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Golfers pictured at top: Kevin Moul, Murphy Sabatino, Matt Arya, Dion Campisi, Jr.

## Charity Begins at Home

O'Connor Hospital Associates raise over \$110,000

Continuing a 20 year tradition of annual giving, O'Connor Hospital Associates generously demonstrated their commitment to the hospital, the people they work with and the patients they serve. Their donations, just like your donation, further the hospital's Mission and strengthen critical programs that help our patients, their families and the community.

Their gifts will support continued nursing education and training, improve patient services, contribute to facility refurbishment and remodel projects and much more. Nearly half of the funds raised were designated to the installation of the new Digital Mammography Suite,



Kathy Peach RN, Nursing Education; Diana Doner RN, Director, Women's & Children's Services; Connie Yokum RN, Nursing Education; and Debra Sun RN, Nursing Education

which is scheduled to open in the Fall of this year.

O'Connor Hospital is blessed by the many individual contributors who live in the communities surrounding the hospital. Equally inspiring are the donations from our own 'family' — the people who work at O'Connor Hospital. St. Vincent DePaul said, "You can not serve the poor with empty hands." Like St. Vincent, our associates recognize that their time and talents aren't always enough. It sometimes takes a bit of treasure from all of us to provide the resources needed to ensure the sick and the poor receive the best compassionate, quality health care available.

"I am very proud that 100% of the Outpatient Rehab staff participated in our Annual Associate Giving program. O'Connor Hospital is important to us," shared Marquo Vida, Physical Therapy Aide. "We believe supporting the Mission of the Daughters of Charity is the right thing to do. Our patients benefit and we benefit. Equipment and program support helps us provide the best care possible to our patients."



*You can not serve the poor with empty hands."*

— St. Vincent DePaul



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# A Healing Presence



Father Robert McKay (top left) O'Connor Hospital Chaplain Services Director and Sr. Mary Duong, DC (Pastoral Visitor team member) with John Hien Vu, Thé Hoang, and Anthony d. Pham who are enrolled in the permanent diaconate program for the Diocese of San Jose. This summer Fr. McKay oversaw their "Field Experience" as pastoral visitors.

When you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, our physicians and nurses provide you with the best medical care possible to address the physical problems that warranted a hospital stay.

Recognizing that the healing process involves the whole person – body, mind and spirit – our Chaplain Services department focuses very much on being present (what we call presence with intent) and available to you.

Under the direction of Chaplain Raymond Dougherty, pastoral visitors are trained to minister to the sick by sharing the human journey with you, empathizing with you, hearing your stories, helping you clarify your concerns (both spiritual and physical) and simply being there for you.

## Changing the Emergency Waiting Room Experience

Thirty-seven Patient Advocate volunteers at O'Connor Hospital are doing everything they can to offer exceptionally friendly service to patients and visitors visiting the Emergency Room. Patient Advocates are trained to enhance the provision of compassionate service, one of our core values. Volunteers greet patients and visitors, offer warm blankets, reading material, pillows and/or beverages and relay information from the Emergency Room to family members in the waiting area, among other helpful tasks. Volunteers in the program report to the Charge Nurse on duty and the Director of Volunteer Services. This program is open to students seeking a direct patient care service experience because of their enrollment in programs leading to medical professions. "Our volunteers create a good first impression in our busy Emergency Room, keep-

ing patients as comfortable as possible with their friendly encounters," noted Marianna Kuhn, Volunteer Services Director.



The opportunity to volunteer in O'Connor Hospital's Emergency Department has been a great experience for Edward Temple, Kerry Robinson and Mahdi Farsipoor. They are all pursuing careers in medicine.

## CREATE YOUR LEGACY

Contributions to O'Connor Hospital Foundation keep the spirit of St. Vincent DePaul and the Mission of the Daughters of Charity alive and well. We are grateful to all of our donors for their commitment and generosity. These donors provide for the hospital in a variety of ways. Some prefer to make a contribution that benefits a current need and others prefer to defer their gifts by taking advantage of such giving tools as wills, trusts

and other long-range estate plans. Legacy gifts, such as these, allow you to take into consideration your other personal and financial priorities. Some options to consider:

**Giving what's left:** A gift using all or a portion of what remains in your estate after first providing for friends and family.

