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Dr. Arthur Klein and Mrs. Francie Klein are deeply invested in the success of Good Samaritan Hospital. Dr. Klein, an anesthesiologist with Samaritan Anesthesia Medical Group, has been with the hospital for 32 years. His wife, Francie, is a former social worker who volunteers with the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary. Together, the Kleins have not just given their time and talents to the hospital, but—through Partners in Health—they have also given consistent financial support earmarked for the hospital's most critical needs.

DR. ARTHUR KLEIN & MRS. FRANCIE KLEIN

GIVE BACK THROUGH PARTNERS IN HEALTH AND THE AUXILIARY

Dr. Klein grew up in Queens, New York. He earned his M.D. from the University of Buffalo and his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania. He spent two years in the United States Air Force, stationed in Canada as a base psychiatrist. "While in the Air Force, I spent a lot of time with other doctors who were really enthusiastic about the potential of medicine to do good," said Dr. Klein. "It was eye opening for me and solidified my commitment to the field."

Dr. Klein went on to complete a residency at Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center, later joined St. Vincent's and then found his home at Good Samaritan Hospital. Nearly as quickly as he joined the hospital, he began contributing to Partners in Health, Good Samaritan's physician giving society.

"I give to Partners in Health because we all owe our livelihood to Good Sam Hospital and we should try to benefit them as much as we can," said Dr. Klein. "We have an outstanding group of physicians at the hospital and I'm proud to work alongside them." Dr. Klein has given to this meaningful cause for the past 31 years.

Francie Klein was born and raised in

Berkeley, California. She attended UCLA where she earned a B.A. in Spanish. Leveraging her fluency in Spanish, Portuguese and Italian, she served as a social worker for the County of Los Angeles for seven years.

When Dr. Klein joined the hospital as an anesthesiologist, Mrs. Klein joined Good Samaritan's Auxiliary. She is Past President and now serves as Second Vice President.

"My father was an orthopedic surgeon and my mother joined the auxiliary of his hospital. You can say I come from a tradition of giving back in this way," she said.

Led by dedicated members since 1951, Good Samaritan Hospital's Auxiliary has supported the growth and development of the hospital through fundraising events and appeals, volunteer work and the operation of the gift shop. Through the Auxiliary, Mrs. Klein volunteers at the gift shop and leads the creation of the yearly Valentine's Day appeal.

The Valentine's Day appeal began in the late 1990s, and has raised over \$500,000 to support hospital programs, services and state-of-the-art medical equipment.

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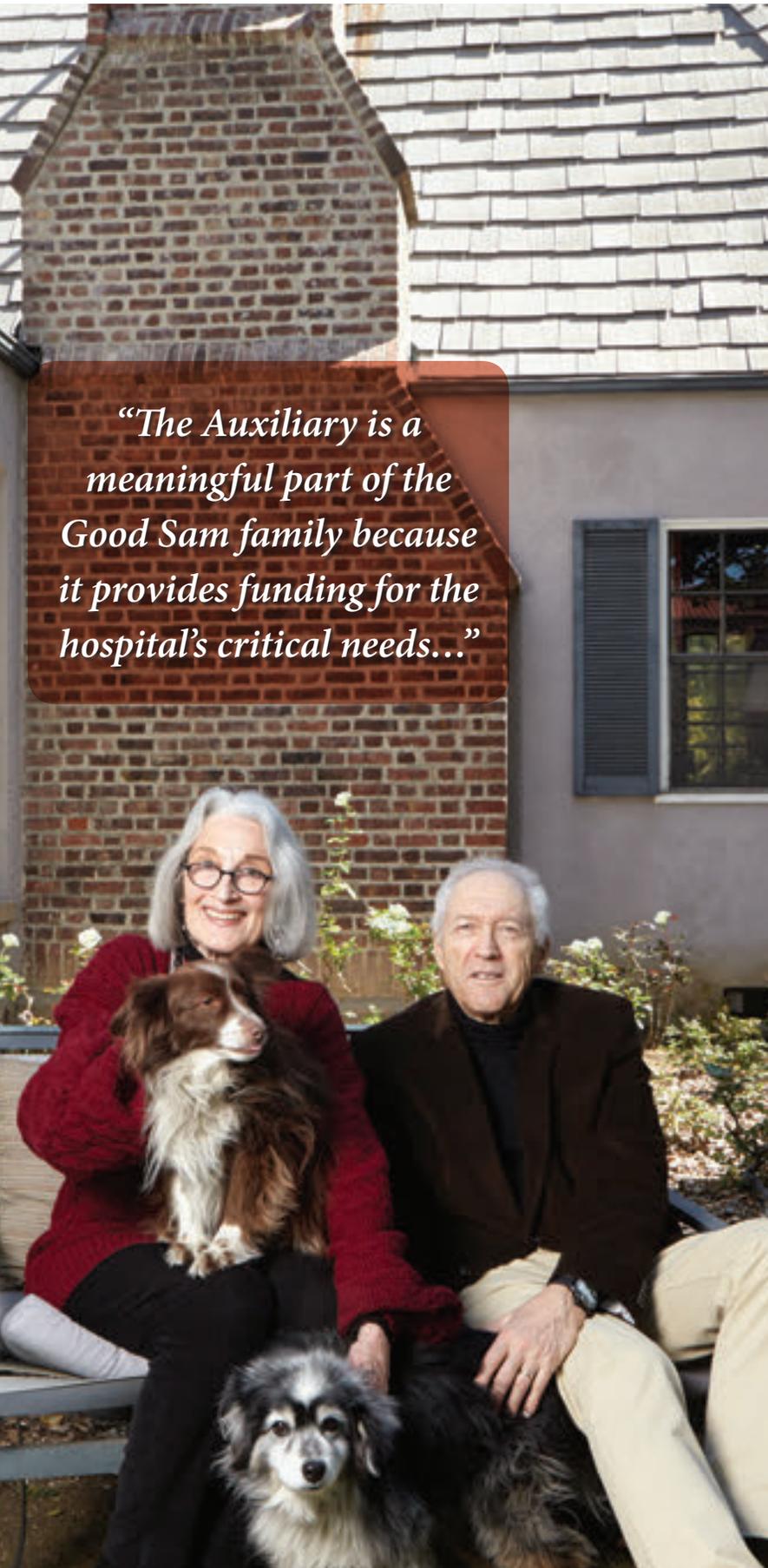


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Last year through the appeal, the Auxiliary raised a total of \$36,000 in which \$20,000 was directed towards incubators for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, \$10,000 to support the Junior Volunteer Scholarship Program and \$6,000 to the Child Care Center for playground equipment and furniture for the toddler and pre-school rooms. Additionally, Mrs. Klein led the re-landscaping of the front of the hospital—a project that benefitted from her green thumb and love of botany.

