It’s hard to believe what we’ve been through since the start of the pandemic. What did COVID-19 teach us about how we deliver healthcare, and what do we need to rethink as a result?

We have realized our vulnerable areas and where we must focus in the future to ensure superior patient care: HEALTHCARE EQUITY, INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, DIGITAL CARE OPTIONS AND PANDEMIC READINESS. Your generous support has helped us build a bridge to a healthcare system that is MORE EQUITABLE, COORDINATED AND PROACTIVE. Thank you for your partnership.
YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

MOBILE STROKE UNIT VS STANDARD AMBULANCE

Fully integrated into the San Mateo County 911 system, this donor-funded unit has evaluated more than 200 patients, providing important data that patients treated on the MSU experience better outcomes.

97% receive tPA on MSU vs. 80% tPA to those brought to Emergency
53% full recovery after 3 months by MSU patients vs. 43% full recovery treated in standard ambulance
33% of MSU patients receive treatment within the “golden hour” from onset of stroke vs. 3% of patients transported by standard ambulance

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND GREATEST NEED

- Evaluation tents, expanded ICU capacity, and technology for remote monitoring represent operational changes funded in part by community gifts.
- Gifts-in-kind such as personal protective equipment, shoes, food and other helpful services also helped Mills-Peninsula remain flexible while keeping patients and staff safe.
- Geriatric emergency department accreditation and enhanced emergency protocols serve patients more effectively.

3D MAMMOGRAPHY

As the FIRST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL to upgrade all breast imaging to digital breast tomosynthesis technology (DBT) it has been the most impactful change to women’s health in a decade. Cancer is detected earlier (stage 0 or 1) increasing treatment options and leading to better outcomes. Call-backs have decreased from 17% before DBT to 10.5% in 2019, reducing radiation exposure and unnecessary anxiety. Enhanced imaging equipment and state-of-the-art biopsy tools continue to expand with donor support.

ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH

This 5-YEAR FUNDRAISING PRIORITY helps support our adolescents by providing them with access to critical mental health resources and support. From providing social emotional and learning tools to 95,000 students in San Mateo County public schools to aligning with community partners, this work will help ensure that adolescents and their families have wraparound mental health support when they need it most.

DIGITAL INNOVATION

Across the Bay Area > 400 DONORS provided funding to:
- Supply tablets for nearly 5,000 clinicians who delivered 1 million video visits
- Enhance My Health Online patient portal to allow for better collaboration with care teams and appointment scheduling
- Advance remote patient monitoring to drive care and safety beyond the pandemic

GRANTS & DISBURSEMENTS

$2.3 MILLION

In 2020, the Foundation funded nearly $2.3 million for 19 requests submitted by clinical teams to acquire cutting-edge technologies to improve patient care. Grants supported state-of-the-art breast ultrasound and mammography technology, enhanced portable imaging and a UV disinfecting robot, amongst others. Since its inception, this popular program has distributed more than $12 million to departments across Mills-Peninsula.
COVID-19 Impact

$3.4 MILLION RAISED
Allows for purchase of hi-tech cardiac monitoring equipment

>350 GIFTS-IN-KIND
PPE of all kinds, disinfectants, meals and housing to support our frontline teams

$1 MILLION RELEASED IMMEDIATELY
For COVID-19 response efforts including ICU equipment, ECMO, isolation towers & lab/blood equipment

$1 MILLION
For iPads for rapid expansion of telemedicine

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic provided clarity for so many of us about what matters most: SAFETY, EQUITY, COMMUNITY, HEALTHCARE, and – most of all – CONNECTION WITH OTHERS. As our philanthropic partners, you have already made it a priority to improve the health and well-being of those around you.

Thanks to you, Mills-Peninsula Medical Center has been able to continue providing compassionate care during this last year to those who need it most. We’re looking forward to giving and receiving physical hugs in the not-too-distant future.
“At the end of the day, philanthropy is a vehicle for change. The global pandemic shined a light on various areas of healthcare in need of change. Philanthropy’s task is to accelerate this transformation wherever possible by inviting grateful patients and generous community members to participate in this journey.”

--Peter Gieleniak
President, Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation