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New Foundation CPO Announced



Julie Alvarado was recently named the Vice President and Chief Philanthropy Officer for the Dignity Health Foundation - East Valley. Julie is a mission-driven leader and seasoned fundraiser who has been devoted to growing and enhancing Dignity Health programs and services in the East Valley for the past decade.

"Our mission and our clinical teams are what inspires me to lead," Alvarado said, "It's an honor to be able to support those who are saving lives every day."

Julie joined the Dignity Health team in 2009 and her accomplishments are many. During her tenure, she has served in leadership roles for the East Valley, St. Joseph's, and Barrow Foundations. Since fall 2011, Julie has been Director of Philanthropy for Dignity Health Foundation - East Valley. As such, Julie has managed the day-to-day operations and budgets of the Foundation, cultivated philanthropic relationships, coordinated board development, and overseen the transfer of funds and grants for hospital use. Julie has played a critical role in the Foundation raising a record \$7.7 million this past fiscal year, and she recently completed a fundraising effort that allowed Dignity Health East Valley to fully fund a new ECMO program.

Julie and her team take great pride leading the philanthropic efforts to support

Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers and the hospitals' many critically-important community outreach programs. Under Julie's leadership, the Foundation team will work tirelessly in connecting our community to the many opportunities for furthering health care for all in the East Valley.

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Family Remembrance Run Provides Healing

Thanks to generous supporters, this year's Family Remembrance Run raised more than \$30,000 towards the Bowen's Buddies Endowment for Infant Bereavement. These funds help to continue the Heaven's Hummingbirds legacy to provide healing, empathy and support to current and future bereaved families. We will continue to serve, comfort and guide families through the most vulnerable of losses. Our sponsors and their generous time and funding help the heartbeat of this program continue.

We thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many. More importantly, we were able to gather in love, hope and memory at this year's 5k walk/run. A video was created to commemorate this special gathering.

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A Grand Slam!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation for selecting Dignity Health East Valley for a 2022 Ken Kendrick Grand Slam Award. Funds received through this generous gift will be used to build out a private operator at the Dignity Health's Children's Dental Clinic in the Heritage Square in Gilbert. This facility provides free preventive dental care to nearly 1,000 uninsured and underserved children annually. We will be able to significantly increase the reach of services to this population by providing this additional exam room with dental chairs and equipment.

We appreciate our home team's support of our Children's Dental Clinic. Go Dbacks! #DbacksGiveBack

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Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority invest in East Valley High School Athletes

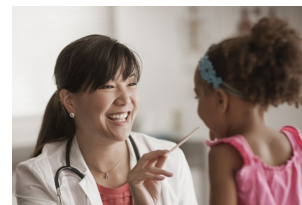
A special thanks to the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority for supporting high school athletes through a grant to our Sports Medicine Program. Dignity Health East Valley administers collegiate-level athletic training and sports injury care for athletes at junior high and high schools in Chandler, Gilbert and Queen Creek. Since its implementation in 2014, the Sports Medicine Program has grown to provide services to over 21,000 student-athletes across three East Valley school districts. The grant provided much-needed equipment, supplies and technology for schools throughout the program.



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Blue Cross Blue Shield Supports Mental Wellness

Blue Cross Blue Shield is partnering with the Dignity Health East Valley Children's Dental Clinic to provide start-up funding for a program that helps identify mental health needs of children who visit the clinic. Several studies have revealed an urgent need to address the psychological well-being of Arizona youth who in recent years have ranked higher than national estimates in depression and attempted suicide. The grant will allow hygienists to receive training on how to conduct mental and behavioral health screenings during dental visits and refer patients to our partners at Southwest Behavioral Health for further intervention and treatment.



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Upcoming events

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Annual Brain Tumor Survivors Retreat

The Faith, Hope and Love Brain Tumor Survivors Retreat will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Chandler this fall.

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It's in the Bag Soiree at Dillard's

Dillard's at Chandler Fashion Center is excited to welcome back a favorite event that supports Women's and Children's programs in the East Valley. More details to be announced.

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Save the Date: George Rozsa Golf Classic

Each year we gather to raise important funds for the needs of our hospital through the George Rozsa Golf Classic. Join us at Whirlwind Golf Club in 2023. Are you interested in joining the planning committee or learning about sponsorships?

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Family Remembrance Run - back for the 9th Year!

This annual run provides a safe space to honor and remember the lives lost but not forgotten. We appreciate Valley Women for Women for their years of support for this important event.

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