



Your Kindness in Action.

2021-2022 Annual Impact Report



Our Mission

At CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

Our Vision

A healthier future for all, inspired by faith, driven by innovation and powered by our humanity.

Our Values

Compassion

Care with listening, empathy and love.

Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

Inclusion

Celebrate each person's gifts and voice.

Respect the dignity of all.

Integrity

Inspire trust through honesty.

Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

Excellence

Serve with fullest passion, creativity and stewardship.

Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

Collaboration

Commit to the power of working together.

Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

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Serving as of June 30, 2022

Remarks from leadership

Dear Friends,

There is an act of kindness behind every dollar donated to the Dignity Health Foundation East Valley. Each gift, no matter the size, contributes to a myriad of possibilities to improve health. We are so grateful for every person who makes a philanthropic commitment. The pages of this report tell the story of impact and kindness.

Generosity fueled the common good for our ministry this year, helping to raise more than \$11 million. Those dollars were critical in ensuring our commitment to serving the vulnerable, building healthy families and making a difference for our patients and communities. A special thank you to Edward Jones and Associates for their commitment to our mission throughout the pandemic and beyond. Also, we have to remember fondly both Ella Lerner and Sister Marian Joseph for the incredible legacies they left us this year.

Also in this report, you are introduced to donors who share their unique take on why they give and what it means to them personally. We see how their contributions have helped programs and facilities to expand, allowing them to serve even more people in the places they call home. In closing, we hope to show you the incredible impact you can have on so many — individually and collectively — when you give your gratitude, trust and support. It is part of what makes up Humankindness.

Thank you for allowing both of us to serve. As a culmination this year of several decades of service, Rhonda takes the lead as board chair and Julie stepped into a leadership role for the Foundation. Both of us have served these hospitals in volunteer roles and now on the Foundation Board. It's been an incredible journey to see how far we have all come, together.

With gratitude ,



Julie Alvarado
VP of Philanthropy
East Valley



Rhonda Curtis
Board Chair



There is a story of kindness behind every dollar donated to Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley. Here we show you the dollars and cents of serving the common good through philanthropy.

Giving by the numbers

Total dollars raised

This year, our donors came together to realize the power of generosity and gratitude in our community. The results have been inspiring.



\$11,557,000	2022
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\$7,656,000	2021
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\$3,530,000	2020
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\$3,300,000	2019
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Transfers to hospital

Monetary transfers made by the Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley to Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers show collaboration as monies are transferred only after the intentions of donors are met.



\$3,403,000	2022
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\$3,314,000	2021
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\$3,553,000	2020
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\$1,600,000	2019
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Total donors

Donors bolster innovation, bring together our community priorities, and serve vulnerable individuals and families. Together we accomplish what none of us could do alone.



1,335	2022
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1,687	2021
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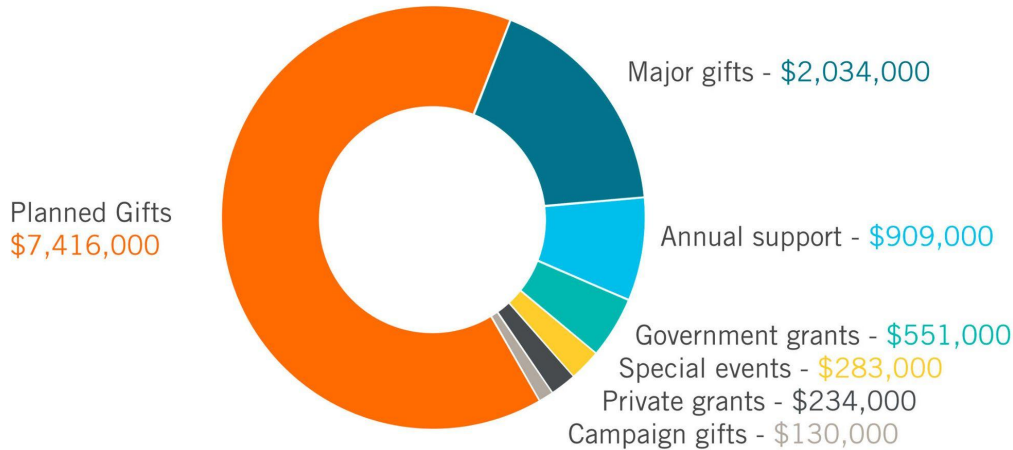
2,293	2020
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1,834	2019
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How funds are raised

At Dignity Health Foundation East Valley, a diverse group of donors support our ministry through a variety of ways - annual donations, grants, planned and estate gifts and events. We, the employees and the patients we serve, are forever grateful for your philanthropic investment.

