



Inspiring Hope and **Building Change**



White Memorial
Charitable Foundation





MISSION STATEMENT

The Charitable
Foundation creates and
sustains philanthropic
relationships. With our
donors as partners, we are
committed to supporting
the programs and services
provided by Adventist
Health White Memorial
which improve and enhance
quality of life in our
community.

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A Message from Our Board Chair



RUBEN MACIEL
Adventist Health White Memorial Charitable Foundation

Thank you for your incredible support in 2024. Your generosity has inspired hope, change and healing for so many in our community. Every story of care and compassion this year was made possible because of you.

Together, we are proud to share that we raised more than \$13 million. These funds expanded programs, brought resources to our community and helped more families access the compassionate care Adventist Health White Memorial is known for. Your support has made life better for everyone in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello by ensuring they have access to care close to home.

Your generosity in 2024 also helped us fully welcome the Montebello community into the Adventist Health White Memorial family. Thanks to you, more families now have doctors, nurses and vital services right where they need them.

The hope you’ve inspired energizes us as we look to the future. It drives our commitment to bring care to even more people in the communities we serve.

Thank you for being a vital part of this journey and for making such a meaningful difference.

Ruben Maciel
Chair, Adventist Health White Memorial Charitable Foundation
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Foundation Board of Directors | 2023–2024

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Inspiring Hope and Building Change

OUR PURPOSE

The Adventist Health White Memorial Charitable Foundation was incorporated in 1984 and has served as the leader of Adventist Health White Memorial's fundraising activities, inspiring health, wholeness and hope. We create and sustain philanthropic relationships with donors as our partners.

OUR CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

For 40 years, the Adventist Health White Memorial Charitable Foundation has been increasing the hospital's ability to provide comprehensive medical services and care. The foundation's board of directors is comprised of a dynamic group of volunteers, who support the hospital's mission of improving the health and quality of life of our community.

These volunteers support the Charitable Foundation in raising critical funding through corporate sponsorships, individual donations, estate gifts, grants, special events and more.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and community leaders, we have the privilege of supporting the groundbreaking and life-changing work of Adventist Health White Memorial Los Angeles and Montebello. Every day, our hospital is making a real difference in the lives of the residents of our Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and Montebello communities. Our donor support helps purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and support the hospital's work in population health, medical research—including Hispanic-focused research—and health education.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Established in 1913, Adventist Health White Memorial is regionally recognized for its state-of-the-art technology and specialty-care services provided by some of the finest physicians in Los Angeles who are dedicated to pioneering research and committed to compassionate and culturally competent care for everyone, regardless of socioeconomic background.

Adventist Health White Memorial Los Angeles and Montebello. Adventist Health White Memorial is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, committed to improving the health of this community by providing high-quality and comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services. Adventist Health White Memorial has also pledged its commitment to local workforce development, partnering with many community organizations to empower local youth and lead them to success.

Providing comprehensive care to a community of more than 1.3 million people, Adventist Health White Memorial Los Angeles and Montebello believes in five core values: quality, compassion, integrity, respect and stewardship.



