

Advancing Health Care in the Southeast Valley *Through Philanthropy*



Executive Summary

The Dignity Health Foundation - East Valley seeks to raise \$5 million in financial support to advance health care in the southeast valley through capital expansion projects; new medical technologies; improved patient services and medical education; enhanced research; and to provide crucial community programs. Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, and the community outreach programs managed by Dignity Health in the southeast valley, are committed to furthering healing by delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services; serving and advocating for the poor and disenfranchised; and partnering with others in the community to improve quality of life.



Oncology

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center has a vision of becoming a medical “destination” center addressing a lack of oncologic sub-specialty services in the southeast valley. Through our partnership with Ironwood Cancer & Research Centers, Dignity Health is developing a multidisciplinary oncology program to advance the expansion of a comprehensive cancer center. A single access point will connect women ages 40-65 to appropriate services and sites of care, most closely illustrated by the “one-stop-shop” day clinic. To support this clinic, an outpatient breast imaging center recently opened near the Mercy Gilbert Medical Center campus. Providing comprehensive women’s imaging services from highly trained and certified medical staff to our community is crucial to a continuum of high-quality care. Diagnostic imaging plays a vital role in the early detection of illness and thus it is imperative that we meet the need for these services. The multidisciplinary team will include social workers, financial and genetics counselors, nutritionists and therapists. The program also includes a holistic look at medical service with a guided imagery program, plus counseling and care packages for the caregivers.



Maternal Child Health

The Family Birthing Centers at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center offer a safe, family-centered environment that exceeds expectations by fulfilling educational, physical, psychological and cultural needs. Recent growth in southeast valley families has increased the need for additional space, making it essential to add more birthing and women’s services. Dignity Health is looking to increase the available beds, and specialists, while continuing to provide high-quality care in an environment that meets the needs of families in our community. This includes upgrading to a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which will provide support and equipment to deliver high-risk babies.



Cardiology

Chandler Regional Medical Center has been healing hearts of southeast valley residents for over 14 years. Originally, the mobile catheterization lab served only 147 patients. Today both hospitals are *Accredited Chest Pain Centers* and serve over 5,000 cardiac patients per year and the community’s need for cardiac services continues to grow and increase in complexity. The cardiovascular team has performed spectacularly in the past 14 years exceeding national standards and averages. They have also added state-of-the-art catheterization labs and operating rooms to ensure our southeast valley families received the highest level of treatment. In order to serve the increased needs of the community, we seek to continue to utilize the latest technology, grow the cardiac program and add a research component, to become the first Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence in the southeast valley.



Neuro-Wellness

As we have expanded our Trauma Center at Chandler Regional Medical Center to be of the highest level of service to the community at a “Level 1”, we have seen the number of neurology-related cases increase in both volume and severity. An immediate response was to fund and create training activities and a fall conference for the emergency department personnel and first responders. Led by Dr. Moore, and thanks to philanthropic funding, the team has also increased the residency program. As the clinical care team, neurologists, patients, caregivers, and other community members came together, the support for neurology care has increased and expanded to provide unique outpatient post-rehab services as well. These programs are intended to heal mind, body and spirit. They include dancing, a chimes choir, support groups, social events, and so much more. This year we created a hippotherapy program, and expanded the popular stroke camp to three sessions, including one for Parkinson’s patients. The hippotherapy program is a unique program, adding horses to the care team, and it has already served over 35 stroke survivors (and other traumatic brain injured patients). These patients receive free sessions to successfully augment their current physical rehabilitation. It is our vision to place all of these programs under a Neuro-wellness Center.