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Philanthropic Impact Report

2026


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The USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation raises and manages funds for the hospital's greatest needs, including leading-edge equipment, facility improvements, patient programs, clinical training, and community health education.



Foundation Board Chair message

Welcome to the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation's 2026 Impact Report.

Looking back on the past year, I am deeply grateful for the generosity and steadfast support you have shown our community hospital. Because of you, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital continues to provide exceptional care close to home—care grounded in compassion, empathy, and clinical excellence.

Together, we have advanced patient care, expanded access to essential services, and strengthened the hospital family that serves our neighbors every day. Your support has helped make meaningful progress possible, from investing in life-saving equipment and innovative technology to expanding outreach programs that promote a healthier, more resilient community.

Every gift makes a difference. Behind each contribution is a patient receiving the care they need, a family finding reassurance during a difficult moment, and a healthcare professional equipped to make a lasting impact. Your philanthropy is at the heart of this work, and its impact can be felt throughout our hospital and across the communities we serve.

As Board Chair, I want to personally thank you. The progress reflected in this report belongs to all of us. It is a testament to what we can accomplish when compassionate people come together around a shared commitment to excellent, accessible healthcare.

With your continued partnership, we will build on this momentum, embrace innovation, deepen our connections with our neighbors, and help ensure that USC Verdugo Hills Hospital remains a trusted source of care for generations to come.

Warm Regards,

Marcie Sabatella

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USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board Chair

Foundation Executive Director message



During my first two years as Executive Director, I have been continually inspired by the generosity and commitment of our Foundation Board, Women's Council, donors, volunteers, and community partners. Time and again, I have seen our community come together to invest in a healthier future for all.

This year, that commitment fueled transformational progress—from advancing plans for our Emergency Department and Comprehensive Breast Imaging Center expansions to strengthening nursing education, expanding community health programs, and investing in innovative technologies that enhance patient care.

The stories throughout this report reflect what is possible when philanthropy and purpose come together. Every gift strengthens our ability to provide exceptional, compassionate care close to home and helps ensure USC Verdugo Hills Hospital continues to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and generosity. It is an honor to serve alongside you as we continue building a healthier future together.

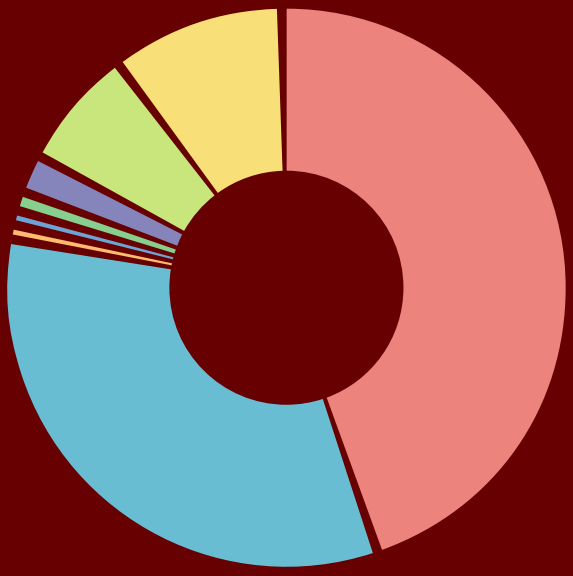
With gratitude,

Nora McCarl

Nora McCarl
President, Executive Director
USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation

By the Numbers

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Funding Transfers for FY26



Nursing Education	$653,683
IR/Cardiac Cath Lab	$479,791
Community Resource Center for Aging	$137,963
Equipment	$96,553
Community Education	$23,196
Physical Medicine & Rehab	$9,491
Patient and Family Services	$5,241
Patient Experience	$4,650
Total	**$1,410,568**

$2.2M
TOTAL FUNDRAISING
(▲17% FROM FY25)

$2.9M
CASH COLLECTED, INCLUDING
PREVIOUS PLEDGES (▲134% FROM FY25)

8
DONATIONS OF
$50K+

668
INDIVIDUAL
DONATIONS

388
INDIVIDUAL
DONORS

136
FIRST-TIME
DONORS


HEROES
SIDEKICK
HERE TO SAVE THE DAY!
not all SUPERHEROES wear capes
NEVER FEAR! I AM HERE!
SUIT UP!
FORGOT MY CAPE
FIGHT ON!
DAMSEL IN DISTRESS

Awards

Innovation is more than technology—it is the ability to deliver safer, more personalized, and more connected care for every patient who walks through our doors.