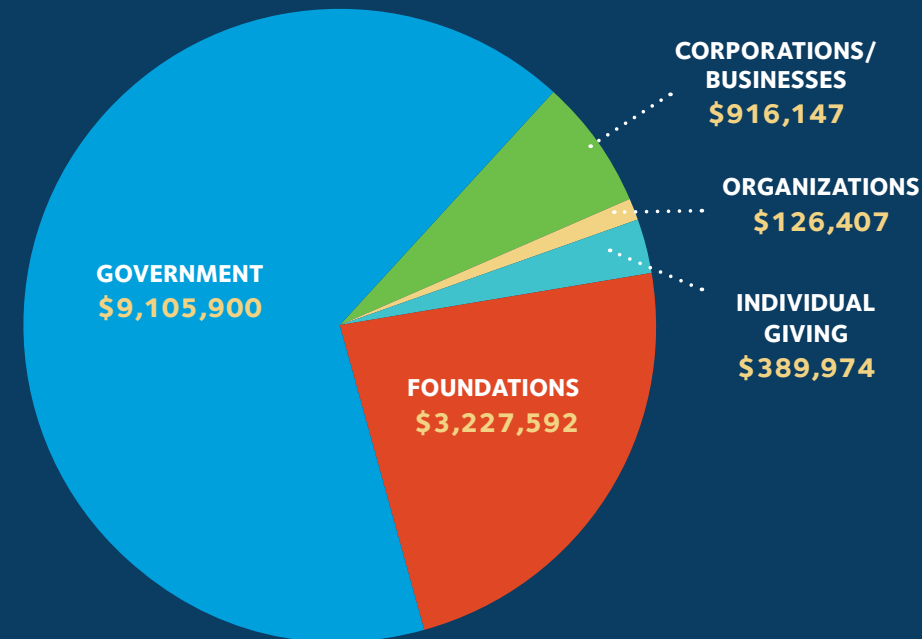
FOUNDATION BY THE NUMBERS | 2024

FUNDS RAISED
\$13.7 million

FUNDS REINVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY
\$9.4 million

Total funds reinvested back to the community through programs and services at Adventist Health White Memorial Los Angeles and Montebello.

FUNDING SOURCES



FROM CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

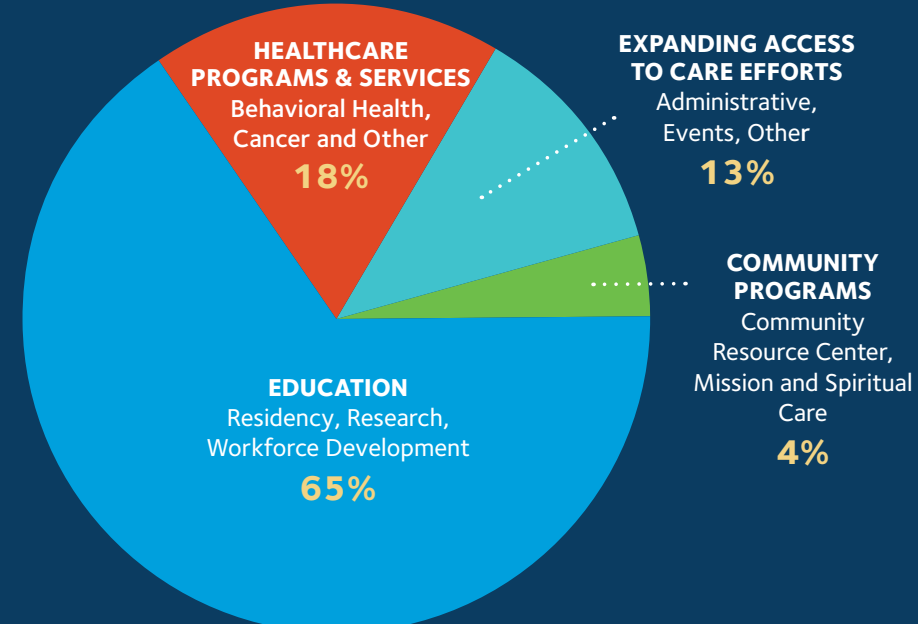
ALMOST
\$1 MILLION
RAISED

GRANTS RECEIVED

39

TOTAL DONORS

841



Impact

How Did We Get Here?

A LOOK BACK AT THE LAST THREE YEARS

Over the past three years, under new leadership, Adventist Health White Memorial Los Angeles and Montebello fundraising efforts have been highly successful in driving substantial growth and expanding access to care. The leadership team has been pivotal in overcoming key barriers and ensuring more individuals have the resources they need to receive essential services. Financially, we've seen impressive growth, allowing us to reinvest in innovative solutions that address the unique challenges our community faces.

Strategic partnerships have been developed, strengthening our network and creating opportunities for collaboration. Moving forward, we are committed to building on this momentum, focusing on further expanding access to care, leveraging new technologies, and exploring fresh, impactful approaches to meet evolving community needs.

Financial Growth

Our financial performance reflects the growing demand for our services and strategic investments.

Innovative Solutions

Our innovative healthcare solutions have significantly improved access and patient outcomes over the past year.

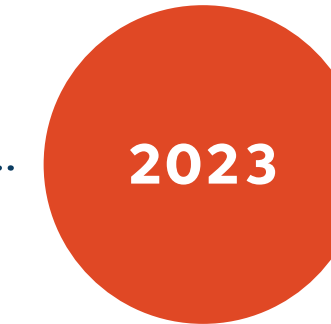


Overcoming Barriers

We have addressed key challenges by providing equitable healthcare to underserved populations.

TOTAL DONORS

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Strategic Partnerships

Collaborations with stakeholders have been crucial in enhancing healthcare accessibility and equity.

