

We Were Made to **Inspire Hope**

Inspiring more hope throughout the Mother Lode

Whenever I interview someone joining our team, I like to ask, “Did you choose healthcare, or did healthcare choose you?”

I didn’t choose healthcare at first. Squeamish at the sight of a needle, I was on a path to becoming an investment manager when the opportunity to interview with Adventist Health arose. I decided to begin my career in healthcare because I was inspired by the people who are called to serve others in their most vulnerable moments.

Twenty-five years later, I am still moved by this shared calling, and I am so grateful for our community of donors who have chosen to partner with us. Your support is vital to helping us ensure everyone in our community has access to excellent care. Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to build a second cardiac catheterization lab, where we began offering the first interventional cardiology program in the Sierra Nevada foothills last year. As you’ll read in the pages of this report, your generosity is saving lives and keeping loved ones close to home.

Thank you for answering the calling to care for others by being a donor to Adventist Health Sonora and all you do to help us to inspire health, wholeness, and hope in our community. We couldn’t be more grateful for your support!

Blessings,



Greg McCulloch, President
Adventist Health Sonora

A fond farewell to Andee Keller, and welcoming Karen Ortiz

This January, we said a fond farewell to Andee Keller on her well-deserved retirement from her role as Philanthropy Director. We are grateful for Andee’s contributions to philanthropy at Adventist Health Sonora and wish her the very best as she enjoys her next chapter.

We are thrilled to have welcomed Karen Ortiz as the next leader of our foundation. Karen comes to us with extensive experience in healthcare philanthropy and donor relations, most recently serving as Donor Relations Manager with Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics. Karen has also held development roles with the Alzheimer’s Association, Lompoc Hospital District and United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County.

Please join us in giving Karen a warm welcome to Adventist Health and to Sonora!

“I am excited to get to know this vibrant, close-knit community and channel our generosity toward making a real impact for our patients,” Karen says.

“I am inspired by the work this organization is doing and hopeful about all we can achieve together.”



Karen Ortiz
Philanthropy Director

Recurring gifts enable Adventist Health Sonora to provide sustainable support for patients in need and essential healthcare services.



Scan QR code to find a fund close to your heart and establish monthly gifts, or call 209-536-5029.



2024 was a milestone year for cardiac care in our community.

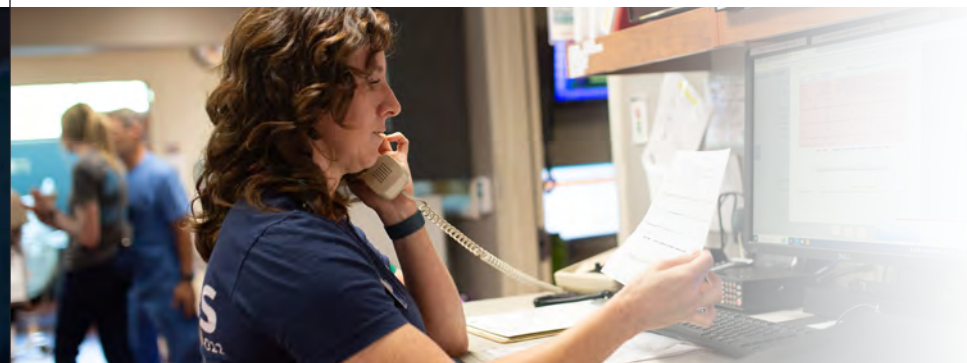
Thanks to gifts from our donors, we invested in the latest imaging and catheterization equipment to build out our second cardiac catheterization suite. In June, we earned state licensing and certification to offer percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), a lifesaving, non-surgical procedure that opens blockages and restores blood flow to the heart. This means that most people experiencing a heart attack in the Mother Lode can now receive immediate treatment here at home instead of having their care delayed by an hour or more to be transported to the next closest facility that can perform this procedure.

