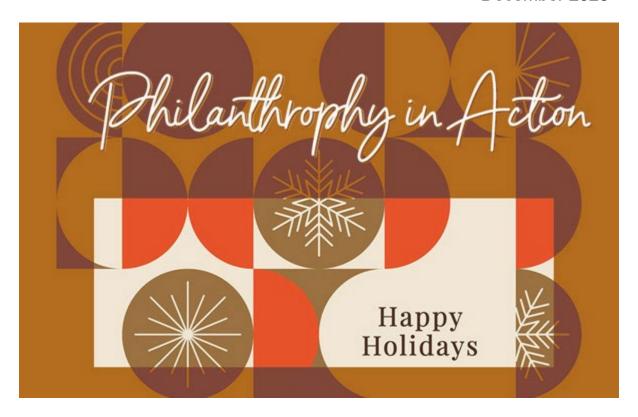


### Philanthropy in Action

December 2023



It's here! The time of year when the combination of hope, joy and magical moments work together to amplify our appreciation for our blessings. And, one of the blessings for all of us at the Foundation is the ability to work for such a meaningful mission in partnership with our donors, grateful patients, hospital staff, partners and volunteers.

Thank you for being a blessing to us and to countless others in your community. The gift of health and well-being is priceless and its ripple effect is elevating lives across Arizona. Your trust means the world to us. Wishing you and yours love, peace and joy this holiday season!

Happiest of Holidays,

Jared A. Langkilde, MBA, CFRE President & CEO

## December matching gift challenge

We have been challenged! A generous, anonymous donor has challenged us to <u>raise</u> \$25,000 for the <u>HonorHealth Greatest Needs</u> Fund by <u>December 31</u>. If we meet their challenge, they will match every gift! Will you help?

Make your tax-deduction donation to the Greatest Needs Fund by December 31 and it will be DOUBLED.



#### You will help provide:

- A food bank that feeds hungry families
- Clinical trials that give hope to cancer patients
- Quality and expert care for premature babies

And so much more.

On behalf of those whose lives you will impact, thank you for making a difference. And, thank you for helping us meet our match!

**Donate Now** 

## **Grateful patient gifts \$1.2M to nurses'** advanced education

Today, we warmly remember friend, grateful patient and donor Ray Agostino. Ray has supported the Foundation since 1991 with his first donation directed to the Golf Classic and subsequent gifts distributed to a range of programs including the HonorHealth Greatest Needs Fund, K-9 Security Program and the Robertson Cardiac Education Endowment.

Recently, Ray's estate gift provided \$1.5 million to help fund the <u>Nursing Excellence Endowment</u>, which gives scholarships to our exceptional nursing staff for advanced education and training.



"After working at HonorHealth for over four decades, I am so excited about the possibilities the new Nursing Excellence Endowed Fund offers staff through the generosity of HonorHealth donors and grateful patients," remarks Kathi Zarubi, Chief Nurse Executive, HonorHealth Network. "HonorHealth prides itself on supporting our nurses as evidenced by each of our five qualifying hospitals that have Magnet

designation. The Endowment will support any one of our 4,550 nurses who want to continue their education."

Thank you, Ray, for your friendship and kindness to all those in our community and our hospitals – from human to canine, patient to nurse.

# HonorHealth COO makes a personal gift focused on workplace safety

Kim Post, HonorHealth Chief Operations Officer, and her husband Doug call the hospital system part of their family. For more than 30 years Kim has spent time inside the hospitals working to ensure patients, their families and staff have the best care in an environment that supports healing and joy of work. As she tells us, "It is a privilege to care for our patients and make a difference each and every day."



Workplace safety, especially for front-line caregivers, continues to be a focus in this changing world to ensure HonorHealth's teams remain safe and can continue to deliver exceptional care during a time of post-pandemic stresses and rising issues with substance abuse and other social factors.

The newly established Post Family Workplace Safety Fund will support tactics such as education, awareness and de-escalation training for staff as well as the adoption of technology and innovation that can impact the safety of HonorHealth teams.

"This is a family fund – my whole family contributes because together we want to make an impact," remarks Kim. "Our most precious resource with providing exceptional care is our staff. They make a bigger difference than any bricks or mortar could. Investing in these areas will enhance safety for all who work at HonorHealth."

In addition to leading operations across the entire organization, Kim is focused on creating a culture of philanthropy at HonorHealth where every employee is moved to give back to a fund of their choice. "Philanthropy comes from the heart. If they chose to give to the Post Family Workplace Safety Fund and invest in their fellow teammates, I would be honored, but ultimately employees should choose based on what moves them."

Thank you, Kim, for your inspiring leadership and dedication to serving HonorHealth's staff.





### The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit has increased

As a resident of Arizona, you can receive a dollar-for-dollar <u>tax credit</u> for your donation to <u>HonorHealth</u> <u>Desert Mission</u>.

For 2023, you can receive up to \$421 (single) or \$841 (married filing jointly). This is an increase from 2022 and means you can support even more vulnerable Arizonans through Desert Mission's programs.

Desert Mission has served our community for more than 95 years and offers three major programs: The Food Bank, Lincoln Learning Center and Adult Day Healthcare.

Make your **donation** today.

We appreciate your support!

### Save the Date for The Honor Ball

The Valley's most anticipated gala, The Honor Ball, will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa.

Honorees are the gracious Priscilla and Michael Nicholas, who have invested in HonorHealth for more than a decade through generous gifts and through the gift of time in leadership positions for HonorHealth Foundation and Honor Ball.

The 2024 Honor Ball Chairs are Jennifer Schuitemaker and Jill Krigsten.

Proceeds from the event benefit HonorHealth Cardiovascular Center of Excellence and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Visit the <u>Honor Ball event page</u> for more information, tickets or details about sponsorship opportunities.

## **Sports Medicine training** saves high school senior

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year, a senior at Coronado High School collapsed during a non-contact football practice, entering into cardiac arrest.

Thanks to recent emergency training at the school organized and led by Tessa Powell, HonorHealth's Head Athletic Trainer assigned to Coronado High



School, the coaches knew how to respond and acted swiftly, alerting Emergency Medical Services and immediately starting CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

Sadly, an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was not available for the coaches, underscoring the pressing need for AED accessibility in schools and sports facilities to increase survival rates for students or adults experiencing a cardiac episode. Luckily, the quick and organized response, along with the prompt arrival of the fire department, saved the student's life. Diagnosed with a heart condition, the senior spent over a week in the hospital and is now back on the sidelines, cheering on his teammates.

"Imagine how terrifying it is for a teenager to be joyfully engaged in their sport of choice and then collapsing with a cardiac episode," remarks Gayle Cassidy, Associate Vice President of Orthopedics at HonorHealth. "The AED community outreach project is so vital to protecting our children on the fields where they play and work."

HonorHealth Sports Medicine is leading an initiative to improve AED accessibility in schools, starting with the Scottsdale Unified School District. Your support can make a significant impact on HonorHealth's ability to provide these life-saving devices to ensure a swift response these increasing life-threatening situations on athletic fields.

To support this life-saving project, please consider a donation.



When you have completed your shopping, take your items to one of our designated registers (look for the balloons) to complete your sale and ensure your donation to HonorHealth Foundation! (A portion of the proceeds directly benefit the Foundation.)

Happy shopping and thank you for your support!