - Chad Kaercher (Men) and Teressa Conley (Women) Longest Drive Winners - Tom Peterman (Men) and Erin Morrissey (Women)

Thank you to the many participants, committee members, volunteers, and attendees for your support of the golf tournament and St. Rose. We hope to see you at next year's 26th Annual "Swing for St. Rose" Golf Tournament on Monday, October 16, 2023!

For more information on sponsorships, registering a team or reserving your spot, please contact Barbara Davis at 702.616.4450 or barbara.davis@dignityhealth.org.



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#### CAMPAIGN & EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



#### Scott the Woz

Wozniak, together with gaming merchandise website Pixel Empire, frequently offer limited-edition merchandise based on Scott's gaming show, with all proceeds going to charities Critical Care Comics and Children's Miracle Network. Since 2020, Scott and Pixel Empire have raised over \$758,000!

#### Valvoline Instant Oil Change

Visit your local Valvoline Instant Oil Change locations during the month of November and make a donation to CMNH and support children being treated at St. Rose. In 2021, our local Valvolene stores raised \$21,000 to support CMNH at St. Rose!

#### Smith's Food & Drug Stores

Every year, Smith's Food & Drug Stores raise money for pediatric charity care at St. Rose through their Help and Healing register campaign and their vendor golf tournament. When families whose children are treated at St. Rose are unable to cover a medical bill, Smith's makes sure it is taken care of. In 2022, Smith's donated \$510,000 to assist our pediatric families.

#### 7-Eleven / Speedway

On November 2, 2022, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals welcomed our newest corporate sponsor, 7-Eleven! From November 2 to January 10, customers at 7-Eleven and Stripes stores will be invited to round up or add \$1 to their purchases to benefit CMN Hospitals. Speedway stores continue to fundraise year-round.

We are very excited about this new partnership and will update you on the success we have in our next edition of *Gratitude*.

### SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS



#### Panda Express

Panda Express has 72 locations that support CMN at St. Rose all year long. In 2021, Panda Express raised \$648,000 for the kids at St. Rose. Round-up your purchase at the register or donate spare change in the coin canister. Every bit helps!



#### Costco

Make a donation to CMNH at St. Rose when you shop at Costco between May 1 and May 31. Their wonderful associates also organize additional opportunities to donate within and around the warehouses such as ice cream or snow cone booths, popcorn stations, lollipop sales and bottled water sales! Last May, Costco raised \$229,000 for our local kids! It's hot in May, and you're going to Costco anyway...so why don't you stay cool and help support CMN at St. Rose!

#### Torch Relay for Children's Miracle Network

Every year, businesses, patient families and community-minded citizens gather for this unique multi-day event where participants can walk or run a segment of The Torch Relay at events throughout the country to raise money for their local CMN Hospital. This past October 5, we were able to raise \$27,000 for children being treated at St. Rose.



#### Walmart and Sam's Club Dates for 2023 are not finalized for register campaign

Shop at Walmart and Sam's Club during the announced campaign dates to help support CMNH at St. Rose by making a donation at the register. Many locations also have additional events to raise funds such as parking lot events with food trucks and DJs, car shows, BBQs, root beer float sales, and bottled water sales. Look for signage and please participate! All funds stay local and in 2022, Walmart and Sam's Club raised \$275,000 to support CMNH at St. Rose!



#### Ride of a Lifetime

Life Time Fitness hosts a one-day cycling event at their 150 fitness clubs across America. Participants may choose from one of two ways to ride and help children; either at the club or virtually. There is no registration fee, but participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$250 for the causes and all proceeds are split equally between CMNH and the Life Time Foundation, which supports schools by providing healthy, nutritious meals. Life Time raised \$24,000 at their event on April 30, 2022.



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

#### **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 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals events, you can help fund the medical miracles they need. Every dollar donated to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in southern Nevada benefits sick and injured children cared for by St. Rose.

#### Now – December 31, 2022

Panda Express has 72 locations that support Children's Miracle Network 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 - November 30, 2022

Valvoline 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.

#### Now - December 31, 2022

Point of Sale Register Campaign rolls out in 14,000 7-Eleven/Speedway locations nationwide. Customers will be asked to make a donation or to round up their purchase to support sick and injured children being treated at Children's Miracle Network member hospitals nationwide, locally at St. Rose.

#### November 29, 2022

Extra push for CMN on GivingTuesday. 7-Eleven/ Speedway customers will be asked to make a donation or to round up to support Children's Miracle Network at St. Rose.

For more information on supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, please reach out to:

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# Increased Demand for Engelstad Foundation R.E.D. Rose Program

Over the last year, with an expanded team and a successful PR and marketing campaign, Community Health has greatly increased the number of clients served in the Engelstad Foundation R.E.D. Rose Program. The program provides free breast health services to women who are uninsured or underinsured; outreach, information, referrals, and health insurance enrollment; and financial assistance to those undergoing breast cancer treatment.

In FY22, St. Rose received 2,136 calls of interest, and served 209 clients with 171 clinical breast exams, 204 mammograms, and 196 ultrasounds. Twelve women were diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. In addition, 22 clients undergoing treatment received \$73,691 to cover rent, utilities, groceries and transportation.

In honor of Breast Cancer Survivor Day, the team hosted a brunch for R.E.D. Rose survivors. A new monthly Spanish

breast cancer support group provides a safe place to relax and share concerns and encouragement. For Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the team planned a full calendar of activities and events to engage our community.

The program is truly life-saving. "R.E.D. Rose helped me in the most difficult moments of my life when I was going through my breast cancer treatment," says a client who received financial support when she was unable to work. "I thank God for this program and the people who helped me because I was able to focus on my health and recovery. This program motivated me to keep going."

The program is generously supported by an endowment from the Engelstad Foundation, as well as funding from the National Breast Cancer Foundation and Susan G. Komen Nevada. For more information about the R.E.D. Rose program, please call 702-620-7858.

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If you are 70½ years or older, you can make a tax-free IRA gift in support of St. Rose. Simply contact your IRA plan administrator to request a direct qualified charitable distribution from the IRA account to Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican, a 501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID 94-1196203). It is important to note the IRA Charitable Rollover law is now permanent and allows you to give up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to one or more qualified charities without paying federal income tax on the withdrawal. To learn more about making a tax-free IRA contribution to St. Rose, call 702-616-4545.

Please note that the above is for informational purposes only. It is not intended as legal advice. Donors should consult their personal financial advisor prior to making a gift to the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation and/or Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican.

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Please join us for upcoming St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation events. For more information, please call 702-616-4545.

#### Now – November 30, 2022 Valvoline Instant Oil Change

From November 1 – 30, 2022, participating Valvoline Instant Oil Change Service Centers across Las Vegas will be asking customers to make a donation to Children's Miracle Network. Need an oil change? Make a donation at checkout.

#### Tuesday, November 29, 2022 GivingTuesday - Online Giving

GivingTuesday is a day to give a financial gift or a donation of your time, talent or services in support of an individual's or organization's efforts to make our community a better place. To learn more – and how St. Rose will make a difference – visit givingtuesday.org

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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 Children's Miracle Network hospital.

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