TOTAL DONORS

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Future Directions

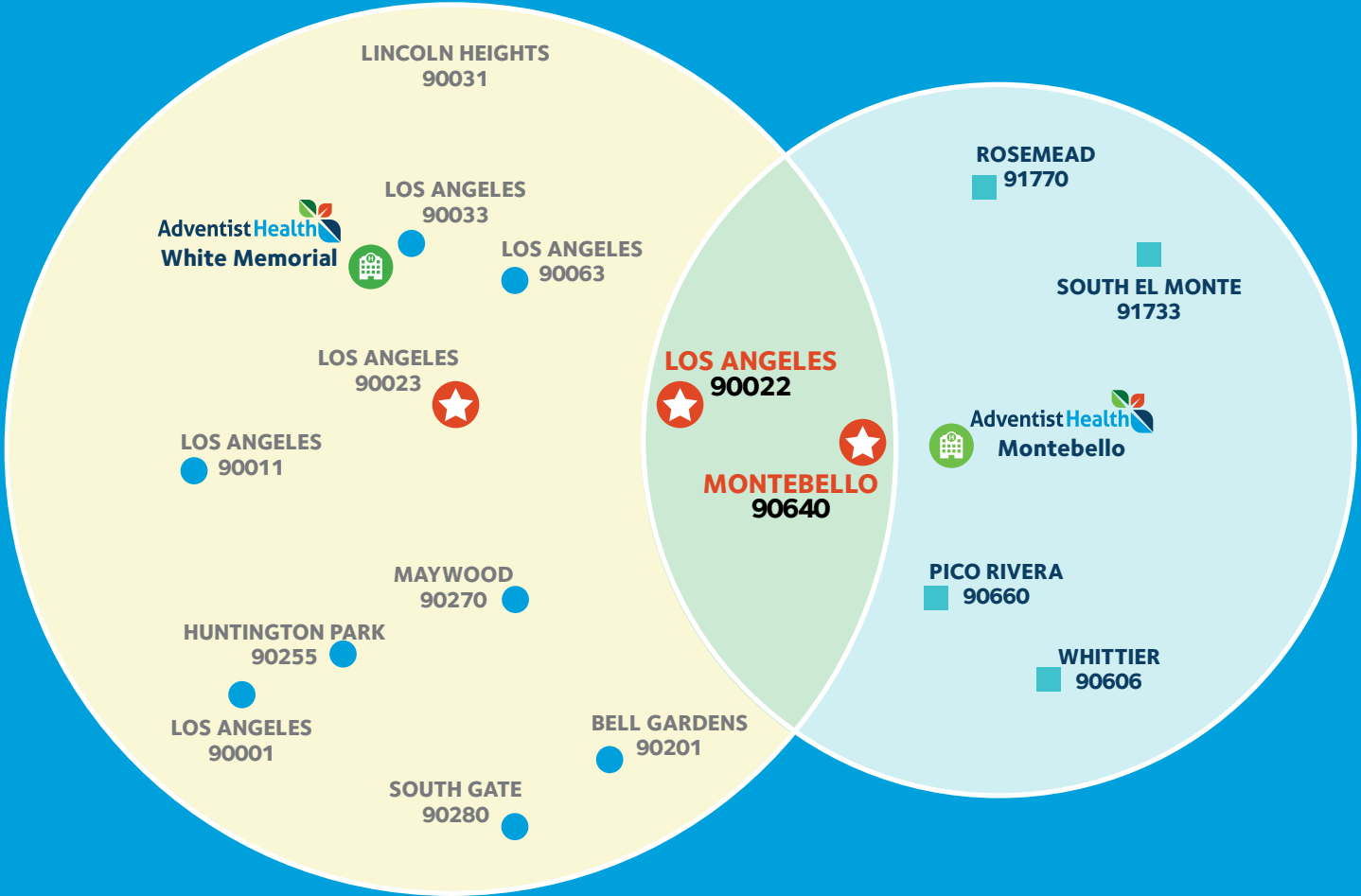
We are committed to expanding healthcare access through innovation and strategic planning.