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matically adjust as the value of your estate increases or decreases.

**Conditional gifts:** Provide for gifts to O'Connor Hospital Foundation and other charitable interests in your plans only if one or more heirs do not survive you, or if the value of your estate exceeds a particular amount.

Your financial advisor can assist you in deciding the best ways to make plans that adequately provide for your loved ones while you make what may be your gift of a lifetime to support the vital work of O'Connor Hospital Foundation. Please contact Toni Neary Harper (408-947-2896) or Nancy Crowley (408-947-2996) with any questions about naming O'Connor Hospital Foundation in your will or living trust. We are happy to help.



### New Foundation Board Member Named

**Richard M. Ferrari**  
Mr. Ferrari has extensive experience leading several medical technology companies. He is co-founder and managing partner of De Novo Ventures, a premier firm dedicated to Medical Devices and Bio-Technology.

# Mission Services at O'Connor Hospital

*"It is from your hands that Our Lord, in the person of the sick, seeks relief,"*

— ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The essence of healthcare at O'Connor Hospital exists in the healing touch offered from caregiver to patient. It is a ministry whose tradition reaches back over 350 years to the time of our founders, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac. Brought to San Jose by Amanda and Miles O'Connor, the Daughters of Charity have touched the lives of generations of families in love and service. That spirit of service is brought to life daily by the hospital's associates and volunteers who live by the Vincentian Values of **Respect, Compassionate Service, Simplicity, Advocacy for the Poor and Inventiveness to Infinity.**

True to its Mission and heritage, O'Connor Hospital makes a remarkable commitment to the most vulnerable people in Santa Clara County as demonstrated by three significant community outreach programs: the Family Medicine Residency and Health Clinic, the Pediatric Center For Life and Parish Nursing.

## PEDIATRIC CENTER FOR LIFE (PCFL)

PCFL is the medical "home" to approximately 5,000 children from low income and poverty level families with more than 11,000 patient visits per year. Services provided include well child exams, immunizations, preventive health education for obesity and diabetes, substance abuse and sexual activity, urgent care visits, high-risk patient care, newborn inpatient care and pediatric inpatient care, as well as help in applying for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and Healthy Kids. A social worker provides case management, crisis and school intervention, general counseling for abuse, suicide prevention, parenting skills, information and referrals.

The PCFL medical team is extremely competent at crossing the cultural and linguistic barriers that often exclude these families from fully understanding the health care needs of their children and from accessing resources to meet those needs.

## PARISH NURSING

O'Connor Hospital parish nurses are registered nurses who minister to the sick, the poor and the elderly at area churches and community centers. They also care for the retired priests of the Diocese of San Jose, students at St. Elizabeth Seton School and provide family planning counseling at O'Connor Hospital.

A parish nurse facilitates the healing mission of the Church by providing wellness education, conducting health fairs, referring families to community health services and assisting patients with chronic health conditions. The presence of a parish nurse in a congregation or community center provides visible evidence to parishioners that a health care worker is available to them.

With competence and compassion, the urgent health and human services needs of the indigent, the working poor and the homebound seniors of our community are addressed. They are holistic healers caring for the needs of the whole person: body, mind and spirit.



Donna Bell, Parish Nurse Program



Dr. Grace Yu: Family Medicine Group Practice Associate, member of clinical faculty for the Family Medicine Residency Program at O'Connor Hospital and a 2006 graduate of the program.

## FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY AND FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

In 2005, O'Connor Hospital became a teaching hospital affiliated with Stanford University School of Medicine as sponsor of the Family Medicine Residency Program, the only one of its kind in the San Jose area. **This residency program is the sole source of new board certified family physicians in the area.** Residents are trained to become family physicians and provided hands on experience with the medical, social and psychological issues faced by low income, culturally diverse populations ranging from the very young to the very elderly.

In addition to hospital assignments, the resident physicians follow a panel of patients at the Family Health Center during their three-year residency providing continuity of care and establishing a "medical home" for patients who otherwise might only utilize the Emergency Department for routine care.