“The Auxiliary is a meaningful part of the Good Sam family because it provides funding for the hospital’s critical needs, as well as for overall improvements that impact not just patients, but also the community,” said Mrs. Klein.

Dr. and Mrs. Klein met in Los Angeles when Francie was a waitress at a delicatessen in Westwood. “Art stood out from the rest of my customers,” Mrs. Klein recalled. Married for 48 years, the Kleins have two sons and five grandchildren.



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PARTNERS IN HEALTH

Partners In Health (PIH) is Good Samaritan Hospital’s physician donor group. Since its inception, over 150 physicians have contributed nearly \$3.5M to Good Sam by supporting hospital programs, services and departments with annual gifts of \$1,000 or more. The continued generosity of our medical staff helps us impact the lives of patients and families who come to Good Sam for lifesaving care.

To join Partners in Health, please contact Kim Cabral, Annual Giving Manager, Fund Development, (213) 977-2935 or kcabral@goodsam.org.



Supporting the Heart and Soul of the Hospital

In 1990, a serendipitous meeting with Reverend David Walker, formerly Episcopal Chaplain of Good Samaritan Hospital, would change the course of Mimi Grant's life. At the time, Grant was on a quest for a spiritual home. This chance encounter inspired a deep connection to Good Samaritan Hospital—its leadership and mission—and solidified her spiritual home and calling. Encouraged to become involved with the Episcopal Church, she ran for Diocesan representative of the Good Samaritan Board of Trustees and secured her place.

For the past 15 years, Grant has served on the Good Samaritan Hospital Board of Trustees and represents the giving spirit of Sister Mary Wood, who founded Good Samaritan in 1885.

In addition to donating her time and talents as trustee, Grant dedicates financial support to the hospital's Clinical Pastoral Education program (CPE), which trains interns from a broad spectrum of cultures and faith traditions on how to be chaplains. Currently, the hospital has five interns-in-training.

"I strongly believe in the Clinical Pastoral Education program, not just for the tremendous value it provides to Good Sam's patients who may be alone in their suffering and fear, but also for the very real value it brings into the far-reaching communities of its intern graduates," said Grant. "I truly believe that while Good Sam's physicians and clinical staff are the 'heart' of the hospital, the chaplains and CPE students are its 'soul.'"



Reverend Michael S. Bell, an Episcopal priest and director of the Department of Pastoral Care, Board of Trustee Mimi Grant, and colleagues the Reverend Jana Milhon-Martin, an Episcopal priest who serves as the program's Supervisor-in-Training for Clinical Pastoral Education, and Sister Yolanda Vega, a Roman Catholic Sister of Social Service.

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“I am grateful to Ms. Grant for her support of the Clinical Pastoral Education program, which provides an integral service to our hospital patients,” said Reverend Bell. “With additional, sustained funding, we hope to have chaplains available on-call 24/7 to meet with hospital patients, family, and staff at any time of need.”

Bob Kelley, Grant’s husband, has his own Good Sam story. Rather than a spiritual quest, it was a health quest that led him to the hospital. Suffering from angina and not feeling confident in the care provided by his local cardiologist, Kelley heeded the recommendation of Good Samaritan Hospital CEO Andy Leeka and sought care with Dr. David Cannom instead. With care from Dr. Cannom, Director of Cardiology at Good Samaritan Hospital, and additional support from the Heart and Vascular Center, including Dr. Anil Bhandari, cardiologist and Director of the Electrophysiology laboratory, and Dr. Christina Economides, cardiologist, Kelley is on the mend.

Good Samaritan Hospital's Heart & Vascular Center has gained a worldwide reputation not only for outstanding care but also for innovative research and the development of breakthrough procedures.

Kelley is representative of the center's life-enhancing care and has dedicated financial support to further its impact on patients like him.

"Good Samaritan Hospital matters because of the high quality healthcare services it provides to me and also delivers to the downtown LA community. I'm looking forward to being a continuing contributor to Good Samaritan Hospital's Heart and Vascular Center," said Kelley.

Together, Kelley and Grant lead Adaptive Business Leaders Organization (ABL), a

Kelley and Grant oversee Adaptive Business Leaders (ABL) together



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membership organization for executives and leaderships of healthcare and technology companies. Grant serves as president and facilitator of ABL's six Healthcare Executives Round Tables, and Kelley serves as CEO and facilitator of ABL's three

monthly Tech Peer Mentoring CEO Round Tables. Leveraging their experiences in these industries, Grant and Kelley provide members with the insights, information, and connections they need to grow successful companies in today's uncertain economy. Their unique insights into the healthcare industry make their endorsement and support of Good Samaritan Hospital all the more meaningful.

"Since the day Sister Mary opened its doors, Good Sam has been an excellent steward of all its resources," said Grant. "Given that many of Good Sam's neighbors and patients are either under or uninsured, the hospital has

developed a culture of conservation to ensure its resources can help those who need it most."

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A GIFT to the Department of Pastoral Care or to the Heart and Vascular Center to enable us to sustain the services and programs needed to our hospital community, please contact: Brian W. Thorne, Vice President, Fund Development, (213) 482-2774, bthorne@goodsam.org

Dr. Allison Hill leads Good Sam as new Chief of Staff

While Dr. Allison Hill has been a staple at Good Samaritan Hospital since 1999, she began a new role as Chief of Staff this past January with previous roles as Chairman of the Department of OBGYN and Vice Chief of Staff. Dr. Hill is a gynecologist with Spectrum Women's Healthcare, a private provider of obstetrics and gynecology services that works exclusively out of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Raised in Springfield, Illinois, Dr. Hill earned a B.S. in biology from the University of Notre Dame and M.D. from Loyola University in Chicago. She completed her residency in OB/GYN at Los Angeles County—USC School of Medicine and joined Spectrum Women's Healthcare in Los Angeles, California thereafter.

"In partnership with Good Samaritan Hospital, Spectrum Women's Healthcare has been a leader in serving the Los Angeles community, delivering thousands of babies at Good Sam," said Dr. Hill.

"What's so great is that when you've had your baby at a hospital, that becomes your hospital whenever you have a medical need. It's a joy to serve this community for something as important as the birth of their children and then to be their health and medical support system for the rest of their lives."