Donations, both large and small, enable Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers to acquire cutting-edge medical technology, build and sustain health education and community outreach programs, and provide exceptional care to every patient.



Your Donations at Work

In 2022, donation funds were distributed to support the following areas within our care facilities:

- 82% Equipment and Expansion
- 12% Programs
- 6% Education & Resiliency

Please visit our website for more information on where and how your donations are utilized or visit us for our 501c3 paperwork supportdignityhealthfoundationeastvalley.org

Thank you for your generous spirit!

Our Promise

Thanks to an operating grant from our Medical Centers, the Dignity Health Foundation - East Valley is able to assure our donors that 100% of their donation will be used to support the services or projects they specify.

The Foundation adheres to the Association of Fundraising Professionals' "Code of Ethical Principles and Standards of Professional Practice." Information on the code, including the Donor Bill of Rights, available at www.afpnet.org/ethics. Examples of our commitment to ethical practices include:

To honor donor's intent, restricted gifts are used only for their designated purpose.

To protect donors' information, we do not provide or sell mailing lists

Sister Kelly Leaves a Legacy in Honor of her Parents Gladys Barnes and Eugene Kelly



Sister Marian Joseph Kelly died in 2020 at the age of 89, following a lifetime of incredible service. She thoughtfully left one final gift to plan for the future of health care in Maricopa County. Joan Mae Kelly was raised on an expansive family farm in Gilbert, Arizona, as the daughter of Everett Eugene Kelly and Gladys Lucille Barnes Kelly. She was born to hard-working parents in the depression era, shaping her future. You can read about the Barnes-Kelly family at the Gilbert Historical Museum as one of the Town's founders. Joan graduated from Chandler High School then studied nursing at St. Joseph Hospital's School of Nursing, becoming a registered nurse in 1952 and serving nearly 50 years (2001). As a lifelong learner she finished her bachelor's and eventually a master's degree, including serving as faculty.

Joan entered the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame, California, and was given her religious name, Sister Marian Joseph, and joined Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield, California. She served in San Diego, St Mary's San Francisco, and served as Director of the Intensive Care Unit and in administration at Mercy Bakersfield. She is remembered as visionary, brilliant, tenacious and fair.

While proudly serving the poor as a Sister of Mercy, she eventually became the leader of the family trust that included Arizona farmland valued at nearly \$11 million. Sister named Mercy Gilbert Medical Center as the trust beneficiary to honor all of the incredibly hard work in the hot Arizona sun by her parents. Gladys graduated from Tempe Normal (A.S.U.) and taught in Buckeye to supplement the meager farm income. Everett passed at a young age.

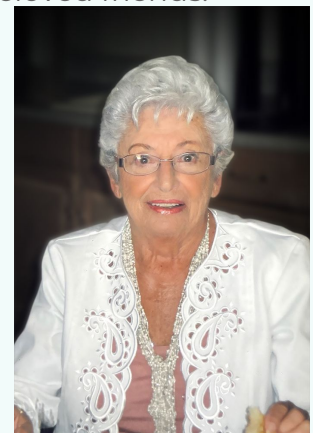
Unbeknown to Dignity Health, Sister Kelly sat down to write a letter in 1998 that would carry forward with a transformational gift in 2021. Sister's own words to us: "She (my mother) as well as my father left big shoes for us to fill - thus, I pass this on to you to care for the less fortunate, especially the elderly or sick, and their needs. It is only right my parents be recognized as it is truly their dream (and) their hard work which makes this possible - I am only a conduit"

Planned Giving Leaving a Legacy

This year the incredible life and legacy of giving **Ella Lerner** provided was honored by naming the gift shop at Chandler Regional Medical Center in her name.

For more than 26 years, Ella gave her time, talent and treasure to support the hospital. She was a beloved figure in the Gift Shop until 2016. Upon retiring she was honored with the *United States Presidential Service Award* for her many years of dedicated services.