TOTAL DONORS

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Reach and Impact

Expanding Access to Care



Adventist Health White Memorial Services

ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL LOS ANGELES Serves Our Community

- Inpatient and Outpatient Care
- Cancer Center
- Cardiovascular Care
- Emergency Department
- Maternity Care and Support
- Diabetes Management
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Behavioral Medicine
- Cleft Palate Program
- Community Resource Center
- Pharmacy
- Stroke Care
- Surgical Care
- Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology
- Gastroenterology
- Physical Rehabilitation Services - Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Stroke Care
- Wound Care
- Lung Care
- Orthopedic Care
- Robotic Surgery
- Laboratory
- Virtual Visits
- Mission and Spiritual Care
- Workforce Development
- Federally Qualified Health Center

ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL MONTEBELLO Serves Our Community

- Emergency Care
- Surgical Care
- Robotic Surgery
- Cardiovascular Care
- Gastroenterology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Interventional Radiology
- Outpatient Radiology
- Inpatient Telemetry
- Inpatient Medical/Surgical
- Intensive Care Unit
- Wound Care And Hyperbaric Medicine
- Chaplain
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Respiratory Care
- Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Dietary

Your Gifts At Work

Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello

Thanks to your generosity in 2024, Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello expanded access to care and introduced programs that go beyond medicine to help Montebello's 60,000 residents through the new Community Well-Being Center.

Modeled after the Community Resource Center in Los Angeles, this new Community Well-Being Center is dedicated to supporting the physical, mental, emotional and social health of Montebello residents through:

- **Food essentials** like cereal, canned goods and dry foods were distributed to hungry families facing food insecurity.
- **Health and fitness classes** tailored for older adults, empowering them to stay active and improve their quality of life.
- **Diabetes prevention education programs** helping families avoid the complications of this pervasive disease.
- **The Healthcare Workforce Development Program** was brought to Montebello, giving local youth a clear pathway to rewarding careers in healthcare.

Thank you for believing in our vision and making it a reality. Your gifts mean more resources and remove obstacles that prevent people from achieving their fullest potential, fostering a more inclusive, supportive and equitable community.



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS



“My name is Arianna Jimenez. I’m 18 years old, and I recently graduated from Montebello High School. I just started in the Healthcare Workforce Development Program, and I hope to be a nurse one day.

I remember the story my mom told me. She wanted to be a nurse but was never able to complete her dreams. I’m grateful to start the program because I would love to fulfill the dream that my mom never could.”

Adventist Health White Memorial **CARES**

In the past year, our organization has made significant strides in expanding equitable access to healthcare in the communities we serve. We have achieved remarkable success in increasing our reach and impact in our community.

- **Our initiatives have increased** patient access to essential healthcare services, demonstrating our commitment to making healthcare accessible to everyone.
- **Our human resources have been pivotal** in this journey, with a dedicated team working tirelessly to implement innovative solutions and partnerships.
- **We've invested in technology** to streamline operations and improve patient outcomes.

- **The Charitable Foundation had a robust financial performance** growth with a revenue of more than \$13 million, reflecting the growing demand for our services.

As we look to the future, we remain focused on our mission to provide equitable healthcare access to all, regardless of socioeconomic status. We are committed to continuous improvement and collaboration with stakeholders to address the evolving needs of our communities.

These initiatives will not only improve access to healthcare but also empower patients to take control of their health. We believe that by embracing innovation, we can create a more equitable healthcare system that benefits everyone.



INNOVATIVE HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

Our robotics program provides surgeons with alternatives to both traditional open-heart surgery and conventional laparoscopy, putting a surgeon's hands at the controls of state-of-the-art robotic platforms, enabling surgeons to perform even the most complex and delicate procedures through very small incisions with unmatched precision.

Over the past year, we have introduced several initiatives aimed at bridging the gap in healthcare access. One of our major achievements has been the development of a telehealth platform that allows patients to receive medical consultations remotely. This has been particularly beneficial for individuals in rural and underserved areas, where access to healthcare facilities is limited.

Additionally, we have leveraged data analytics to identify and address healthcare disparities, ensuring that

resources are allocated efficiently and effectively. Our commitment to innovation extends beyond technology; we have also focused on developing culturally competent care models that cater to the diverse needs of our patient population. By prioritizing patient-centered care, we have improved patient satisfaction and health outcomes.

Our efforts have not gone unnoticed, as we have received a very positive patient experience and success rate in innovative procedures like the **Watchman** procedure (a minimally invasive surgical procedure that prevents strokes in patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation (AFib) who are unable or unwilling to take blood thinners), which Adventist Health White Memorial has successfully completed for more than 200 patients.

Our Values

Be love

Love matters. Treat yourself with love and care so that you are free to love and care for others. Be trustworthy, forgive freely and find common ground.

Be a force for good

Be courageous. Take action. Whether it is through your position or your passion, work to impact your community for the better.

Be a mission owner

Own your role, find your talent and know that your contribution is mission critical. Ask yourself, “How do I inspire health, wholeness and hope?”

