

# Gratitude

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SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION | SPRING 2024



## Welcome to Spring of 2024!

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your generous support of the Sequoia Hospital Foundation. Thanks to your contributions, we have been able to provide high-quality healthcare services to our community, fulfilling our mission. Moving forward, we remain committed to being responsible stewards of your donations, ensuring that they are used in the most effective and efficient way possible.

We are glad to share a few highlights of the philanthropic impact we have had at Sequoia Hospital in this newsletter. We are proud to present the successful completion and implementation of the **\$1.2M Stepping Forward: Transforming Orthopedic Surgery Initiative**. Read more as we showcase the generous donors who have chosen to honor their care providers through the Guardian Angel Program or Doctors' Day, as well as Sequoia's 1950 Society. We hope these achievements inspire you as much as they inspire us!

We invite you to mark your calendars for our upcoming fundraising events.



## 38th Annual Steven San Filippo Memorial Invitational October 14, 2024

Let's hit the links at Green Hills Country Club to support Sequoia Hospital! This year, we will raise funds for our hardworking employees and build the **workforce development fund**, which provides support for educational opportunities and recognition for our staff and providers.



## The Stork Club presented by Hearts of the Hospital November 1, 2024

Join us in 1960s Manhattan where we will transport you to **The Stork Club**, one of the most historic and prestigious private clubs. Glamour and elegance abounds as this event will benefit Sequoia's Birth Center.

We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,



Beverly Joyce, MD  
Chair, Sequoia Hospital Foundation



Lindsey R. Hincks  
Chief Philanthropy Officer

P.S. 100 percent of donations received are transferred to the hospital, as the Foundation's overhead is covered through our parent company, CommonSpirit Health.

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## Dedication to Helping Others

### Being of Service as a Volunteer While Also Giving Back

Glenn and Ann Cohen, long-time friends of Sequoia Hospital, have much to celebrate. The couple has been married for over 50 years and has dedicated their lives to helping others. They have volunteered at Sequoia Hospital for more than 10 years upon retirement in 2008 and 2010, respectively.

Since making their first donation in 2015, Glenn and Ann have become an important part of the Sequoia Hospital community. Like many others, the Cohens have had a long-standing partnership with the hospital, and we are grateful for their commitment.

Glenn volunteers in the surgery waiting rooms, providing comfort, reassurance, and up-to-date information to loved ones accompanying patients having surgery. He feels that he makes a real difference in how patients and their loved ones view their experience.

## 1950 Sequoia Society



Planning for the future of your loved ones is crucial, and there are several ways to secure their future with your assets. You may want to consider charitable options like gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts which may acquire income and tax benefits while ensuring that your family and friends are taken care of. We have valuable information that can help you create a personalized strategy based on your specific needs and are here to assist you in designing your legacy.

The Foundation established the 1950 Sequoia Society to acknowledge and honor individuals who have included Sequoia Hospital in their estate or planned gift. Each year, members of this important society are invited to a special reception with Hospital leadership, among other benefits. If you have included Sequoia in your plans, please let us know so that we can express our gratitude and ensure that your gift is utilized the way you intended.

Learn more: [mysequoialeadership.org](https://mysequoialeadership.org)

Ann engages the people she escorts in conversation to help relieve some of their stress, as just walking into a hospital can be stressful for most people.

The Cohens give annually through their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and meet their required minimum distribution (RMD), which provides a significant tax advantage. Their donations honor Sequoia Hospital with vital funds to support the area they are most passionate about.

Their commitment and dedication to helping others have made a significant impact on Sequoia Hospital and the patients it serves. We are grateful for their years of service and dedication.





## Kennett Scholarship Reception

On Thursday, March 14, 2024, in honor of what would have been Gloria Kennett's 102nd birthday, we held the **Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship Reception**.