The late Ella Lerner, a dedicated hospital volunteer and Holocaust survivor lived to celebrate her 100th birthday with her beloved friends.





A Breath of Life

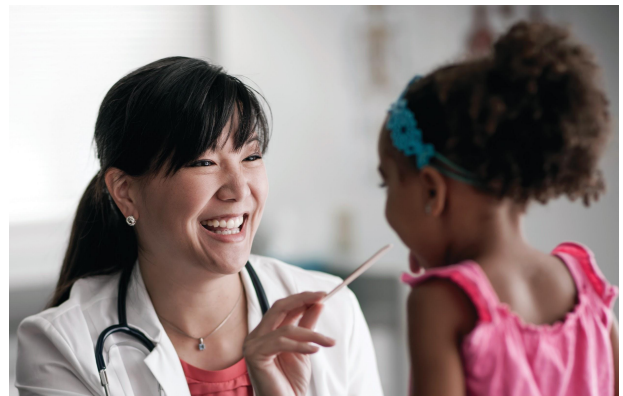
A generous **grant from the Gila River Indian Community** and proceeds from the long beloved **George Rozsa Golf Classic** have been dedicated to this vital program called ECMO. Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) truly gives hope when hope seems out of reach.

ECMO is a life-saving technology for patients with severe and life-threatening illness such as severe lung damage, infection, shock from massive heart attack and the most serious cases of COVID-19; anything that prevents the heart and lungs from working properly. ECMO is considered the ultimate modality for preventing mortality when other treatments have failed. Chandler Regional Medical Center purchased three ECMO machines and a team underwent intensive training to implement the program. Fragile patients no longer need to be transported to other facilities or be denied access due to high utilization at other locations.

Graduate Medical Education Arriving Soon

This year, Dignity Health began forming a Graduate Medical Education enterprise in the East Valley! As families, professionals, and older adults are drawn to the East Valley, our community continues to grow at an unprecedented rate. However, the Dignity Health East Valley service area is experiencing a **shortage of nearly 250 primary care providers**. Offering residency programs in key clinical areas will amplify the impact our ministry is able to make on our community's health, while also offering a place for community health providers to turn to recruit the next generation of respected, compassionate providers. The first residents will round in 2023 and by 2028, the program will reach its full capacity of 124 residents.

Philanthropic giving will enable Dignity Health to address our community's growing health care needs.



For more stories of how you and fellow donors are caring for our community, please visit our website.

Expressing Gratitude by Honoring Guardian Angels for their Service



We often look to our health care providers for their expertise, compassion and great care. And sometimes, someone in particular will have a truly lasting impact on your life. Our East Valley Foundation's Guardian Angel program gives patients or family members the opportunity to show their appreciation for a member of their care team who made a special impact during their hospital stay or visit. We honor those Guardian Angels by presenting them with a card informing them of the donor's thoughtful gift as well as a custom pin to wear, designating them as a special member of our Community of Caring.



Nearly 120 Guardian Angels have been recognized throughout our hospitals and we are grateful to our **generous sponsors of this program, the Husband & Wife Law Team - Mark and Alexis Breyer.** They join grateful patients and families in highlighting the critical work done by our frontline health care heroes and the difference they make in our community.

Corporate Donor of the Year 2022

In 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the advisors at Edward Jones sought to support health care in their local communities where they had a large employee presence. They began their giving specifically to emergency response programs. They have continued to give generously and their belief in our mission has provided lifesaving equipment and infection disease prevention specialists to our hospitals. They have also provided a stellar volunteer to our board, Lisa Klassen.

A call to the community to come together to rally around its health care workers has resulted in one of our most valued relationships and we are so grateful for the investments Edward Jones has made to our healing ministry.

The logo for Edward Jones, featuring the company name in a white serif font on a black rectangular background.

“We are so grateful we were able to get our daughter connected with the mental health support she needs.”

–Grateful Parent



Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds

A recent Dignity Health Chandler Community Health Needs Assessment found that mental health was ranked as the most critical health concern impacting our community. Unfortunately, this concern applies not only to adults, but also to adolescents and children. In fact, the World Health Organization has stated that half of all mental health problems begin by age fourteen. These statistics only became worsened by the COVID pandemic where isolation measures increased depression and suicide rates among young people. Underserved children are especially vulnerable because of limited access to healthcare services.