The Family Health Center provides the outpatient setting for family medicine physician residents to gain clinical experience while also serving the basic health care needs of the underserved residents of Santa Clara County.

## COMMITMENT TO MISSION

O'Connor Hospital is committed to providing access to quality health care for low income and poverty level families and individuals in Santa Clara County. Through the efforts of the O'Connor Hospital Foundation and the generosity of many individual donors, O'Connor Hospital will support significant outreach and access programs to ensure children and adults have the health care they need regardless of their ability to pay.



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## TOASTS TO O'CONNOR

Each month the Silicon Valley Capital Club invites a local non-profit to participate in their Guest Bartender Event, held the last Wednesday of the month. Guest bartenders pour wine and earn tips to benefit a designated charity. O'Connor Hospital Foundation had the privilege

of being one of the non-profits selected.

On Wednesday, July 28, the Capital Club hosted Toasts to O'Connor. O'Connor's guest bartenders were Dr. Ali Bassiri, O'Connor Hospital, Chair-person, Department of Medicine & Medical Director, ICU/CCU; Helen Marchese Owen, O'Connor Hospital Foundation, Board of Trustees, Chair; and Murphy Sabatino, Community Volunteer.



Guest bartenders Murphy Sabatino, Helen Marchese Owen, and Dr. Ali Bassiri



Foundation Board member Carol Sabatino with her children Elizabeth Smith and Murphy Sabatino.

The event raised approximately \$9,000 to benefit O'Connor Hospital Foundation. With the support of the Silicon Valley Capital Club, this special

evening enabled O'Connor Hospital Foundation to bring together over 200 friends and supporters to increase awareness of and donations to the new Digital Mammography Suite.

## Ambulatory Surgery Unit receives new look

Following a nine-month remodeling project, the Ambulatory Surgery Unit (ASU) moved back to its home on the hospital's second floor in March. The newly remodeled space features a new look, improved workflow and a more comfortable space for patients. The project was made possible by a generous grant from the Daughters of Charity Foundation.

Improvements include new décor with relaxing colors, the addition of a kitchen to provide refreshments to patients and work stations with adjustable ergonomic features. Also new is a SIS (Surgical Information System) patient tracking monitor, which displays each patient's status during the surgery or other procedure. Family members can view the patient's progression on the large flat-panel screen until the procedure is complete and they can rejoin the patient.

"The bright, modern, well-organized space looks like that of a new hospital," said Irene Taaffe, Clinical Nurse Manager for the ASU. "The most common comment on the unit is 'Wow.'"

The expansion/remodel was particularly important for the ASU, which serves as the "front door" for nearly 11,000 patients each year. A highly visible area, the ASU is where most patients wait prior to a procedure in Surgery, Endoscopy or the Cardiac Catheterization Lab. The refurbished space provides a comforting and healing environment to help ease fears prior to invasive procedures.

The ASU relocated to the hospital's fourth floor during the remodel. To avoid an interruption in patient care, the temporary unit closed on a Friday afternoon and the ASU re-opened in the new location at 5 am the following Monday. "This huge undertak-



Shari Sindorf and Jean Woodrow Prizant efficiently prep their patient for her procedure and all agree the new patient rooms are warm and welcoming.

ing was only possible thanks to several ASU employees who gave up their weekend to

ensure we were ready for the opening deadline," said Taaffe.

### Gifts-in-kind Make a Difference

Thank you to all of the individuals and organizations who have contributed gifts-in-kind to O'Connor Hospital Foundation for the benefit of our associates and patients. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to the following for their recent contributions:

- *The Closely Knit* group has created and graciously donated hand-knitted scarves, blankets and baby hats to our Pediatric Center for Life and a variety of departments.
- *Kathy Harlan* provided educational material for associates and patients to celebrate Earth Day.

- The pre-kindergarten class at Holy Spirit School collected toothbrushes and toothpaste to be distributed to recipients of the Back to School Drive.
- *HOPE Youth Group*, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church gathered new children's books for our pediatric patients.

• *St. Mary's Church, Los Gatos* conducted their annual layette drive to benefit the Pediatric Center for Life.