Advancing Care Through Innovation

As part of a world-class health system, our community hospital continues to advance care through leading clinical expertise, innovative technologies, and modern care environments that improve outcomes and enhance patient experience.

These advances are making a meaningful difference across key service lines. In urology, cardiovascular care, and breast surgery, innovative techniques and technologies are helping physicians provide precise, effective treatments with shorter recovery times. Our new Sleep Center expands access to specialized care, helping patients address conditions that impact long-term health and quality of life.

At the same time, significant construction and renovation projects are transforming our campus to better serve patients, families, and caregivers. Investments in upgraded clinics, enhanced care spaces, and modernized public areas are creating a more welcoming, efficient, and patient-centered environment.

Our Emergency Department expansion will increase our capacity for emergent needs, enhance patient experience, and support more streamlined care. Our capacity for preventive and diagnostic imaging services will double with the expansion of our Comprehensive Breast Imaging Center, enabling us to care for more women in our community. These initiatives reflect our long-term commitment to clinical excellence and the evolving needs of our community.

Philanthropy remains a vital catalyst for this progress. Donor support helps accelerate innovation, advance facility improvements, and bring new technologies, programs, and services to our community. Planned gifts especially help ensure these investments continue well into the future, creating a legacy of exceptional care for generations to come.

Together, we are building a healthier future—one defined by innovation, compassion, and exceptional care close to home.



"By investing in advanced technology, modern facilities, and expanded services, we are improving patient outcomes, expanding access to care, and meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our community."

Armand Dorian, MD, CEO



Image courtesy of DLR Group Architect with Harry H. Joh Contractors

Patient-Centered Design for Emergency Department Expansion

Every day, our Emergency Department stands ready to provide expert care when every second counts. From life-threatening emergencies to unexpected illnesses and injuries, we care for approximately 30,000 patients of all ages each year—delivering timely, high-quality treatment when our community needs it most.



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have completed the design phase of the Emergency Department Expansion, guided by patient-centered design principles that prioritize comfort, dignity, privacy, and healing.

Planned features include additional private treatment spaces, enhanced accommodation for family members and caregivers, and thoughtfully designed care areas that support both patient well-being and clinical excellence.

When complete, the expanded Emergency Department will increase treatment areas by 50%, helping ensure more patients can receive timely, high-quality care in a setting designed around their needs. The project reflects our commitment to providing exceptional emergency services while meeting the growing healthcare needs of our community.

We are deeply grateful to the visionary donors who have made this progress possible and continue to move this transformative vision forward.

Continued philanthropic investment will help bring this vision to life by creating a healing environment where patients, families, and caregivers feel supported during life's most critical moments. Together, we are building a stronger future for emergency care—one that delivers exceptional, leading-edge care for our community.

Thanks to a generous $250,000 matching gift from **Sue and Steve Wilder,** every gift to the Emergency Department Expansion Project made by **December 31** will be matched dollar for dollar. **Scan to give today and double your impact.**

Emergency Department Expansion Project

Philanthropic Gifts to Date

Individual Community Member Gifts	$1,025,000
USC VHH Foundation Board Pledge	$1,000,000
USC VHH Foundation Board Member Gifts	$642,500
Annual Golf Classics	$232,100
Caduceus Society Gift	$50,000
Total	**$2,949,600**

206 individual donors

10 gifts of **$50,000+**

Largest individual gift **$500,000**

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At the Heart of Patient Care: The Impact of Nursing Excellence

Donor support is empowering our nurses to elevate the care they provide every day. Through investments in education and professional development, they are strengthening clinical expertise, critical thinking, communication, advocacy, and leadership skills that lead to better patient outcomes and exceptional patient-centered care.

From nurse residency training and specialty certification to professional conferences, research, and scholarly publications, these opportunities equip nurses not only with advanced clinical knowledge, but also with the confidence, compassion, and judgment needed to make a meaningful difference when it matters most.

This year, donor investments—including support from the Dr. Eiming Djang Nursing Education Endowment and the Gill Family Fund for Emergency Medicine Training—helped advance nursing excellence in meaningful ways, strengthening professional growth and enhancing the quality, safety, and compassion of care experienced by patients and families every day.