Be welcoming

Recognize all people are created equal and embrace them in hospitality as you would a cherished friend.

Be curious

Seek to understand how things work and why. Innovate and be open to new ideas and approaches. Own your mistakes and learn from them.

Be brilliant

Leverage your best talents and skills to shine. Make promises and keep them. Always expect the same from others.



Be love

Grateful His Heart Keeps Beating Thanks to Life-Saving Care

Kenneth Schwartz is deeply grateful for the vital care he received at Adventist Health White Memorial after undergoing the Watchman procedure in September 2024.

The Watchman is an implantable device that protects people with atrial fibrillation (AFib) from life-threatening strokes by sealing off a part of the heart where dangerous blood clots often form.

“A lot of the fears went away from me,” Schwartz said. “When you’ve watched yourself die, you take everything you get and each day as a gift from God.”

To understand why he’s so grateful, you need to know how his incredible story began.

A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE IN MAUI

In 2018, Schwartz’s life changed on a family vacation in Maui. While snorkeling, a violent wave slammed him into the rocky shoreline, leaving him paralyzed. “I couldn’t scream, I couldn’t move,” Schwartz said. “I started breathing saltwater into my lungs and stomach, and within a few minutes, the curtains were closing.”

Suddenly, another wave hurled him into the rocks again, splitting his head open and fracturing his pelvis and lower back.

His family pulled him from the ocean, and his son-in-law, a Los Angeles County firefighter, performed the Heimlich maneuver — a technique that uses

abdominal thrusts to force water or objects out of the airway — clearing the water from his lungs.

Schwartz spent a month in the hospital in Maui before returning to his home in Sun Valley, California.

BATTLING ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND STROKE

By 2023, Schwartz had developed congestive heart failure and atrial fibrillation (AFib) as a result of the injuries. His heart rate would spike over 220 beats per minute, sending him to the hospital eight times.

Then, in early 2024, he suffered a small stroke caused by a small blood clot.



A LIFE-SAVING WATCHMAN PROCEDURE

Dr. John McKenzie, Schwartz’s cardiologist at Adventist Health White Memorial, treated him for his AFib. After his stroke, they agreed he was an ideal candidate for the Watchman procedure.

On Sep. 4, 2024, McKenzie successfully performed the Watchman procedure.

When asked about the compassionate care he received from McKenzie and the entire Watchman team, Schwartz said, “I would go in a heartbeat at any time, for anything, because it was such a great experience.”

Kenneth Schwartz’s story reminds us of the power of compassionate, life-saving care. The Adventist Health White Memorial Grateful Journeys Program offers patients and their families a meaningful way to express their thanks while supporting programs and innovations that help others in our community.

To learn more about how you can make an impact through the Grateful Journeys Program, contact us today.

Thanks to the expert care at Adventist Health White Memorial, Schwartz is now embracing each day as a gift, grateful for the care he received.

Debbie and Kenneth Schwartz at Adventist Health White Memorial courtyard. (Debbie is a nurse at Adventist Health White Memorial).

Be a force for good

A Legacy of Giving

2024 marked the 10-year anniversary of the Adventist Health White Memorial Los Angeles Pet Therapy Program, also known as Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT).

We're grateful for volunteers like Tina Appel and her dog, Belle, from Love on 4 Paws, who bring smiles to our patients and help speed up their recovery.

Tina and her 16-year-old black Maltipoo, Belle, are on a strict schedule every other Sunday at Adventist Health White Memorial beginning at 11 a.m.; however, they never know who they're going to meet during their rounds at the hospital. Tina offers a friendly question to patients — "Would you like some pet therapy today?" — to find those who are eager to meet her canine companion.

The answer is generally yes, and the encounter builds a memory that lasts a

lifetime. "We have patients that leave comments on our website that they still remember the time a pet therapy dog visited them in the hospital," says Tina. Interaction is particularly valuable during the holidays when mental health issues increase for many.

In fact, it's our hospital associates who wait for a visit from Belle as much as the patients. "I know who to see and make sure they get a chance to see Belle, and you can see how bright their smiles become when she visits," explains Tina.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the **Lynne Whaley-Welty family** for their generous support making the pet therapy program possible. Their contributions have played a vital role in making it a success, and we couldn't have reached this milestone without their generosity.



Lynne Whaley-Welty

Lynne Whaley-Welty served as the Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations at Adventist Health White Memorial for 30 years. Lynne's legacy of giving continued after her passing, through her family's pursuit of her charitable goals of making quality care accessible to everyone.