Such limitations served as the motivation for an innovative project which provides another door for underserved families to access the care they need. Children visiting the Chandler CARE Center for dental services now receive mental health screenings along with their oral health exams. **Thanks to funding by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Foundation**, the dental clinic team began offering this service to their patients in February. Through the program, the clinic has been able to connect families with Southwest Behavioral and Health Services for mental health support.

Sports Medicine in the East Valley

Dignity Health recognizes the importance of sports in a child's growth and development and the need to protect and care for our teen athletes. Since its inception in 2014, Dignity Health's Sports Medicine and Athletic Trainer Program has provided services to over 21,000 junior high and high school students across the three East Valley school districts of Chandler, Gilbert and Queen Creek. This year, the generosity of donors including **Fiesta Bowl Charities**, the **Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority**, and philanthropists **Alexis and Garrett Richards** helped us to purchase treatment tables, water tankers and industrial grade ice machines to advance our collegiate-level injury care and prevention programming, which is provided at little or no cost to school districts.



National & Local Board Member of the Year 2022

The Marreel Family embodies the mission of Dignity Health through their service, leadership, and generous giving. Julia is an exemplary board member in all of her activities in service to the mission.

In the 1980s, Julia Marreel was honoring the healing ministry as her father, Dr. E Colin Smart served as the Chief Medical Officer at Chandler Regional Medical Center and her mother, Celia Smart, volunteered thousands of hours. Julia often joined her mother in service and continues the tradition by serving on the Foundation Board and leading the Women's Philanthropy Society. The society has held fundraising events over the past 8 years to fund outreach programs that benefit women and children. Julia has recruited members to join the women's philanthropy society and the Foundation board, served as the chair for galas and hosted fundraisers in her home. For years she was known for her incredible ability creating a huge silent auction for Laughter is the Best Medicine.

Julia, and her husband Tom, continues the legacy. Together they have personally donated over \$1 million to Dignity Health in the East Valley. They helped plan the grand opening of the new hospital in 1984 and have been instrumental in every expansion project since. In 2013, they led the Tower C campaign as chairs with their good friend Dr. Gary Nagamoto. This trio brought in millions of dollars for the new Trauma Center.

Julia's service goes beyond donations. For years, hospital employees, volunteers and physicians have been honored with the "Marreel Excellence in Service Award." Julia would spend hours to find those employees, physicians or volunteers who embody our mission and go the extra mile for their patients. Each year Julia hosted an awards luncheon. The honor is recognized and appreciated by all of the staff as the highest honor to be received for patient experience.



SRP Spirit of Service Award for Volunteerism

A Valley native, Les Presmyk grew up in a family that always played an active role in serving the community, so naturally he followed suit. He has been involved in countless volunteer and civic roles, including serving for 12 years on the Gilbert Town Council. When Les saw the need for health care in his community, he joined his neighbors in their mission to bring the first freestanding hospital to Gilbert. He has continued to support the hospital since it opened by participating in its fundraising efforts, which help to support its free Children's Dental Clinic and other important health programs. For the past decade, he has dedicated himself to helping further the mission of the Dignity Health Foundation and its work to bring quality healthcare to everyone in the community, including the underserved.

During the pandemic, he helped raise the funds needed for Dignity Health to operate a COVID-19 vaccine pod in the southeast Valley. For Les, his volunteer work with Dignity Health has been transformative. Leveraging the skills that he learned in his professional life and during his service on the Gilbert Town Council, he is truly making a difference in his hometown and across the state. Les is proud of the work serving his community and greatly values the many friends he has made along the way.

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Thank you Volunteers!

What better example of humankindness than one who dedicates hours every week to serving those in need? Our army of more than 400 volunteers spend hundreds of hours every week caring our patients and their loved ones. We must say a special thank you to the four volunteers who serve in our Foundation offices each week.

A special thank you to our Foundation and Community Boards! These volunteers go above and beyond! They are wise counselors providing key leadership and governance to the hospitals and to the Foundation. We appreciate their donation of time, resources and expertise to advance our mission.

Thank you for your support!