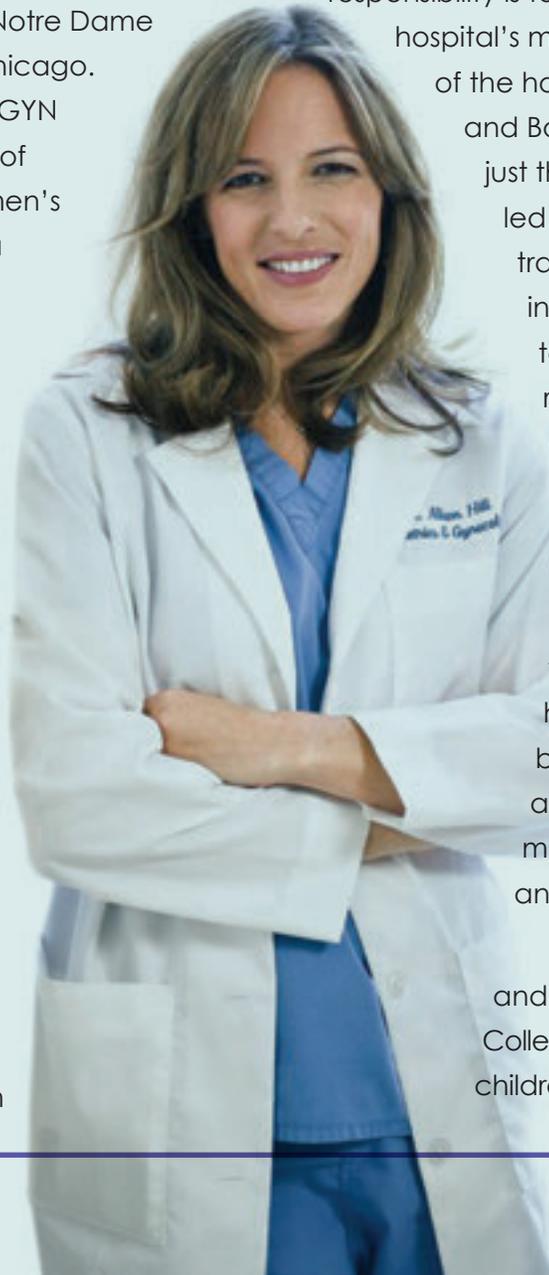
Dr. Hill personally sees over a 25 patients a day, at least half of whom

are new patients of the hospital and new residents to thriving Los Angeles communities, including downtown, Silver Lake and Los Feliz.

"It's not only Good Sam's medical practices and specialties that are a draw to local communities, but also its facilities. I'm in the new office building and patients think it's beautiful and tell me it looks like an office in Beverly Hills," said Dr. Hill.

As Chief of Staff, Dr. Hill's predominant responsibility is to bridge the needs of the hospital's medical staff with those of the hospital administration and Board of Trustees. In just three months, she has led several important transitions and projects, including the transition to a new emergency room department with a group of doctors from USC. "As Chief of Staff, I look forward to serving the hospital in a new capacity, ensuring that we continue to move the hospital in a direction that best serves our patients and that makes our medical staff feel listened to and happy to be here."

Dr. Hill is board-certified and a Fellow of the American College of OB/GYN. She has two children, Luke, 15, and Kate, 13.



HONOREES

Rose Wong & Kathy Yoshimura

The core of Good Samaritan Hospital—tied even to its name—is the idea that everyone has the power to make a difference.

Longtime hospital employees Rose Wong and Kathy Yoshimura are examples of this power.

For years, Wong and Yoshimura have contributed to “Good Company,” Good Samaritan Hospital’s employee giving group. To recognize their dedication and consistent support of the hospital, President and CEO

Andrew B. Leeka recently presented them with the Chairman’s Award at the Good Company Employee awards reception held on February 15, 2018 at the Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center. In addition to Wong and Yoshimura, over 100 employees were in attendance at the awards reception, and were recognized for making significant and consistent gifts through Good Company.

“I was motivated to give back through Good Company after years of observing the care provided to patients and their families by Good Sam’s medical and professional staff,” said Wong.

Wong has been with Good Samaritan Hospital for 26 years. She currently serves as

administrative assistant to Lexie Schuster, vice president of human resources.

She has designated her gifts to the cancer, heart, and Althea Sperry Education funds, as well as to the hospital’s most critical needs.

“There is no greater feeling than to give back to the place that has been so good to you,” said Yoshimura.

Yoshimura, laboratory director, has been with the hospital for nearly 44 years. Working in the lab daily, Yoshimura has witnessed the impact high-end



Kathy Yoshimura and Rose Wong

equipment can have on generating precise and timely data for doctors’ use in diagnosing and treating patients. This is why she consistently earmarks her Good Company contributions to the Laboratory Pathology fund.

“I think it’s important to give back

to something that you’re passionate about, and you can’t help but be passionate here—by taking care of patients we’re doing something that is important and can’t be done by everybody.”



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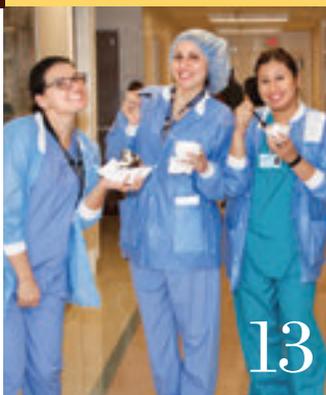
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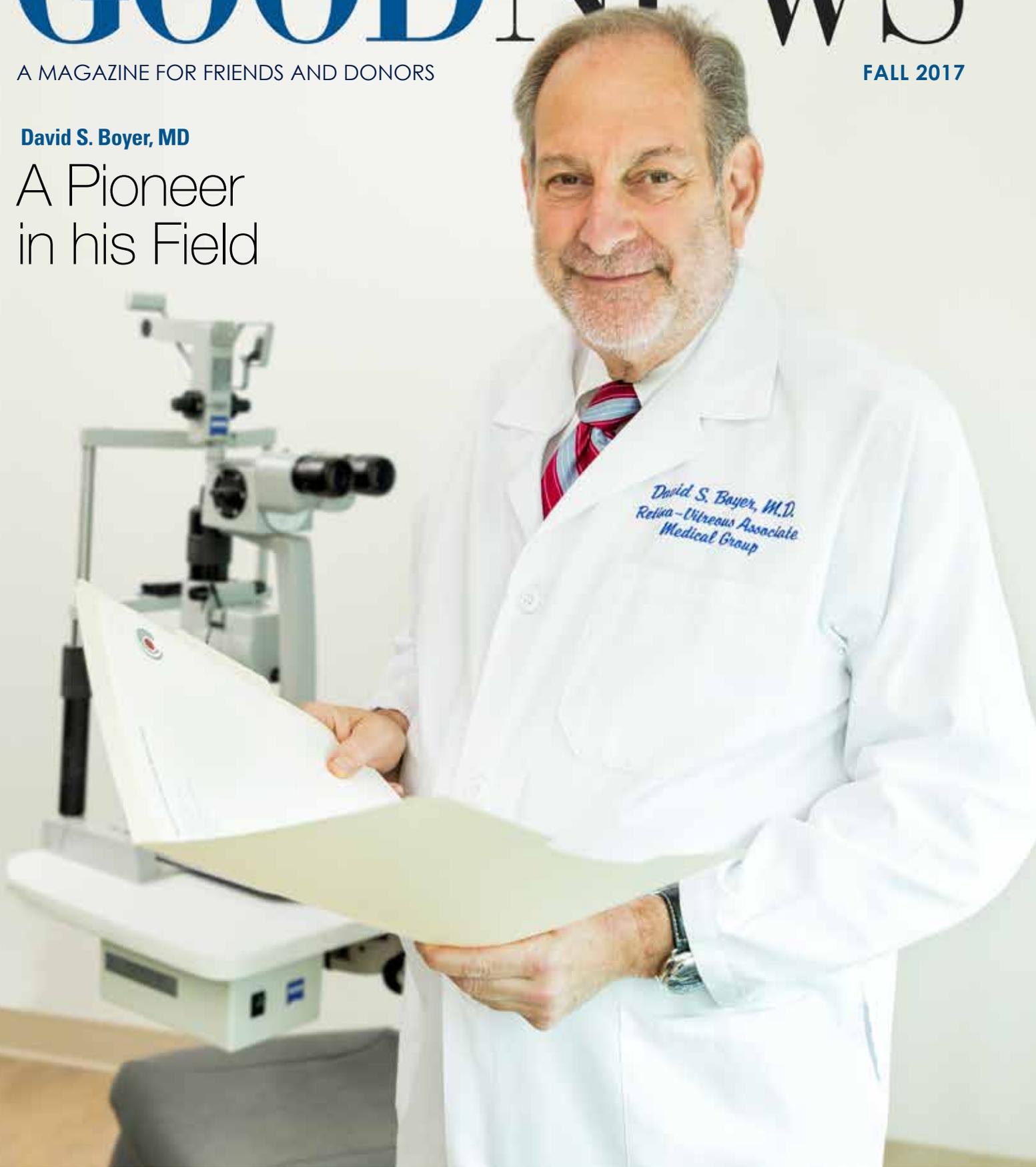
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David S. Boyer, MD

