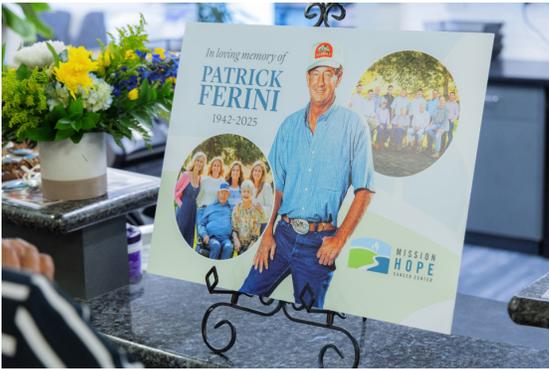


Plaque Dedicated to the Late Patrick Ferini *thanks to generous \$100,000 gift from Betteravia Farms & Bonipak Produce*



Mission Hope Cancer Center hosted a plaque unveiling ceremony to honor an incredibly influential man and community supporter, Patrick Ferini.

Patrick was a well-respected Santa Maria community member who inspired many through his leadership, heartfelt compassion, and generosity. His loved ones gathered at Mission Hope Cancer Center to commemorate Patrick's legacy and to celebrate a \$100,000 donation from Betteravia Farms and Bonipak Produce made in Patrick's memory.



A plaque bearing Patrick's name was placed on the third-floor entrance of the Medical Oncology office he visited during his two separate battles with cancer. Inspired by the care and service Patrick and his family received, his surviving loved ones chose to honor his life and legacy by graciously supporting our community's thousands of cancer patients and their families who are facing one of life's greatest challenges as they fight the disease.

Following the plaque unveiling ceremony, Father Ed Jalbert blessed the plaque in Patrick's name and blessed those in attendance. Additionally, it was beautifully fitting that the ceremony concluded with Patrick's daughters, Julie, Christine, Joanie, and Sara, sharing heartfelt reflections of gratitude for their father.



This meaningful gift in loving memory of Patrick is a tribute to his legacy, which will live on within Mission Hope Cancer Center and every life that is touched by the healing work taking place within the center's walls.

“His experience not only as a patient of Mission Hope but as a life-long member of this community, was a huge part of why this gift was given to Mission Hope Cancer Center. He was a man of deep generosity, someone who never hesitated to give his time, his energy, or resources to help others. He always wanted to give back to the people that touched his life. My dad was a man with a big heart, a sharp mind, and a deep love for his community.”

- Julie Epps, Daughter of Patrick Ferini



Drs. Keval & Deeshali Shah donate \$10,000 *to advance Dignity Health's mission in the community*

Our organization would like to express sincere appreciation to Drs. Keval and Deeshali Shah for their significant support of Marian Regional Medical Center, made possible by a generous \$10,000 unrestricted gift to the Marian Foundation. Dr. Keval Shah, a gastroenterologist, and Dr. Deeshali Shah, a radiologist, have witnessed firsthand how the care Marian provides to the community is both exceptional and life-saving. The Shahs' unwavering commitment to the well-being of others, both in their daily work as physicians and now through this impactful gift, will help our hospital advance healthcare in our community.



From their respective workplaces to their growing involvement in the many things that make our region so special, the Shahs' love for the Central Coast deepens each day. As such, the Shahs chose to make an unrestricted donation to Marian because these much-needed funds are especially meaningful, allowing the hospital to respond quickly and effectively to emerging needs, such as acquiring advanced medical technology, expanding patient services, or investing in facility improvements. Please join our organization in thanking the Shahs for their generosity, which ensures that Marian Regional Medical Center will continue delivering high-quality, life-saving care to all community members who walk through our doors.

Pediatric Dept. happiness bags *donated by Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria*

Marian's Pediatric Department recently received a heartwarming visit from Marjorie Hord and Donna Beal of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria. They generously donated 24 Happiness Bags filled with fun activities and thoughtful goodies for our young patients.

These special bags were made possible through a generous grant awarded to our local Kiwanis Club by the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund, a nonprofit foundation that supports programs benefiting children's health, safety, and education throughout California, Nevada, and Hawaii. The gifts will help bring comfort, creativity, and joy to children during their stay at our hospital.

Thanks to this act of kindness, our pediatric patients can enjoy coloring books, stuffed animals, art supplies, and many other delightful surprises. We are truly grateful for the continued support of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Maria!



Legion of Marian 2025 Celebration

awards Emergency & Trauma Services as this year's funded project

The Legion of Marian 2025 Beneficiary Celebration took place on May 18 at the beautiful Presqu'ile Winery in Santa Maria.

Our generous Legion of Marian members voted for their top project among the three presented for funding for Fiscal Year 2024-25: Heart Center Services requesting a CoroFlow and CathWorks system, Surgical Services requesting a Da Vinci Robotic Surgery Imaging Tower, and Emergency and Trauma Services requesting additional Belmont Rapid Infusers.

After thoughtful presentations from three critical programs presented in the fall, winter, and spring, we are proud to announce that Emergency and Trauma Services and its request for a Belmont Rapid Infuser was selected as the 2025 funding recipient.



Area Student's Donation to Marian's Pediatric Closet



Janeth Ruiz, who just finished up sixth grade at Joe Nightingale Elementary in Orcutt, has been a dedicated supporter of Marian Regional Medical Center's Pediatric Closet since kindergarten, transforming discarded clothing into a lifeline for families in need.

Janeth continued her tradition by donating dozens of sweaters and jackets collected from her school's lost and found to the hospital's Pediatric Closet. This contribution is the latest in a series of generous gifts Janeth has made throughout her childhood!

“The best part is knowing these clothes are going to people in need, to people who can't afford them or get them easily.”

- Janeth Ruiz

Dr. Merrill Retires & thanks from Marian Foundation



For over 30 years, starting in 1992 in our Emergency Department, Dr. Chuck Merrill has been a pillar of Marian Regional Medical Center. Since becoming Chief Medical Officer in 2005, his leadership, compassion, and dedication have touched countless lives.

Dr. Merrill's impact at the hospital is undeniable and that work extends to the board of the Marian Foundation. We'll miss his warmth, wisdom, and legendary sense of humor and we cannot thank him enough for supporting us and our mission over the years.

Thank you, Dr. Merrill, for your incredible service!

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