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Our Mission

To support Dignity Health health care facilities and programs in the Southeast Valley through philanthropy.

For more information, [click here](#).



— Coach Dar
Darleen Santore

The fall fundraising event, Dancing for Stroke on October 1st is looking to be an exciting evening of fun and entertainment. [Watch Coach Dar's invite](#), if you have not yet seen her personal testimonial and invitation. She will be one exciting and entertaining host. Speaking of entertaining, look who is the newest volunteer dancer! That's right! Our own VP of Operations Rudy Apodaca is putting on his dancing shoes - donate to his personal fundraising page today.



A fundraising Casino Night is scheduled for May 14th at the Arizona Ballroom Champions' studio located at 1805 E. Baseline Road, Suite 103 Tempe. The suggested donation levels are \$50, \$100, \$150 to purchase chips at the door to be used at the gaming tables, run by real casino dealers. At the end of the night you can turn the chips in for raffle tickets, which will be used to draw for prizes. Great odds of having fun, super odds of winning, and guaranteed odds of benefitting stroke patients. 480.442.9188 is the number to the studio for more information or to RSVP.

Thank you to everying supporting stroke survivors through Dancing for Stroke.

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**Your Swing Saves Their Swing
Fundraising to Support Orthopedic Patients**

The 2016 George Rozsa Golf Classic sponsored by Premier Emergency Medical Specialists, a Sheridan Company, was filled with fun and creative games throughout the course for golfers to enjoy. We had professional LPGA players with challenges such as glass break and longest drive. We also had an exciting putting contest, golf cannon and hockey stick putting experience. In addition to the fun, prizes were drawn for two luxury vacations in Costa Rica and Mexico. This year marked the 14th annual event and it was a superior year that will fund Dignity Health athletic trainers in east valley high schools to provide an elevated level of care. Thank you to all volunteers, sponsors, and the Rozsa family.



Record-breaking George Rozsa Golf Classic directly benefits patients.

Third Annual Presidents' Reception

Tim Bricker and Aaron Peace, the hospital and foundation presidents, share their sincere gratitude to donors at an evening event. The gathering honors donors, awardees, boardmembers, and service excellence. Guests also learn more about the vision for the future.

*May 25th at 6pm
Receive address with RSVP*

Celebrating in the Kindess Closet at CRMC



Vanessa McCarthy, occupational therapist, had a dream to better serve her patients. While pursuing her doctorate degree in healthcare program development, Vanessa recently turned her dream into actuality. Thanks to your community support, in-kind donations, partnerships with durable medical companies, community partners, and grant funding, The Kindness Closet has become a reality.

Patients without insurance and at low income levels can go into The Kindness Closet at Chandler Regional Medical Center and check out medical adaptive equipment (for 60 days) when they are discharged from the hospital. Equipment such as wheelchairs, shower chairs, bedside commodes, walkers, tub transfer benches, and elevated toilet seats are available to help make a safe and successful transition from the hospital to home. The patient will receive the equipment prior to discharge, along with instruction sheets and hands on training by a certified therapist, to ensure safe and appropriate use at home.

HD Supply (a nationwide medical equipment supplier) recently granted the Dignity Health Foundation - East Valley \$5,000 which will help provide a part-time coordinator for the program and some equipment needs for this sustainable loan closet which is largely staffed by Dignity Health volunteers and employees who clean and store the equipment, maintain loan records, and assist with equipment distribution and retrieval.

Vanessa is working with hospital staff to expand the Kindness Closet program to Mercy Gilbert Medical Center in 2016. With continued community and generous Dignity Health volunteer support (\$10,000 and counting) this program expansion will become another dream reality!



Healing & Shopping Fundraisers

The women of the Power of the Purse held two successful events - a yoga in the healing garden and a shopping day with Dillards at the hospitals.

The proceeds from membership, fundraisers, sales of purse charms are all going toward funding a stroke camp for this upcoming summer. The project is chosen each fall by the members. Join the members of our Women's Philanthropic Society for other healthy and fun events by contacting Bridget.Doherty@dignityhealth.org.

Volunteer for stroke camp by contacting Connie.Johnston@dignityhealth.org for an application.

Dunking, Dancing & Fundraising now...



The Dancing for Stroke black tie event will be back October 1st - and Charles Schwab joins in the fun in 2016 with their own spectacular event to be held in June.

Other interesting events benefiting the stroke survivors are also being held, like the Dunk a Director event pictured above.

Remember www.dancingforstrokeaz.com and check the website often for more details including information on how neurowellness programs are helping patients! [Buy a ticket now.](#)

Thank you to all of our donors who have given more than \$125 since our last newsletter - you make a difference and we appreciate you!

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[Arizona Central Credit Union](#) was the cart sponsor at our golf tournament this year. They are one of our first corporate healthcare partners, however, giving to the community is not new to them.

"People Helping People" is a philosophy and founding principle of the credit union movement. At Arizona Central Credit Union, they take this commitment to a whole new level! Last year, with fewer than 200 total employees, Arizona Central participated in 70+ community engagement activities and donated over 2,000 hours of service. These events help to raise nearly \$89,000 for eight organizations and we are sure glad they added Dignity Health as a charitable partner.

Thanks to Mike at Orcutt Winslow for the amazing golf photos. And thanks to Dale Wendt (pictured in the photo) and the entire crew from [Premier Community Management](#) for coming out and supporting golf again this year.

More Information on Your Dignity Health Foundation - East Valley

Team Member Cleofe Breillatt: Cleofe is the first person guests meet, especially when they call the Foundation or walk in the front door. She has over 20 years in customer service experience in the retail industry and began volunteering for the hospital over 2 years ago. You may have seen her in the Chandler Regional Medical Center Gift Shop. She liked Dignity Health so much she joined the team at the Foundation to give back to the community. She is also a database specialist and works to personalize each acknowledgement letter we send. Contact Cleofe.Breillatt@dignityhealth.org to donate a gift-in-kind, receive documentation, reserve a seat at an event or for any general questions.



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your questions or assist you with fundraising requests. Call your Foundation team at 480.728.3931 or send us an e-mail at eastvalleyfoundation@dignityhealth.org.

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