A Pioneer in his Field





a Life of Good

*Through Partners In Health
and numerous fundraising
efforts, Dr. George and
Mrs. Laurie Stoneman have
created a lasting legacy*



Dr. George and Mrs. Laurie Stoneman have spent their lives actively serving others and the causes near and dear to their hearts. As fourth-generation Californians, their paths to Good Samaritan Hospital began early on and have stayed strong for decades.

Dr. Stoneman is the great grandson of George Stoneman, the Governor of California when Good Samaritan Hospital was founded in 1885 and had just nine beds. Three generations later, Dr. Stoneman was born at Good Samaritan. Little did he know, his birthplace would also be his first internship experience and, later, his home as an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) doctor for 35 years.



Laurie began her volunteer relationship with Good Samaritan Hospital at ten years of age. Her grandmother helped run the hospital gift shop and invited her to help go through the inventory and keep things neat during the holidays.

The Stonemans have two adult children, a son Josh who was also born at Good Sam, and a daughter Heather.

With roots running deep throughout California and Good Samaritan, it was only natural that the Stonemans' paths would continue to lead them back.

Dr. Stoneman landed his first summer internship as an assistant to the orderlies at Good Samaritan when he was in high school. "Good Sam was the hospital to the stars," he recalls. But more than just a thrill of celebrity sightings, the experience sparked his interest in medicine. He would pursue this interest as a pre-med student at Stanford and would come back home during the summers. "Home" included interning at Good Samaritan. "My medical career began at Good Sam," Dr. Stoneman said proudly.

Dr. Stoneman went on to earn his medical degree from USC in 1965. He lived at Good Samaritan Hospital



his last two years of medical school, working as an extern, performing histories and physicals on patients. After a rotating internship at LAC-USC Medical Center, he volunteered for the U.S. Air Force where he served as a flight surgeon stationed in Thailand for a squadron of F-105 pilots.

"I lived with the pilots; I took care of them. It was really a great experience and that's how I got interested in ENT because the pilots would get ear problems and spatial disorientation," he said.

After the Air Force and a residency in Otolaryngology, Dr. Stoneman

applied to Good Samaritan for a full-time member of the medical staff. He was accepted in 1972. He served as chair of the Ear, Nose and Throat section for many years, chaired the Credentials Committee, and was a member of the Medical Executive Committee for several years.

"I could go anywhere in the world and I chose Good Sam. The quality of the staff, the physicians, and everybody you work with at Good Sam has always been excellent and the reputation has maintained itself."



George and Laurie Stoneman in the stairwell of their home where framed historical family documents align their hallway. Far left, a signed framed letter to Dr. Stoneman's great grandfather George Stoneman by President Abraham Lincoln. At right, a book published about Dr. Stoneman's great grandfather — a civil war hero and former governor of California.



With Dr. Stoneman's career launching at Good Samaritan, Laurie became an active supporter of the hospital. She joined the Auxiliary, a volunteer support group with annual proceeds supporting vital programs and services at Good Sam. In the 30 plus years that she has been an Auxiliary board member, she served as president for a double term from 2000 to 2004 and co-chaired two very successful benefits. Currently she is the Auxiliary's computer "guru", publishing the newsletters, annual roster and designing the meeting invitations. She has been a longtime member of the Fund Development Committee, an advisory group which oversees fundraising efforts for the hospital.

Dr. Stoneman has been a member of Partners in Health (PIH), Good Samaritan's physician donor group, since its inception. "Through Partners In Health, Laurie and I have supported cardiology, the Palliative Care Program, the restoration of the church organ, the Cancer Fund, the library, the Good Sam history book, and the development of the new OR," he said.

"I've always believed you should support where you work."

Dr. Stoneman would gain experience leading a fundraising

campaign over a decade ago while serving as the ENT chair. By working closely with Good Samaritan's development team, he raised \$225,000, more than was needed to purchase an image guidance machine for sinus surgery that is still used today. The Stonemans hosted a party at their home in Hancock Park for donors and supporters of the hospital to celebrate. Dr. Stoneman followed up by handwriting 90 thank you notes. "It makes you feel proud," he said. The balance of the sinus fund, along with the generosity of grateful patients and friends, was used to fund an operating room in the new and soon to be opened Ambulatory Surgery Center.

While Dr. Stoneman retired from Good Samaritan in 2010, he remains an avid supporter of the hospital and his and Laurie's legacy of support to the hospital continues to grow. When discussing their impact, the Stonemans remain humble. "You know that you're doing something good and having a good time doing it," Laurie said.

She adds thoughtfully,

"We would like to see more of an impact because we'd like to give more to Good Sam."

Partners In Health

Partners In Health is Good Samaritan's physician donor group. With the support of physician partners, the program has raised more than \$3.5 million toward the hospital's programs, services, specialized departments and critical needs. Physicians participate by making annual contributions of \$1,000 or more and serve an integral role in the growth and success of the hospital. To join, please contact Kim Cabral, Annual Giving Manager, Fund Development Department at (213) 977-2935 or email kcabral@goodsam.org.



A Pioneer in his Field



RETINA SPECIALIST DR. BOYER HAS A PHILANTHROPIC VISION

For the past forty years, David S. Boyer, M.D., a world-renowned clinician, surgeon and researcher, has called Good Samaritan Hospital his home for the surgical aspect of his retinal practice.

As a senior partner with Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group in Los Angeles, Dr. Boyer works with ten talented specialists who focus their practice on the treatment of diseases affecting the retina, the vitreous and the macula, including macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachment, retinitis, uveitis, ocular tumors and pediatric retinal diseases.



Dr. David S. Boyer (right) and Dr. Richard H. Roe of the Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group located in the new Medical Pavilion.



Dr. Richard H. Roe examines a patient using state-of-the-art equipment.

When Dr. Boyer first considered medicine, he thought he would go into plastics or otolaryngology (ear, nose & throat). Instead, his path led him to ophthalmology—specifically retina care. He is guided by a personal passion for the field—with two family members suffering from macular degeneration—and determined to lead innovations that improve patient outcomes.

Dr. Boyer first experienced the life-changing possibilities of medical trials and early interventions in retinal disease during the outbreak of HIV in the 1980s. “During this time, we took patients from needing surgical ganciclovir implants to taking an oral antiviral agent; it was a major breakthrough. We

ran some of the earliest trials with patients with wet macular degeneration including photodynamic therapy,” said Dr. Boyer. Since then, he and the Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group have been at the forefront of clinical trials for new therapies for macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and other retinal diseases. Because Dr. Boyer and his team lead clinical trials, their patients have benefitted from vision-saving interventions before they are available to the public.

Dr. Boyer recalls fondly a diabetic patient in her early 20s who had lost vision in one of her eyes.

After completing her operation at Good Samaritan Hospital on her only functioning

eye, Dr. Boyer came into the room to find her reading a magazine and crying with joy. It is moments like these that fill the doctor with a great sense of responsibility and gratitude.

For two decades, Dr. Boyer has been a member of Partners In Health (PIH), Good Samaritan’s physician donor group.

“Doctors serve the community; and we should give back to the less fortunate.”

He is passionate about ensuring that all patients have the means to receive the care they need. The Retina Vitreous Associates Medical Group has a foundation that has given more than \$1 million in care to patients who are uninsured or unable to pay for the costs of their care.

Dr. Boyer expresses gratitude to Good Samaritan Hospital Chairman of the Board, Charles Munger, for working with him to establish the state of art operating rooms at the hospital.

Dr. Boyer also values the working relationships with other Good Sam doctors. “We are also very happy to work with Dr. Alex Chai, an outstanding internist on staff at Good Samaritan Hospital, to make sure our patients are healthy and safe for surgery.”

Dr. Boyer’s vision for the future of retinal care is optimistic as it is guided by the vast improvements he has witnessed—from the surgical instruments used to the ability to treat and diagnose with increasingly positive outcomes. “A few years ago, some of the advancements we now have would have been thought to be impossible,” he said.

Dr. Boyer is quick to share any accolades with his team at Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group. “I’ve been very fortunate to surround myself with very talented people who are outstanding surgeons and very ethical physicians.”

Photo below: Dr. David S. Boyer (center) with some of the members of the Retina-Vitreous Team. From left to right: Adrian Guardado, Edwin Grussi, Darlen Cuahuey, Sandy Wells, Maria Gutierrez and Becky Montes.

“At Good Samaritan Hospital, our operating rooms are not only well-equipped, we also have a wonderful support staff, technicians and nurses who make operating there much easier, and safer for the patients than it could be otherwise,” he said.



The Auxiliary Supports Good Samaritan's



Center

Every day, 50 children from three-months-old to five years of age spend their day at the Good Samaritan Hospital Child Care Center. Serving children of Good Samaritan Hospital staff and children of the local community, the Center has been a staple of Good Samaritan for thirty years.



The children of the Child Care Center enjoy the Outdoor Discovery set donated by the Auxiliary.



The children of the Child Care Center play on the Outdoor Discovery set.

Child Care Center Director Kimberly Kenner does not take her responsibility lightly. With 20 years of experience in childhood development, she leads the Center with 14 teachers and assistants and believes childhood development is her vocational "calling."

Recently, the Center received an outdoor discovery set for the infant play yard, donated by the Good Samaritan Auxiliary. The structure's age-appropriate activities aid in children's large motor skill development and provide an opportunity for children to engage in outdoor play.

"The Center has been here for three decades and this is the first time that the infant play yard has had a structure this size that facilitates outdoor activities for infants as young as 6 months old," said Kenner of the gift.



Child Care Center Director Kimberly Kenner with children as they relax on the new furniture donated by the Auxiliary.

"We are extremely grateful to the Auxiliary and hope to continue to equip our outdoor spaces in an intentional manner so that children can enjoy a full range of activities as a natural extension of our indoor learning spaces."

Led by dedicated members since 1951, the Good Samaritan Auxiliary has supported the growth and development of the hospital, its programs and services through fundraising events, volunteer work and the operation of the gift shop. The Auxiliary has consistently focused on the Child Care Center since the 1980s.

"Every year we do something for the Child Care Center," said Mahlon Lawton, president of the Auxiliary.



Mahlon Lawton is the president of the Auxiliary. She has been a member of the Auxiliary since the 80s and this is her second time serving as president.



“Our main goal is to make it easier for hospital employees who have newborns to continue their work at Good Sam by having their childcare right there at the hospital.”

Lawton has been a member of the Auxiliary since the 80s and this is her second time serving as president.

“Good Samaritan Hospital is such a worthwhile community hospital,” said Lawton. “It does an amazing amount of good just being there in the neighborhood, so I feel very invested in continuing to support the hospital through the Auxiliary.”

Marilyn Stephens, the Auxiliary’s liaison to the Center couldn’t agree more. “I just love everything that the Center does for the children. It is wonderful to see the great things the Center is doing.”



The Childcare Center and its staff are dedicated to providing nurturing care while providing age-appropriate activities that foster the emotional, physical, social and cognitive development of each individual child. With generous donations from the Auxiliary and individual donors, the Center is poised to continue in its dedication to the community’s children.

“We feel that it is important as early childhood educators to prepare the next generation to be better stewards of our planet. We want children to perceive outdoors as a safe place to play and to develop an understanding and appreciation of nature, especially as children growing up in the heart of downtown Los Angeles,” said Kenner.



Teacher Diana Arevalo has been with the Center for 15 years. Diana is responsible for taking care of the infants in the Lambs Room.



(Top Photo) Gail Vargas, a teacher with the Center for almost 23 years, reads to children in the new reading nook donated by the Auxiliary.





