In 2021 philanthropy invested nearly $8 million to benefit MPMC to bring cutting-edge technologies and innovative programs to our hospitals. This represented a 64% increase in funds released in 2020, and was a key strategy for philanthropy to help the organization. Our team partnered with senior leaders and recognized 2021 as a critical year of need throughout the organization. By investing donor dollars in advanced cardiovascular imaging tools, precision radiation oncology tools and our mobile stroke unit, philanthropy made an immediate impact.

Donors like you provide the margin of excellence to ensure that we care for every patient who seeks help. Your generosity lifts the spirits of our physicians and employees, often reminding each of us why we choose careers in healthcare. It motivates and inspires our organization and we are proud to share some of the impact your generosity has made in the community.
BUILDING HEALTHCARE FOR THE FUTURE

Gifts large and small from more than 2,100 donors—nearly 500 first time donors—were designated to support a wide range of programs including behavioral health, cardiology, cancer care and treatment, COVID-19 relief, neurology/stroke care, research or our greatest need fund. Since its inception, MPHF has funded new equipment, facility improvements, nursing education and enhanced patient comfort, safety, services and programs that exceed MPMC’s normal operating budget.

COVID-19 Relief
Ongoing philanthropic support for the COVID-19 Relief Fund enhances patient safety by creating separate treatment areas in the Emergency Department and new medical equipment, such as a Disinfection Robot.

Breast Health
Released $380K toward enhanced imaging equipment and state-of-the-art biopsy tools. 3D mammography has increased cancers 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.

Radiation Oncology Precision
Donor gifts brought Stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR), or body radiation therapy, a highly focused radiation treatment that gives an intense dose of radiation concentrated on a tumor, while limiting the dose to the surrounding organs.
Adolescent Behavioral Health
$1 million designated to enhance behavioral health services including partnering with the San Mateo School District to deliver SEL (Social Emotional Learning) curriculum district wide. Trainings in English and Spanish reached more than 2,300 people through 100 hours of training to provide tangible skills for teachers, students and families to manage emotions, regulate self-care and build community resiliency necessary through the pandemic.

Scout by Sutter Health
Recognized by Fast Company’s World Changing Ideas 2021, Scout by Sutter Health, is a mental health tool designed for youth to offer personalized, non-clinical support to manage anxiety and depression. More than 1,600 referrals have been made to date with one survey showing 95% finding the content meaningful.

Nursing Scholarships
MPHF partners with the Mills-Peninsula Auxiliary to encourage local residents and employees to pursue careers in healthcare. 35K was invested in nursing scholarships awarded to more than 2 dozen students in 2021.

Mobile Stroke Unit
Fully integrated into the San Mateo County 911 system, this donor funded unit has evaluated more than 200 patients finding those receiving treatment are leaving the hospital disability-free. Recent research confirms better average quality of life compared with those who received standard care by emergency medical services and even greater improvement in quality of life for those treated by MSU v. standard emergency care.

Heart and Vascular Programs
$1.68M released for Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging technologies and a 256 Slice CT Scanner to aid in the treatment and diagnosis of heart and vascular disease. These technologies and advance programs are the foundation for many awards including Get with the Guidelines - Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association recipient year after year.
DOCTORS’ DAY / HONORING CAREGIVERS

Thousands of donors honor their caregivers each year through Doctors’ Day gifts that often replenish our Funds for Excellence. Physicians and caregivers enjoy your thoughtful wishes and generous gifts, lifting their spirits and reenergizing them in the process.

31% OF GIFTS TO MPHF CAME FROM 1ST TIME DONORS

INVESTMENT BY TYPE:

$5.64M
CAPITAL

+$
$2.23M
PROGRAM

PHYSICIAN & STAFF WELLNESS:

Donor gifts supporting physicians, clinicians and staff during these difficult pandemic years included massage chairs recognizing nurses and reinforcing wellness.

TOP INVESTMENT BY SERVICE:

$2.1M
Cardiovascular Care

$1.5M
Neurology Care

$1.0M
Laparoscopic & Orthopedic Surgical Equipment

$500K
Cancer Care Upgrades

2021 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

"THIS PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT DRIVES A SHARED PURPOSE AND DEDICATION TO A MISSION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE IN EACH OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CLEAR THAT EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE."

- Janet Wagner | CEO Mills-Peninsula Medical Center

With healthcare entering the third year of the pandemic, there is optimism that medical treatments, vaccines and other tools in our fight against COVID-19 are bringing us to a more hopeful place for 2022. What is equally inspiring is the outpouring of support from MPHF donors. In 2021, we received more than $7.25 million from generous members of our community. This represents an incredible achievement to support our physician, clinician and employee partners. Thank you.

INVESTING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

$29M INVESTED
since inception of Grants & Disbursements

GREATEST NEED
Unrestricted gifts and gifts to Greatest Need can be deployed quickly to fund unforeseen needs like COVID relief. They are also used to help physicians and department teams innovate and pilot cutting-edge technologies or programs.

GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

In 2021 the popular Grants & Disbursements program awarded $1.86 million to projects submitted from across the organization to fund 19 projects. These immediate investments included new equipment for neurosurgeons and the neuro interventionalist team, cardiac cath lab enhancements and cutting-edge tools for ENT specialists to remove obstructing tissue from the central airway. Since its inception in 2010, nearly $29 million has been invested in innovative programs and technologies.