"Professional development empowers nurses to practice with both intellect and heart—strengthening their ability to notice, interpret, advocate, and act in the best interest of patients and families. The result is care from nurses who are not only compassionate, but also knowledgeable, intentional, and fully engaged in helping patients feel safe, heard, and supported."

Leah Korkis, MSN, RN, AGCNS, NPD-BC, Director of Clinical Education and Nursing Excellence

50 **nurses** completed the O'Rourke Professional Role Development Program, with 26% becoming certified mentors

3 **peer-reviewed journal articles were published** by our nursing leadership, advancing nursing knowledge and impacting exceptional patient care

Caring for Our Community

A Day of Discovery for the Next Generation

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital inspired the next generation of potential healthcare professionals through its annual Healthcare Day of Discovery. Glendale Community College students participated in hands-on learning experiences, including ultrasound demonstrations, patient positioning techniques, and stroke recognition, while connecting directly with clinicians and staff. By bridging the gap between education and practice, the program helps students envision meaningful careers in healthcare.



Community Resource Center for Aging Offers Compassion, Connection, and Healing

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Grief & Loss: Beyond Blue program provides older adults with compassionate support, meaningful connection, and hope as they navigate the loss of a loved one. This year, the Community Resource Center for Aging provided approximately 1,900 consultations and support services to more than 600 individuals, including nearly 190 related to grief and loss. Two six-week Beyond Blue support groups and seven reunions served 100 participants, creating a safe space for healing, resilience, and renewed purpose. Thanks to philanthropic support from the Navigage Foundation, Beyond Blue continues to provide comfort and community to those facing life's most difficult transitions.

Bingo in Pink: A Winning Night for Women's Health

Community members, supporters, and breast health advocates came together for the USC VHH Foundation Women's Council's annual Bingo in Pink event, raising record-breaking support for the expansion of the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Comprehensive Breast Imaging Center. The fun-filled evening combined friendly competition with a powerful purpose—helping bring leading-edge breast imaging technology to more women in our community. Proceeds from the event will help double the Center's capacity, expanding access to advanced screening and diagnostic services that support earlier detection, timely treatment, and better outcomes for patients and their families.










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Above: Sue Wilder

35th Anniversary Golf Classic: Supporting Our Greatest Needs

The 35th Anniversary Golf Classic was a remarkable celebration of philanthropy, with generous donors and corporate sponsors raising nearly $800,000 to support USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's greatest needs.

The event also inspired extraordinary support for the Emergency Department Expansion project, generating more than $260,000 through the generosity of Sue and Steve Wilder, whose matching gift amplified the impact of every contribution.

Special thanks to the USC Spirit of Troy Marching Band, our Golf Classic Committee, event volunteers, USC VHH Foundation Women's Council, the USC VHH Foundation Board, and our event Co-Chairs, Talin and Thomas Atamian.

Save the Date for next year! September 20, 2027.

Left page: Top: USC Spirit of Troy Marching Band. Center Left: Dr. Tarina Kang, Irene Rodriguez, Dr. Armand Dorian. Center: Robert Moore, Tina Marie Ito, Carlo and Mira Manalo. Center Right: Rodney Swan, Talia, Talin, and Thomas Atamian, Dr. Armand Dorian, Nora McCarl, Marcie Sabatella, Dr. Steven Shapiro. Bottom: Golf Classic Dinner Reception Live Auction.

On behalf of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital,

thank you for your philanthropic impact on the health and wellbeing of our community.

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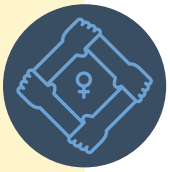
Barbara Jordan
Administrative Assistant II

How to Get Involved



Share Your Story!

Share your patient experience with us and help raise awareness of the exceptional care provided throughout our hospital.



Join our Women's Council

Join our volunteer fundraising group supporting hospital programs, patient services and nursing education since 1973.



Become a USC VHH Ambassador

Engage your network and host a fundraiser to support the hospital's greatest needs and make a meaningful difference.



Provide a Legacy of Health

Create a lasting legacy of exceptional care by including a meaningful gift to the hospital in your estate plan.



Donate Any Amount

Support our hospital's greatest needs with a gift of any size. Scan the QR code or visit **giveto.usc.edu/health-verdugo-hills-hospital**

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