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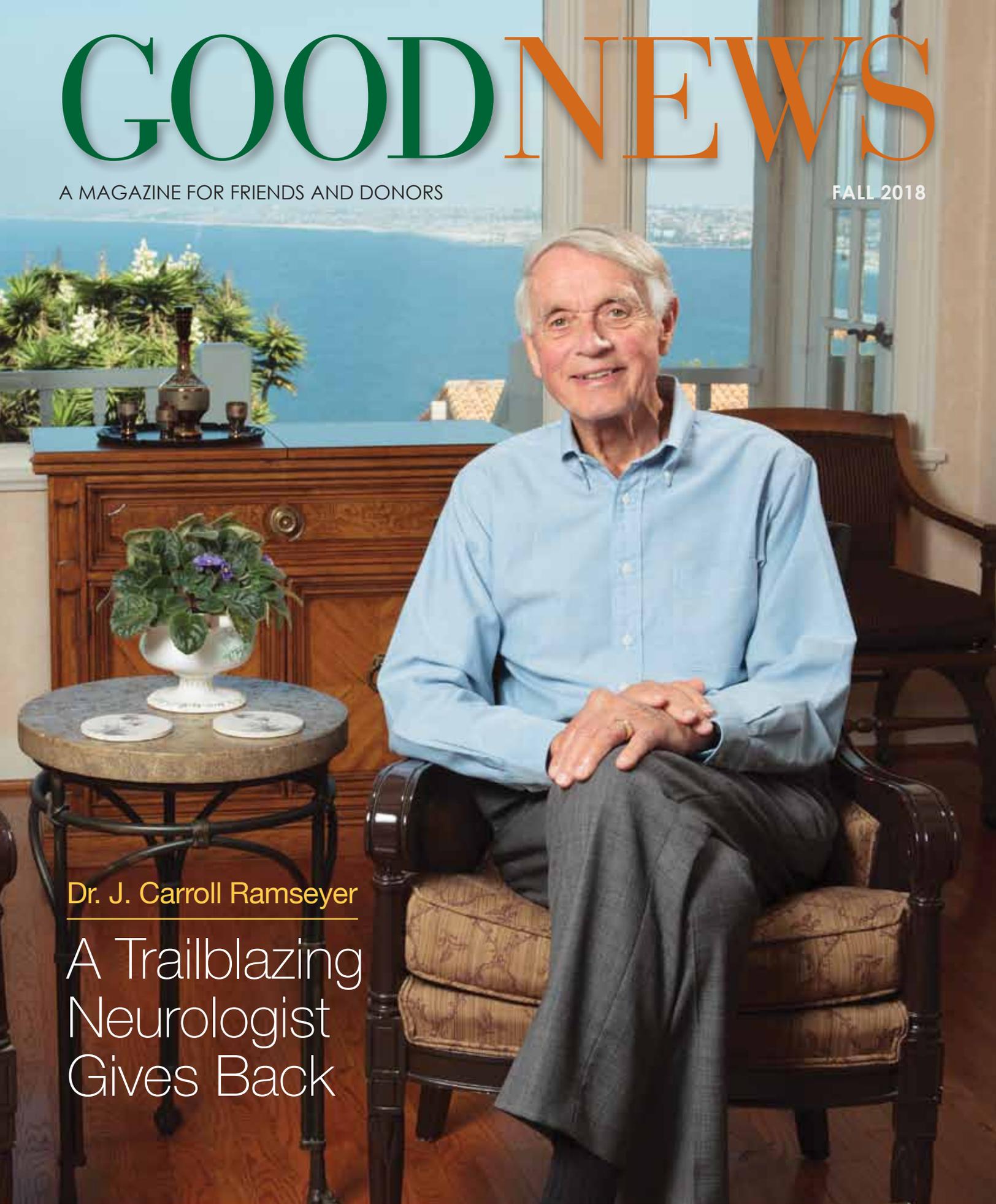
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Dr. J. Carroll Ramseyer

A Trailblazing Neurologist Gives Back



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Trailblazing Neurologist *Gives Back*

Retired Good Samaritan neurologist Dr. J. Carroll Ramseyer has made an indelible impact on the hospital, his field, and the future of patient care.

Raised in Oskaloosa and Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Ramseyer earned his medical degree from the University of Iowa in 1957. He spent three years in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps neurology and psychiatry service at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. Dr. Ramseyer's medical training continued with a three-year neurology residency at the Los Angeles VA Center and UCLA, including positions at the Los Angeles VA Center and Long Beach VA Hospital. In 1967, he made Good Samaritan Hospital his permanent home for his practice. He climbed the ranks throughout his 30-year career and retired in 1997.

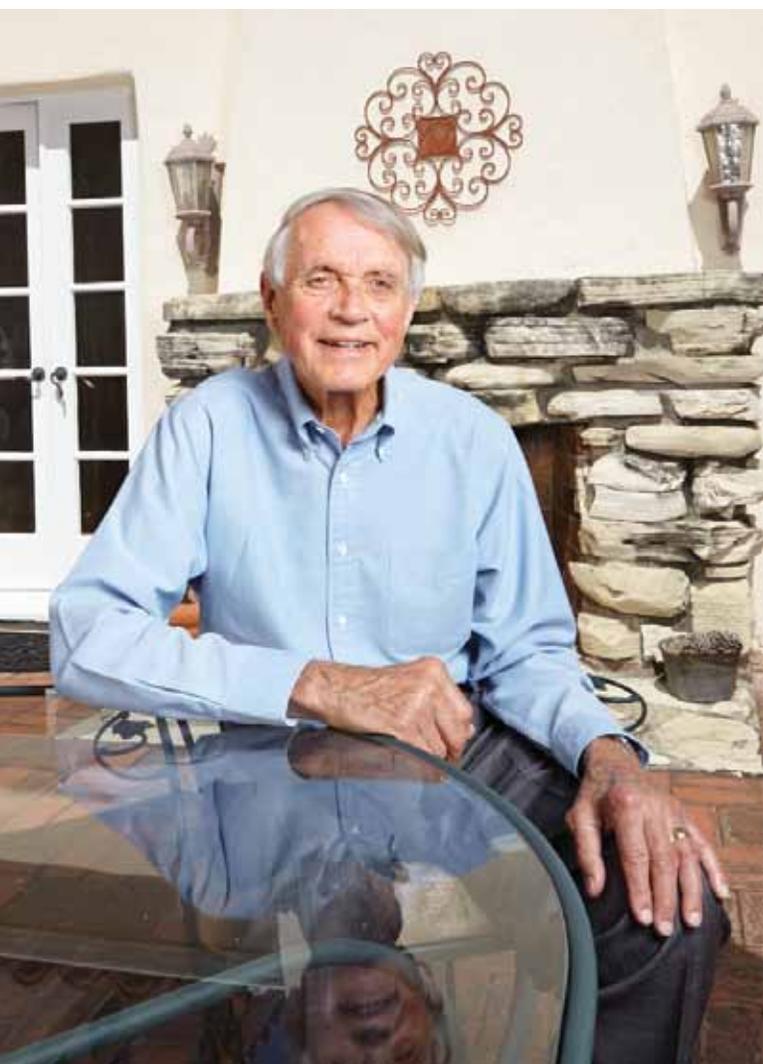
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Reflecting on his time at Good Samaritan, Dr. Ramseyer says, “I was very pleased throughout my neurology career to be associated with Good Samaritan and the excellent physicians who practice there....”

