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**REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR 2023** 



## A Message from Our Chair

The continued closure of CA-150 due to a major mudslide is an important reminder of the vital role our hospital plays in serving the Ojai Valley. Our hospital is a critical resource to our community when the valley has been isolated by fires, floods, mudslides, and other natural disasters.

It's easy for some to take for granted having convenient access to local medical care. But the truth is, times have been hard for rural hospitals like ours. In the last 18 years, 100 rural hospitals in the U.S. have closed completely, while another 95 converted to emergency or outpatient care only. California alone has lost 9 rural hospitals since 2005. The good news for us. Community Memorial Hospital – Ojai is here to stay. And thanks to you and our incredible supporters, our beloved community resource will not only stay — but continue to thrive — caring for us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for decades to come.

In 2023 alone, our highly rated Emergency Department (ED) received 9,121 visits, providing lifesaving care to heart attack patients and accident victims, treating everything from food poisoning to concussions, and delivering the occasional baby who could just not wait to be born. With 25 beds in our acute care hospital, we have the ability to admit and treat residents of the

Ojai Valley, right here — close to home. Residents of our Continuing Care Center (CCC) also count on our hospital when a higher level of care is needed. In a typical week, our ED provides emergency care to a half dozen CCC patients. And when any patient of ours needs a higher or more specialized level of care, they can be transported to our sister hospital — Community Memorial Hospital – Ventura, ensuring seamless and vital continuity of care.

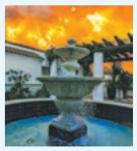


Whether adjusting to the impact of a natural disaster, or simply dealing with life's typical ups and downs, we are so grateful to you and the generosity of our engaged community for helping us fund the quality healthcare we need and deserve. Small but mighty, Community Memorial Hospital - Ojai is a true local treasure, and one of the many things that make our enchanting community such a wonderful place to live.

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Tiarzha Tavlor Chair **Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation** 

2023 mudslides continue to cripple highway 150.



In 2017 the Thomas Fire threatened our community and hospital.



(L – R) The Hop – Brenda and Gary Farr, Chairs and Haady Lashkari, Hospital Administer leads the hula hoop contest. Nightingale – Honorary Hosts Ron and Linda Phillips and Chairs Mary and David Trudeau, Ojai Quilters

## **Ojai Valley Hospital** Foundation Guild at Work

Guild volunteers continue to touch the hearts of our patients and long-term care residents. From weekly fresh flowers, crafts, art classes, story time, special luncheons, and music to weekly pet therapy visits, our volunteers contribute many hours providing activities that brighten the days of both patients and staff.

Two fundraising events presented by the Guild were a big success and tons of fun. The Hop, chaired by Brenda and Gary Farr, was held under the stars at Soule Park Golf Course on July 15. It took everyone back to the '50s with a Burger Bash, the Twist, and Hula Hoops — and raised funds for a new portable X-ray machine.

The second event, although technically held in 2024, was our Annual Nightingale Ball, January 13, 2024. We had an in-person event after a long hiatus due to COVID. This black tie event was held at the Ojai Valley Inn Farmhouse and more than 300 guests took to the dance floor, enjoyed a wonderful dinner, live auction, and celebrated great friendships. Funds raised from the Ball will go towards the acquisition of land adjacent to the hospital, which sets in motion our future plans for the campus.

### \$783,000 WAS DONATED TO THE HOSPITAL

Here are some of the items the community made possible:

Ongoing funding for the **Emergency Department which includes** physician coverage 24/7

**Portable X-ray Machine** 

**Bladder Scanner** 

Lucas Chest Compression System Funding for new clinical offices



Left: Maggie & Grover part of our pet therapy program and their sidekicks Peggy Russell and Jamie Maites Right: Kurt Caceres and the team who saved his life at Community Memorial Hospital – Oiai

## **Care By the Numbers**

Community Memorial Hospital – Ojai is a vital local resource that provides invaluable support to the surrounding area.

787,602	Prescriptions Filled
95,692	Lab Tests
36,905	PT Treatments
28,726	Patient Days
20,602	Radiology Procedures
15,414	Outpatient Visits
9,121	Emergency Room Visits
568	Admissions (Hospital & Continuing Care Center)

### Miracle of the Heart

Our ability to receive, treat, and stabilize cardiac arrest patients has proven to be a life-saving resource time and time again.

In 2023, actor Kurt Caceres suffered a cardiac arrest while visiting Ojai. Thanks to the care and collaboration of our local EMS providers, Community Memorial Hospital in Ojai, and our sister hospital in Ventura, Kurt made a miraculous recovery and is able to share his life-changing story and profound gratitude.

Read more at mycmh.org/heart.



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