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TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS

As we reflect on 2021, we are overwhelmed with gratitude because behind every accomplishment was you. Not only did your support impact thousands of patients, their families and the community, but it filled our caregivers with a renewed sense of pride for our mission.

Together, we were able to expand our life-changing programs, acquire essential equipment for areas highly impacted by COVID-19 and most importantly support the heroic caregivers who have continued to keep our families safe during these challenging times.

There are not enough words to describe our deepest appreciation, but “thank you” is a phrase we will never stop saying. Since 1956, the High Desert community has played an active role in shaping what Providence St. Mary has become. Your continuous commitment to support our plans for growth will accelerate us to the next level and expand access to high-level compassionate care.

As you read through our latest achievements, we hope you feel a sense of pride in what you made possible. Our ability to keep pace with the needs of our community is because of your compassion for others. We are grateful to have you within the Providence St. Mary family.

Thank you again for your continuous trust and partnership. We look forward to another exciting year of great achievements.

Sincerely,

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INVESTING IN HEALTH FOR A BETTER HIGH DESERT

Thanks to community support, we have accomplished so much in 2021.

As we look forward to what comes next, we plan to build on our legacy of care and innovation for the community. In philanthropy, our priority is to invest in health for a better High Desert, focusing on our people, our ministry, our community and innovation.

People

We need to support each person at Providence St. Mary so they can ensure the health and wellness of our communities, including physicians, nurses and the ancillary caregivers whose work is essential to everything we do in the medical center.

Ministry

Our medical center provides world-class care, close to home. We must focus efforts within the ministry itself, from securing essential resources to opportunities for growth and building partnerships in the community.



Community

Providence St. Mary recognizes the collective health impact our ministry has in the High Desert. We look to improve the most pressing needs in the region, provide better care to our rural neighborhoods and enhance health equity throughout the community.

Innovation

We know the importance of innovation in care delivery. We look for new and innovative ways to integrate delivery of care, build new and expanded partnerships and invest in the future state of our Apple Valley campus.

Providence St. Mary is more than a medical center; it is a community, and we could not accomplish any of this without our supporters.

YOUR IMPACT

Thanks to your generosity, **\$3,238,516** was raised in 2021 to enhance patient care at Providence St. Mary Medical Center as it continues to excel as one of the best hospitals in the High Desert. We are grateful for the community's support that made these enhancements possible, so that we can deliver the best care to our patients.

— Randy Castillo, Chief Executive,
Providence St. Mary Medical Center



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COVID-19 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In partnership with our donors and grants from the Public Health Institute – Together Toward Health and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Providence St. Mary helped slow the spread of COVID-19, particularly for those most at-risk to the virus.

Over the year, we focused on culturally informed outreach to the region's vulnerable and rural populations with less access to health information and resources. As the pandemic progressed, we provided new information such as recommended masking and social distancing, availability of vaccines and testing and new guidance from public health organizations. To help promote safety measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we conducted outreach to the community. This included our *Mask Up With Pride* campaign, celebrating the history of mask wearing and honoring the many contributions diverse cultures have made to our community.

We shared educational materials and distributed resources to 3,400 community members. Digital and print advertising and social media helped us share essential information to countless more. We also distributed health kits that included thermometers, face masks, sanitizer and gloves. With additional grant funding from the County of San Bernardino, we will continue supporting the community this year. As the pandemic continues to impact the High Desert, we want to ensure each person has what they need to stay healthy.



SUPPORTING OUR PHYSICIANS AND CAREGIVERS

The physicians, nurses and administrative caregivers at Providence St. Mary work tirelessly each day for our community. Thanks to you, we can support them in numerous ways to help alleviate the stressful aspects of their work during a most challenging year.

Last year, philanthropic funds were used to support our facility and security caregivers by purchasing a truck and golf cart to ease their work at the medical center. In addition, the physician's lounge was refurbished, providing them with a place for rest and recuperation. The foundation is now able to regularly support the wellness of our physicians and caregivers, from arranging a visit from Patrick the therapy pony to help alleviate their stress to rounding the medical center with snacks to thank and encourage them each day. These are part of our dedication to supporting the work they do and help foster a community where each physician and caregiver feels recognized and encouraged.



IMPROVING OUR NICU

Providence St. Mary is critical to the care of newborns in the High Desert. With the nearest Level III NICU more than 60 miles away, our medical center is called to bring more than 80 preterm and high-risk babies from other facilities each year. With infants arriving from as far as Fort Irwin, more than 75 miles away, as well as from local hospitals, NICU transporters are essential for moving these fragile new babies across the wide desert. Thanks to our donors and grant funds from the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation, a new NICU transporter was purchased. The transporter carried its first infant in December, who arrived safely and is thriving.

Philanthropic funds also purchased new Isolette® incubators, which are due to arrive this year. These provide a quiet and humidified environment for the more than 300 babies our NICU cares for each year.

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Our team at the Providence St. Mary Medical Center Foundation builds relationships with individuals and businesses to match donor wishes with the needs of the medical center. We are grateful for the community's generosity over the years. Please let us know how we can help you at 760-946-8841.

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