My colleagues were all such wonderful practitioners and wonderful people; I don't believe I could have been happier at any other hospital.”

The start of Dr. Ramseyer's practice coincided with the golden age of neurology and neuroscience. With post-WWII technological advancements, the field expanded its focus from diagnostic to include treatment, too. One of these



technological advancements was the CT scanner. At the time, CT scanners had only just become commercially available and they were prohibitively expensive. But their promise—to help doctors more effectively diagnose and treat patients—was too great for Dr. Ramseyer and neurosurgeon Dr. Frederick Pitts to dismiss. Together with Good Samaritan's five radiologists, they collectively pledged funds to underwrite half the cost of a CT scanner. As a result, Good Samaritan Hospital had the first CT scanner west of the Mississippi installed in 1974. This non-invasive imaging machine attracted patients from all over the western United States. The CT scanner provided much more accurate diagnoses of strokes, vascular malformations, brain tumors, traumatic brain injuries, and blood clots often leading to timely, sometimes lifesaving, surgical and/or medical therapy. At the same time, improved medical treatments for conditions such as epilepsy, Parkinson's disease and certain neuromuscular disorders were being developed. **“Neurology was a very rewarding specialty to be involved with in those years,” says Dr. Ramseyer.**

While technological advancements made up the foreground of Dr. Ramseyer's professional life, a tumultuous political climate was the background. 1968 is considered by many to be the year that shattered the nation; unfortunately, Dr. Ramseyer felt the nation's pain too well. On June 4, 1968, Dr. and Mrs. Ramseyer watched on TV presidential candidate and New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy give an inspiring speech at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Earlier that evening, he had been declared the winner in the South Dakota and California presidential primaries. At 2:30 a.m. Dr. Ramseyer received a call from a friend that Kennedy had been shot and taken to Good Samaritan Hospital. That day was one of the longest and most devastating for Dr. Ramseyer who, as a neurologist, was tasked with monitoring Kennedy's electroencephalogram until he died a 1:44 a.m. on June 6.

“We had been so impressed by his speech the night before and thought that if he were nominated for president, we would have likely

voted for him. To hear what had happened to him was devastating," says Dr. Ramseyer.

Kennedy's brain injury was so severe that even today's technology could not have saved him. "It was truly a difficult moment to be part of. I often wonder what the course of history would have been had he not been assassinated and had won the presidential election."

This past June, Good Samaritan honored Kennedy with a memorial event commemorating the 50th anniversary of his death. The Rev. Michael S. Bell, Episcopal chaplain, led a service at which former Los Angeles city council member and longtime friend of the hospital Tom LaBonge also spoke. Dr. Ramseyer was there, too.

Giving back to the hospital became a longstanding commitment for Dr. Ramseyer. He joined Partners in Health (PIH), Good Samaritan's physician donor group. Over the years Dr. Ramseyer has directed funds to the Heart and Vascular Center, whose patients are often also under the care of neurology, as well as to hospital programs and critical needs. Since its inception, PIH has raised more than \$3.5 million in funding for the hospital's programs, services, specialized departments and critical needs. Dr. Ramseyer believes that paying it forward is not just the right thing to do, but also a smart investment. "As a doctor, your income is only possible if you have the great facilities of the hospital to support your practice. Giving back is a good investment in yourself," he says.



Dr. Ramseyer's wife, Jane Eloise Ramseyer, is a trailblazer in her own right. She received her bachelor's in nursing from the University of Iowa. She became a full time floor nurse at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in 1976 when the hospital opened in its current location. While working, she obtained her master's degree in public administration at Cal State University Consortium and was later promoted to Chief Nursing Officer. She retired from Cedars-Sinai in 1996.

In their retirement, the Ramseys travel the world (they've visited 50 countries) and enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.

PARTNERS IN HEALTH

Partners In Health (PIH) is Good Samaritan Hospital's physician donor group.

Physicians may join PIH by making an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. Gifts may be designated to a specific area within the hospital or fund of choice. PIH members receive invitations to special events, are recognized for their contributions to Good Sam, and are listed in our Honor Roll of Donors. The continued generosity of our medical staff helps us impact the lives of patients and families who come to Good Sam for lifesaving care.

To join Partners in Health, please contact: Kim Cabral, Annual Giving Manager, Fund Development, (213) 977-2935 or kcabral@goodsam.org.



JANE VRUWINK PALMER

Remembering Good Sam

IN THE 40S



Archival photo of
Good Samaritan Hospital

Jane Vruwink Palmer (right)
with childhood friend



A photograph of an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, sitting in a wooden chair with a plaid cushion. She is wearing a white top with a vibrant floral pattern in pink, yellow, and green. Her right hand is raised to her chin, and she has a thoughtful expression. Behind her is a white bookshelf filled with books. A book titled "RENAISSANCE" is visible on one of the shelves. The lighting is soft and indoor.

“I grew up at Good Sam,” Palmer says.

At 91 years old, Jane Vruwink Palmer still vividly remembers the childhood days she spent at Good Samaritan Hospital. Her father, Dr. John Vruwink, was a distinguished obstetrician and gynecologist at the hospital for over 30 years. As a child, Palmer visited the hospital every Sunday while her father went to work. In young adulthood, she landed her first job there as a receptionist.

DR. VRUWINK'S MEDICAL CAREER coincided with the Golden Age of Hollywood and Good Samaritan was considered the hospital of the stars.

The coffee shop, All Souls Chapel, the obstetrics office and the maternity ward, all compose the landscape of Palmer's most prized memories of her father. She can still picture the nursery where, on the best of days, she would peer behind the glass at the swaddled and cooing newborn babies, many of whom her father had delivered.

Dr. Vruwink served many of the Hollywood elite, including actress and inventor Hedy Lamarr and actor Robert Young, who is best known for playing the lead character in TV's "Father Knows Best." Dr. Vruwink delivered all four daughters of Young and Betty Henderson.

Palmer's childhood in Los Angeles was idyllic until the start of World War II when she was 12 years old. The historical moment bookends her young adulthood.

She recalls her mother being inspired to buy her a bicycle due to the widespread gas rationing. While she was making post-high school plans to attend school in New York, many of Palmer's male friends were enlisting.