If you want to get involved and support our program by volunteering or becoming a legacy giving donor, contact us to learn about more ways to give.



Left photo: Tina from Love on 4 Paws with Belle

Top right photo: Chaplain Edgar Urbina

Bottom right photo: Esther Ong, Chaplain Edgar Urbina and Tina Appel

Be a mission owner

The Robert R. and Jaclyn Tilley Hill Family



■ The Robert R. and Jaclyn Tilley Hill Family at their donor wall unveiling event.

On Sept. 26, 2024, the Adventist Health White Memorial community gathered to honor the Robert R. and Jaclyn Tilley Hill family for their generosity.

During an intimate ceremony, two plaques titled “This Little Light of Mine” were unveiled in the hospital’s lobby and surgery waiting room.

In August 2020, the Tilley Hill family gave a \$25,000 gift in honor of Dr. E. Laurence Spencer-Smith, who has cared for them with compassion and skill for many years.

That December, they deepened their generosity with \$50,000 grant honoring physicians who embody the “Art of Caring”, including Dr. Spencer-Smith, Dr. Francis Lau, Dr. Susie Lau, Dr. Kenneth Pelton, Dr. Elizabeth Larson (in memorial), and Dr. Masao Nakamoto (in memorial). The grant established the “Art of Caring” curriculum to train residents and faculty in empathetic, patient-centered care.

“I was born with a PAT with a WPW,” Jaclyn Hill shared, referring to her personal battle with Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia and Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome. “Dr. Lau performed a cardiac ablation, and it was a game changer.” Then, looking at Dr. Lau in attendance, she said warmly, “We have quite a history, don’t we?”

Thank you, Robert R. and Jaclyn Tilley Hill family, for your generosity.

The generosity of donors like you makes the compassionate care Adventist Health White Memorial provides possible.

To find out how you can support Adventist Health White Memorial with a gift, contact the foundation today and a philanthropy donor officer will be happy to guide you through the process.



Other Ways to Give

We are grateful for your support and want to share a few other ways you can make a difference in many people’s lives. Beyond traditional monetary donations, there are other ways you can invest in our community.

- **Donate Goods or Services**
- **Volunteer Your Time**
- **Host a Fundraising Event**
- **Help us Share Our Mission**
- **Corporate Matching Gifts**
- **Gifts of Stocks and Securities**
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution**
- **Donor Advised Fund**
- **Real Estate**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Planned Giving**

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE

We invite you to become a force for good by becoming a lifetime donor and build a legacy of giving for generations to come. If you’re considering a planned gift and want to learn more about other ways to give, contact us. We are here to help and guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have. To learn more, contact wmcharitable@ah.org.

Every contribution, big or small, helps us continue our mission. Thank you for your generosity.

AWARD WINNING CARE: 2024 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **Quality and Performance Awards U.S. News & World Report Best Regional Hospital (2023–2024) and Best Regional Hospital for Equitable Access (2024)**
- **U.S. News & World Report Best Regional Hospital (2023–2024) and Best Regional Hospital for Equitable Access (2024)**
- **Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade A for excellence in patient safety (2024)**
Lantern Award (2021–2024)
- **Get With The Guidelines 2024 Stroke GOLD PLUS with Honor Roll Elite and Target Type2 Diabetes Honor Roll**
- **Healthgrades Top10% in the Nation for Gastrointestinal Surgery and Five-Star Recipient in: Pacemaker Procedures, Hip Fracture Treatment, Colorectal Surgeries, Gallbladder Removal Surgery, Treatment of Diabetic Emergencies (2024)**
- **Candid Platinum Award for Transparency in (2024)**

Be welcoming

A Stroke Stole Parts of Rosa Mercado's Life.
You Helped Her Get Them Back.

Community Resource Center

The CRC promotes community health and well-being through a variety of services offered to those in the community. In 2024 the CRC served the needs of more than 11,000 community members engaged with health, exercise and wellness workshops, events and other activities.

In December 2021, Rosa Mercado suffered a stroke that paralyzed her right side. She could no longer do what she loved, like work, drive or dance cumbia. Isolated and depressed, she spent two years in physical therapy but remained weak, reliant on a walker and afraid to leave her home for fear of falling.

In March 2024, a friend invited Rosa to the Community Resource Center (CRC) at Adventist Health White Memorial. Despite her fear and limited mobility, she rode the bus to Adventist Health White Memorial and came to the CRC. There she participated in free exercise and Zumba classes, attended mental health workshops and even tried gardening. In time, Rosa found a community of support.

By July, Rosa noticed dramatic improvements. She no longer needed physical therapy and her depression was gone. She now rides the bus with just her cane and, in September, did something she has never done before: completed her first 5K.

In just three months at the CRC, Rosa experienced more incredible improvements in her health and well-being than she did during two entire years of physical therapy, but she's not done dreaming: her next goals are to get behind the wheel and dance cumbia once more.

You are part of Rosa's story and thousands of others whose health has been transformed through Adventist Health White Memorial's services and programs.

Left photo: Vanessa Ghilarducci, Rosa Mercado and Araceli Marquez.

The Community Resource Center at Adventist Health White Memorial

Founded in 2014, the Community Resource Center at Adventist Health White Memorial has helped over 80,000 East Los Angeles and Boyle Heights residents with free, bilingual services, including food distribution, health insurance enrollment assistance, senior wellness workshops, healthcare education and exercise classes, and many other resources.

IN 2024, YOUR GIFT SUPPORTED THESE PROGRAMS:

- **The Prema Pantry and Fresh Produce Program**
Provided 2,320 free nonperishable foods and daily necessities such as diapers, blankets and toiletry kits to anyone in need.
- **Farmers Market Vouchers**
Provided almost 1,500 prepared meals and fresh farmers market vouchers to combat food insecurity.

- **¡Vive Bien! Senior Wellness Program**
Offered 501 free health and nutrition education, Zumba classes, exercise classes and social activities with a total participation of 11,491.

- **Health Insurance Enrollment and Education**
Provided bilingual insurance enrollment navigation, medical appointments and physician referrals to almost 600 people.

- **Community Garden Access**
Offered exclusive access to almost 150 Community Resource Center members to Adventist Health White Memorial, where they could grow organic farm to table produce.

We are proud of the great work our Community Resource Center has done for the last ten years, providing compassionate care, support and essential resources to our community. None of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors.



Your gifts don't just fund programs – they transform lives.
Thank you for making this life-changing work possible, led by Araceli Marquez.

Thanks to your generosity, every program, resource and human connection provided through the Adventist Health White Memorial Community Resource Center (CRC) has changed lives. CRC Program Coordinator Araceli Marquez sees the impact every day.

For Marquez, this work is personal.

"My parents didn't have many resources, and they don't speak English," she shared. "When I was a kid, my dad would hand me a letter and say, 'Don't you speak English?' But I was just a kid. Sometimes I didn't understand enough to help. That's why I try to be of service to the community that reminds me of my parents."

Marquez joined the CRC in 2018 as an intern and became Program Coordinator in 2022. While working full-time, she earned her master's in public health from California State University, Northridge, in December 2023.

Her time at the CRC shaped her decision to pursue public health. She wanted to help people have a better quality of life before they get sick.

As program coordinator, she has expanded the CRC's offerings by adding mental health classes that address Alzheimer's, stress, anxiety and depression. In 2024, she created a new spiritual support group led by chaplains. She also helped secure a partnership with L.A. Care, which provides Food 4 Less gift cards to seniors living on fixed incomes.

"Donor support keeps us going," Marquez said. "¡Vive Bien! wouldn't exist without support because all the exercise instructors are paid with donor funds. If our pantry didn't grow as much, that means more people in the community would be hungry."



CRC Program Coordinator
Araceli Marquez

Your gifts don't just fund programs — they transform lives.
Thank you for making this life-changing work possible.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, join the CRC's ¡Vive Bien! Program or donate to the program visit our website.

Be curious

Adrian Found His Voice Because of You!

When Adrian Preciado, 5, from Bell Gardens, California, visited the Rainbow Children's Center in February 2024 for a speech and language evaluation, he was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

Adrian was nonverbal. Though Adrian's primary language is English, both English and Spanish are spoken in his home. He understood the world around him but had no way to express himself.

However, everything changed when pediatric speech-language pathologist, Tracy Coleite, introduced him to Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC).

For 13 years, Coleite has been with the Adventist Health White Memorial, helping young people of all ages improve how they speak and communicate. With the help of an AAC program on his iPad, Coleite taught Adrian how to tap buttons that translated his thoughts into spoken messages. It completely changed his life.

Today, using AAC, Adrian communicates in short sentences and even plays games! Even more remarkable, he has started using his own voice to create word approximations and gestures to communicate with his family, friends and teachers.