And every minute counts when it comes to a heart attack because, as

our clinicians say, time is muscle. Every minute the heart goes without oxygen causes more tissue death, which means a more challenging road to recovery, if the patient survives.

That's why we've invested in not only the tools and highly trained physicians and staff to perform PCI, but also the resources beyond our walls to provide this care as quickly as possible when emergency strikes.

This spring, we earned additional certification to become a STEMI receiving center, which automatically directs all ambulance traffic in the region to bring heart attack patients to our hospital for care. And with the support of our greatest need fund, we purchased modems to outfit local ambulances operated by Tuolumne County Ambulance Service.



Equipped with this technology, first responders can transmit electrocardiograms (EKGs) taken in the field directly to our emergency department if they suspect a patient is experiencing a heart attack. If a physician confirms a heart attack upon reading the EKG, we can activate the cardiac catheterization lab team before the patient even arrives at the hospital and provide even faster treatment when it matters most.



Small enough to fit in the palm of your hand, this modem is making an outsized impact for local patients experiencing a heart attack.

Watch Dale's story

When Dale Robbins had a heart attack, he faced a choice: stay in Sonora for treatment, or travel to the Central Valley. In his most vulnerable moment, the decision was easy for Dale: There was nowhere he trusted more with his life than his hometown hospital.



Scan the QR code to hear from Dale about why he had the confidence to undergo percutaneous coronary intervention at Adventist Health Sonora.



Total dollars raised in 2024:

\$1,276,391*



Total number of **gifts:** **2,216**



Number of **grants awarded:** **4**



448

Total number of **donors**

1,496 gas and grocery cards distributed to community members in need, totaling **\$55,255**



The generous women of the Pine Mountain Lake Lady Niners golf club host an annual fundraising tournament to benefit the Cancer Patient Support Fund, which provides critical financial support to local cancer patients in our community.

Their 2024 tournament raised \$7,500, more than ever before. We are so grateful for these incredible women and their generosity!

*Includes pledges, cash and recurring gifts made in calendar year 2024

Breakdown of dollars raised

\$97,813

Patient and Employee Assistance

\$392,859

Cardiology, Cancer Center,
Digestive Health, and Other Services

\$20,983

Greatest
Need

\$3,008

Wellness and Clinical
Health Education

Grants

\$150,000

Family Medicine
Residency Program

\$70,120

Behavioral Health
Navigator Program

\$141,608

CITED PATH Round 3
Initiative to break barriers
to care for Medi-Cal patients

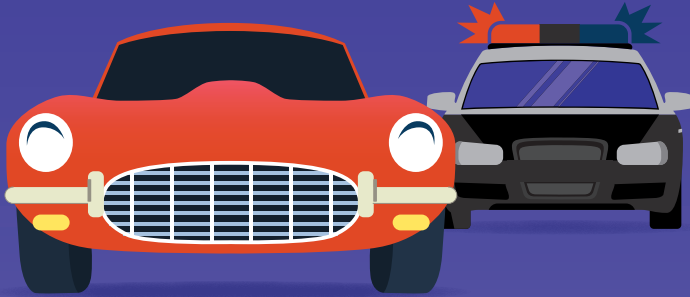
\$400,000

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Program

4th ANNUAL

Cars, Cops and Coffee

A car show benefiting the Cancer Patient Support Fund



HOSTED BY

Adventist Health Sonora at the Health Pavilion
and Diana J. White Cancer Institute

Join us for a free, family-friendly car show and
support families facing cancer in our community.

- Classic cars and custom vehicles
- Live music by The Lack Family
- Free coffee and donuts
- Specialty coffee and other breakfast items for purchase
- Kona Ice
- Face painting and outdoor games

 Sunday, May 18, 2025

 8 – 11 a.m.

 900 Mono Way, Sonora

For more information:

Visit AdventistHealthSonora.org/CarShow

Call 209-536-5029

Email OrtizKD02@ah.org

Event admission is free.

Car show vehicle entry starts at \$25.

Sponsorships start at \$250.

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