### Congratulations to the 2024 Recipients

Andy Baldovino

*Gloria Kennett Founders Scholarship*

Megan Acharya

*Dr. William Kennett Memorial Scholarship*

Madison Sink

*Berdine and Cliff Jernigan Scholarship*

Christina Kruglikov

*Have a Ball Foundation Scholarship*

Correll Barca-Hall

*Robert and Sue O'Donnell Scholarship*

Amaya Clark

*Hannig Sail It Forward Foundation Scholarship*

Sureena Mann

*Anonymous Scholarship*

Maria-Lucia Campos

*Hannig Sail It Forward Foundation/ Pete Uccelli Memorial Scholarship*

Jake Tozer

*Lavonne and Greg Bullis Memorial Scholarship*

The Kennett Scholarship Program has awarded a total of **140 scholarships, amounting to \$1,602,000** since its inception in 2005. We are proud to support bright and motivated nursing students in their pursuit of a rewarding career, and we hope to continue to do so for many years to come.

We are eagerly looking forward to the next scholarship process in 2025 and can't wait to celebrate the following round of amazing students.

## Guardian Angel Reception

On Friday, April 19, 2024, we held our Guardian Angel Reception at Sequoia Hospital. It was truly heartwarming to see so many people come together to celebrate the commendable Guardian Angels who were honored by a grateful donor. This year, we invited all Guardian Angels who were honored by their Guardian Donors between 2020-2023. Below, you can find a list of the individuals who were honored at the reception, as well as the departments that were recognized as a whole for their compassionate and supportive care.



### Guardian Angels Honored at the Reception

Katrin Anderson, RN

Catherine Boyle, RN

Melba Bringas, RN

Dagan Bruemmer, RN

Gretchen Craford

Elissa Hirschmann, RN

Julie Kruljac, RN

Susan Leathers

Karen Marks, RN

R. Hardwin Mead, MD

Lisa Petrocchi, RN

Michael Putnam, PA

Pamela Quasney, RN

Kristin Reidy, RN

Morgan Smalling, RN

Laura Solano, RN

### Honored Departments

Cardiac Rehab Unit

Cardiac Surveillance Unit

Infusion Center

Birth Center

Med/Surge Unit

### What is a Guardian Angel?

The Guardian Angel Program was established in 2007 to provide patients with an opportunity to show their appreciation for the exceptional care they received at Sequoia Hospital. Over 2,500 donors have contributed to the program, recognizing more than 660 Guardian Angels. If you choose to donate to the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, you can dedicate your gift to a Guardian Angel who is a care provider in various departments of Sequoia Hospital. These Guardian Angels are acknowledged for their exceptional service.

You can learn more and view the complete list of Guardian Angels from 2020 at

[sequoiahospitalfoundation.org/guardianangel](https://sequoiahospitalfoundation.org/guardianangel).



## Sequoia Implements Innovative Robotic Technology

### Personalized Orthopedic Surgeries

We are thrilled to share that the **Stepping Forward: Transforming Orthopedic Surgery Initiative** was successfully completed and implemented with more than 100 procedures performed, as of May 15. Thanks to the generous philanthropic funding, which raised a total of **\$1.2 million** from our community, we were able to acquire the Mako SmartRobotics™ system. This leading-edge robotic technology enables our surgeons at Sequoia to customize total and partial knee and hip replacements, leading to a wide range of improved patient outcomes such as faster recovery, reduced pain, and overall well-being.

“As an orthopedic surgeon at Sequoia, I have witnessed both the clinical and patient benefit to of this innovative surgical robotic system. Thank you for supporting this technology and allowing Sequoia to maintain its position as a center of orthopedic excellence in the Bay Area.”



– Bradley P. Graw, MD  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
Total Joint Replacement Specialist



## Celebrating Doctors' Day

March 30, 2024

The Sequoia Hospital Foundation recently reached out to our community to celebrate Doctors' Day, which was held on March 30, 2024. The Foundation invited individuals to make a gift in honor of their physician(s) at Sequoia Hospital as a way to say thank you for their dedication and exceptional work. Here are a few of the quotes we received in recognition of doctors:

*“Dr. Anobel Tamrazi is the kindest doctor. He’s professional with a touch of humor. I don’t see him much but he always seems to remember me. He’s great!”*

*“Dr. Ryan Macht and Dr. Kelley Brinsky are professionals that exhibit empathy, but most importantly... do care. Thanks for being there.”*

We asked our doctors what makes their job so special, and they consistently replied that it is the privilege of serving their patients, people like you and me. By making a gift to the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, you are not only expressing your gratitude for an exceptional experience, but also providing our doctors with the necessary resources to provide the best possible care to you, your family, and everyone in our community.

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