It’s hard to believe what we’ve been through since the beginning 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

PAMF-WIDE

- Ongoing support for the groundbreaking Health Equity Index, pulling from a robust and diverse dataset to analyze patient experience and outcomes put PAMF and Sutter on the national stage in the health equity discussion. >30% of direct medical care expenditures for people of color are the result of health inequities. Research on the inequities in COVID, asthma, diabetes and pregnancy care continue to guide treatment and community partnership opportunities locally.

- 9 PAMFRI research projects funded in 2020 to enhance cancer detection, optimize patient outcomes in total joint replacement and help create a population health algorithm to flag potential heart failure.

85 Pre-Med Scholarships awarded since 1992

>50% First in family to attend college

61% Women

Physician mentors add unique component to PAMF scholars, encouraging a pipeline of young doctors. In 2021, scholarship amount raised to $30,000 over 5 YEARS and 7 STUDENTS received awards, up from 4 LAST YEAR due to one large gift in 2020.

ALAMEDA

A new Hematology Analyzer, equipped with fluorescent technology to differentiate white blood cells purchased to help determine malignant cancers, leading to earlier detection and diagnosis for oncology and hematology patients.

DIGITAL INNOVATION

Across the Bay Area philanthropy 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

PALO ALTO

In order to serve a growing number of urology patients, advanced imaging and diagnostic tools for bladder, kidney and prostate cancer were acquired. This new technology helps increase cancer detection rates and reduces recurrence.

Additionally, a new Blue Light Cystoscopy—a first in an ambulatory surgery center setting—detects bladder cancer without additional procedures.

SANTA CRUZ

A new Holmium laser provides minimally invasive options to fight prostate cancer.

Time in surgery decreases in half—allowing for faster recovery, improved outcomes and better patient experience.

Laser also enables surgeon to remove just the cancer vs. the entire prostate.

SOUTH BAY

Advancing breast cancer care in the South Bay, a new stereotactic biopsy table will allow for greater access to biopsies 5 DAYS a week at the Mountain View Facility for MORE THAN 500 PATIENTS annually.
COVID-19 Impact

$3.1 MILLION RELEASED

$1 MILLION FOR RESEARCH AND HEALTH EQUITY
Maternal CARES study, Physician Serology Study, COVID testing for underserved, Lucira at home testing trial

$1 MILLION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE CLINICS, MASS VACCINATION CLINICS AND OTHER VITAL SERVICES

$1 MILLION FOR IPADS FOR RAPID EXPANSION OF TELEMEDICINE

Thanks to you, Palo Alto Medical Foundation 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.
COVID-19 RESPONSE BY THE NUMBERS

Expanded COVID-19 testing capacity to 5,500 per day

Opened mass COVID-19 vaccination sites 6

Purchased Technology and Equipment - high flow oxygen systems, lab equipment for testing, PPE

Expanded to administer 25,000 vaccines per day

Administered more than 600,000 vaccines through May

Enabled safe access to primary and specialty care visits through telehealth

Supplied 2,000 pulse oximeters helping to reduce ER visits

Completed 1,000,000 video visits by December 2020, compared to 7,000 total in 2019

“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.”

--Shannon Brady
Executive Director of Philanthropy, PAMF