If you or your organization would like to learn more about donating gift-in-kind items, please contact Jennifer Thrift at (408) 947-2682 or [jenniferthrift@dochs.org](mailto:jenniferthrift@dochs.org).

## Celebrate More Birthdays Benefits Digital Mammography

Motivated by the strength and the resilience of friends and family, a group of women came together this spring to inspire the community and to give back to local organizations that have touched the lives of their loved ones. It all began last summer as a “wild idea” and transcended into a special event celebrating family, friends and life.

When one of the women in this close knit group, Andrea Fisher, was diagnosed with cancer, her friends wanted to support her through this journey. Not knowing how to clearly express her feelings and needs, Andrea introduced the book *The Middle Place* by Kelly Corrigan to her friends.

Corrigan’s book uses humor and brutal honesty to chronicle her battle with breast cancer, reflect on her life and the discovery of finding herself in that middle place – “that sliver of time when parenthood and childhood overlap.” After reading the book, Andrea’s friends had a clearer understanding of how their friendship could support her during her battle with cancer. They decided a fundraiser



James Dover, FACHE (President & CEO of O'Connor Hospital) thanks Kelly Corrigan for sharing her story at Celebrate More Birthdays.

was a good way to show their support for Andrea and all of their loved ones who have battled cancer.

On May 13, the women proudly presented Celebrate More Birthdays, an event celebrating friends, family and life, at the Campbell Heritage Theatre. More than 540 people were in attendance and the committee raised more than \$40,000 to benefit the O'Connor Hospital Foundation and the American

Cancer Society. The event featured New York Times bestselling author and breast cancer survivor Kelly Corrigan. The evening also included a dessert reception featuring local dessertiers and music courtesy of the Sunbeam Foundation. The Celebrate More Birthdays committee would like to thank all of our generous sponsors that made this evening of community collaboration possible.

A special thank you to All Ears Audiobooks, Sonya Paz Fine Art Gallery, and Southbay Oncology Hematology Partners.



Shelby Downs, Director, Corporate Relations, American Cancer Society and Toni Neary Harper, Chief Executive Officer, O'Connor Hospital Foundation thank Lisa Pagan and Nancy Shearer, Celebrate More Birthdays Co-Chairs for creating such a memorable evening.



Judy Shebetta, Amanda Schebetta, Virginia Finocchio and Nancy Shearer celebrate with each other at the Celebrate More Birthdays Meet and Greet Party at the Sonya Paz Fine Art Gallery.



Gliksz, a philanthropic group composed of 5th grade students at Saratoga Elementary School, raised more than \$160.00 from classmates for Celebrate More Birthdays. Co-Chairs, Lisa Pagan and Nancy Shearer, accept Gliksz' heartfelt donation made in memory of Andrea Fisher.

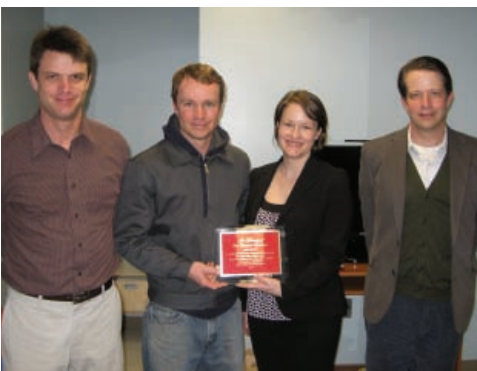
## New Hospital Playroom Honors Pediatrician

O'Connor Hospital physicians came together to create a legacy for Dr. C. Duane Larsen, a pediatrician who practiced medicine at O'Connor Hospital for nearly 30 years. Tribute gifts made to the Foundation, in honor of Dr. Larsen, from colleagues and family members created an interactive Pediatric Playroom. The underwater theme playroom includes a flat screen TV, Wii gaming

console, wall activities, a drawing corner and sea animal shaped mirrors. The project was initiated by Dr. Thad Padua, Chair of the Pediatric Department, to honor Dr. Larsen and the dedicated service he provided to O'Connor Hospital. “He truly emulated the Vincentian Values of Respect,

Simplicity and Compassionate Service,” Dr. Padua shares. The playroom was blessed into the O'Connor Hospital Pediatric Department by Fr. Robert McKay in the presence of Dr. Larsen’s children, grandchildren and O'Connor Hospital and Foundation staff.

Thank you to the following friends for their contributions to this project. More than \$4,000 was raised to enhance the Pediatric Playroom in honor of Dr. C. Duane Larsen.



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## Jacob finds 'special person' at PCFL

When Jacob's kindergarten class had a party, each student was invited to bring a "special person" guest. Others in the class brought a parent or grandparent, but Jacob invited his pediatrician, Dr. Alla Aminova from the O'Connor Hospital Pediatric Center for Life (PCFL).

The PCFL has been Jacob's medical home since he was eight days old. Born with a serious congenital heart defect, he has required many clinic visits, surgeries and hospitalizations over the years. Jacob and his mother, Wanda, view the clinic staff as family, and Jacob thinks of Dr. Aminova as his own special doctor.

"Dr. Aminova has a generous heart," says his mother Wanda. "She shares a life of service and compassion for the children of the Pediatric Center for Life. She holds a very special place in Jacob's heart."

Dr. Aminova was touched that Jacob chose her to attend the class party. During the event, each child presented his or her guest to the class and explained what made that person special. Jacob told his classmates that Dr. Aminova keeps him and his mother calm when he comes in sick to the clinic. Dr. Aminova captivated the class by sharing stories about Jacob's journey



Jacob and Dr. Alla Aminova

through a series of heart surgeries and hospitalizations.

The family's relationship with Dr. Aminova is a result of the PCFL's goal to provide comprehensive primary care for its patients and their families by providing an ongoing relationship with their personal physician. The pediatrician is responsible for coordinating and arranging specialty care as needed, as well as connecting families with clinic social workers and community resources.

The PCFL strives to provide patients with not only a good medical home, but also a place where they are made to feel special. "It's The Way We Care."

The Pediatric Center for Life (PCFL) plays a vital role as one of San Jose's safety net health care providers for impoverished children. Founded in 1991 to further the Mission of O'Connor Hospital, PCFL provides well visits, medical treatment, referrals and assistance with insurance enrollment for families in need.

O'Connor Hospital is committed to maintaining an open door to all in need of health care, regardless of their ability to pay. We are proud of PCFL and its dedicated staff, and the difference they are making in the lives of thousands of children every year.

## School Days, School Days

Through the enthusiastic support of O'Connor Hospital associates, physicians and volunteers, 230 children were "up in the mornin' and out to school" with brand new backpacks filled with school supplies.

Staff from O'Connor Hospital's Pediatric Center for Life, Family Health Center and the Parish Nurse Program, had the happy task of distributing backpacks to their patients. Smiles from children and parents alike made it a special occasion for all.

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Mission Services' Committee, this annual Back to School Drive was one of the most successful ever. Without the generosity of our associates and physicians, many of these children would not have the proper supplies to start school.

The Mission Services' committee would like to thank all those who participated in the Back to School Drive and hopes the Christmas Clothing and Toy Giving Campaign for Children will be just as successful. The Holiday Giving Campaign begins Monday, November 22, 2010. Please visit the Christmas trees in the Chapel or Cafeteria for more information.



Dr. N. Thad Padua



# A Great Day of Golf at San Jose Country Club

O'Connor Hospital Foundation and the San Jose Country Club hosted 86 golfers for its 4th Annual Day of Golf on Monday, May 24. Eighty-six golfers enjoyed a well-groomed course, views of Santa Clara Valley, perfect weather and a celebratory post-golf dinner.

This year's golf proceeds benefited the Family Medicine Clinic, the new Digital Mammography Suite, and Cardiology Services.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, enthusiastic golfers, generous raffle, opportunity drawing and live auction donors, and gracious volunteers. Together we are making a significant difference in the health and welfare of our community.

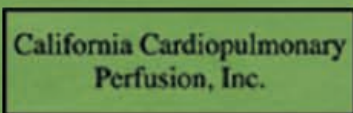


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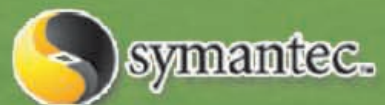


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