Her mother, Laura Osman, was a noted writer and motion-picture critic. She died when Palmer was 20, which brought Palmer and her father even closer together. "I worshipped the ground he walked on," she says. Though she left to New York for finishing school and traveled the European continent, she always came back to Los Angeles County. She eventually settled in South Pasadena.

Dr. Vruwink married twice after Osman. In 1952, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Randolph. Randolph made it her mission to build the reputation and success of Good Samaritan Hospital's gift shop. In 1959, the *Los Angeles Times* named her "Woman of the Year" for this very service.



Images of Dr. John Vruwink



Archival photo of Good Samaritan Hospital

With a lineage devoted to Good Samaritan, it is no surprise that Palmer has made her own indelible mark on the hospital. In 2017 she established a significant estate gift dedicated to Good Samaritan Hospital's Mother and Baby Care campaign. All gifts to the campaign fund state-of-the-art equipment and renovations to the hospital's Davajan-Cabal Center for Perinatal Medicine.

The Davajan-Cabal Center for Perinatal Medicine...is one of Good Samaritan Hospital's Centers of Excellence.

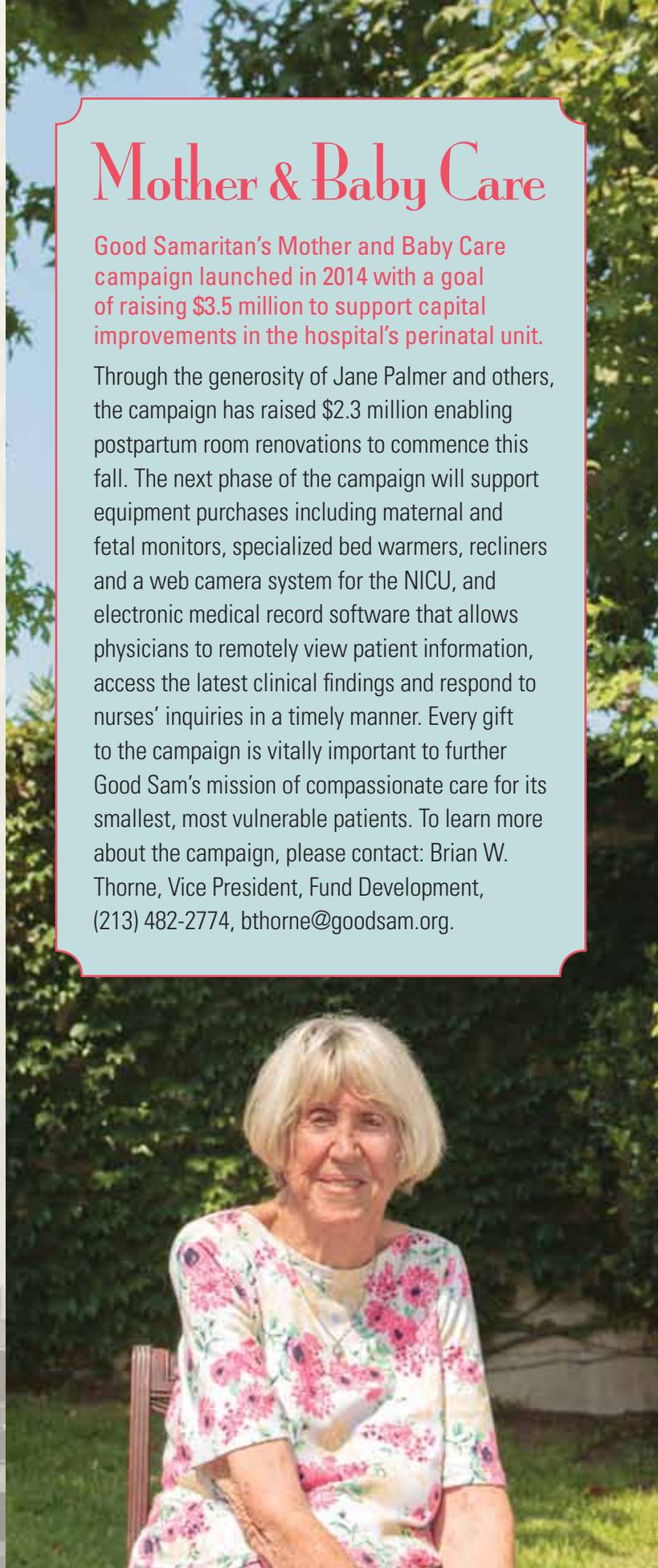
Established in 1989, The Davajan-Cabal Center for Perinatal Medicine, affiliated with the USC School of Medicine, is one of Good Samaritan Hospital's Centers of Excellence. In the past 25 years, more than 100,000 babies have been born in the Center.

Palmer's legacy gift to the Mother and Baby Care campaign is both a testament to her love for her father—a man who delivered hundreds of babies at the hospital—and to the goodwill she feels for being born at Good Sam herself. "I think Good Samaritan is a great hospital," she says.

Mother & Baby Care

Good Samaritan's Mother and Baby Care campaign launched in 2014 with a goal of raising \$3.5 million to support capital improvements in the hospital's perinatal unit.

Through the generosity of Jane Palmer and others, the campaign has raised \$2.3 million enabling postpartum room renovations to commence this fall. The next phase of the campaign will support equipment purchases including maternal and fetal monitors, specialized bed warmers, recliners and a web camera system for the NICU, and electronic medical record software that allows physicians to remotely view patient information, access the latest clinical findings and respond to nurses' inquiries in a timely manner. Every gift to the campaign is vitally important to further Good Sam's mission of compassionate care for its smallest, most vulnerable patients. To learn more about the campaign, please contact: Brian W. Thorne, Vice President, Fund Development, (213) 482-2774, bthorne@goodsam.org.





ADNAN HAMID JOINS GOOD SAM AS VP AND CIO

Good Samaritan Hospital is pleased to welcome Adnan Hamid as Vice President and Chief Information Officer. Adnan joins Good Sam after 12 years with Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital where he held a senior information-technology leadership position. He also has worked at Huntington Hospital and Valley Presbyterian Hospital. He brings to Good Sam over 20 years of professional experience in helping hospital organizations adopt technology that improves patient care.

“Good Samaritan’s mission is one of the main reasons I chose to come here,” he says. “Hospitals like Good Sam have great responsibility to really take care of our community members because we are a part of the community ourselves. I can’t think of a better profession or craft to hang my hat on everyday.”

As VP/CIO, Adnan will direct information services including applications, informatics, network infrastructure, telecommunications along with PBX, and cyber-security.

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One of Adnan’s longer-term goals is to partner with hospital leadership to enhance the hospital’s technology platform, particularly as it relates to patient care.

“I’m looking forward to working with Good Sam to become a Center of Digital Health Excellence. This is a way to broaden the mission of the hospital and to connect even more with our community,” he says.

Adnan has an MBA from the University of California, Irvine and a B.S. in biomedical engineering from Boston University.



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