Adrian's mom, Arcelia Preciado, shared, "Our experience here at Adventist Health White Memorial has been amazing! I am very grateful for the entire team at the pediatric rehab center. I am very grateful for Ms. Tracy for her kind heart and skills she has taught my son Adrian and myself to help Adrian's speech journey progress over the months. I am very proud of Adrian; every day he continues to pronounce words verbally."

Your support helped Adrian find his voice and gave him a way to share his unique world with his family and friends. Thank you for making this grateful journey possible and helping us continue expand access to care to more people like Adrian in the Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles

■ Adrian Preciado and pediatric speech-language therapist Tracy Coleite.

Adrian's mom, Arcelia Preciado, shared, "Our experience here at [Adventist Health] White Memorial has been amazing! I am very grateful for the entire team at the pediatric rehab center. I am very grateful for Ms. Tracy for her kind heart and skills she has taught my son Adrian and myself to help Adrian's speech journey progress over the months. I am very proud of Adrian; every day he continues to pronounce words verbally."

— Arcelia Preciado



■ Arcelia Preciado, Adrian Salas Jr., and Adrian Salas Sr., at Adventist Health White Memorial

and Montebello communities. Your ongoing support is vital to our success in keeping families healthy and our community strong.

Be a force for good by helping spread the message of giving. Give today on our website: AdventistHealthWhiteMemorial.org/Give



Be brilliant

ANGELIQUE ALVAREZ’S STORY

Angelique Alvarez is an intern who joined Adventist Health White Memorial’s Workforce Development program in 2024. Learning from nurses and supporting patients helped her gain self-confidence and show more of her personality. Her simple gestures, such as a friendly “hello,” sparked conversations with grateful patients who were happy to see her during their lonely moments. She loved it.

Suddenly, Alvarez was forced to move in with her uncle to Encino, California, in September 2023 after her grandmother, with whom she lived, could no longer care for her.

Alvarez turned to the program staff for support. The team provided her with emotional support, flexible scheduling and a shoulder to cry on. Additionally, the \$1,000 stipend covered her driver’s license costs, making her commute between Encino, school, and Adventist Health White Memorial easier.

“The hospital has become my second home,” she said. “I feel safe here. I found my people and I trust them.” Alvarez still volunteers today.

She is more self-assured and has improved her interpersonal skills, which will help her in the fall when she begins college.

2024 IMPACT



Your Support is Shaping Tomorrow’s Healthcare Heroes

The Healthcare Workforce Development Program, launched in 2006 with a \$1 million grant from Bank of America, empowers students ages 15 ½ to 25 to pursue careers in healthcare.

In the Hispanic-Latino communities of East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello, young people face barriers like low educational attainment, limited English proficiency and high unemployment. In 2018 alone, 50% of teens in East Los Angeles didn’t graduate high school. In 2023, 8 out of 10 teens didn’t attend college, and half of those dropped.

You are transforming these statistics. Thanks to your generosity, the Healthcare Workforce Development Program guides and empowers the youth participants with vital skills and provides resources, including workshops on resume building, financial aid and health career opportunities.

The program consists of volunteers and interns who receive hands-on hospital experience, positive mentorship and encouragement to pursue higher education. Youths who participate as interns receive \$1,000 stipends after completing 100 hours of volunteer work.

This program not only helps students achieve their dreams but also strengthens our community health by creating a pipeline of skilled, diverse healthcare professionals who often begin their careers at Adventist Health White Memorial.

Since its inception in 2006, more than 2,000 students have been helped, with 80% currently employed in healthcare careers.

Because of generous donors like you, these young people are transforming their futures — and the future of our community.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- Expanded the Workforce Development program to Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello.
- Created a sense of community engaging with volunteers and building youth leadership.
- Collaborated with 13 educational institutions in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, downtown and San Gabriel Valley to offer workshops and presentations.
- Reached almost 5,000 people through community fairs and school campuses.
- Expanded educational curriculum, including financial literacy, resume building, college financial aid, public speaking and health careers, and college readiness.

With Bank of America’s consistent support, now totaling more than \$2 million, and additional assistance from US Bank, BMO, Mechanics Bank, Commercial Bank of California, California Jobs First and Great Public Schools Now, the program has assisted more than 2,000 young people with 80% of the program participants have obtained jobs in healthcare.



2024 GOLF CLASSIC

Swing for a Cause, Bringing Care to More Families

On April 1, the 2024 Annual Golf Classic at Friendly Hills Country Club raised funds to expand access to healthcare for families in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello.

Golf Classic committee co-chairs Nick Mosaquites of U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management and Executive Chef Bret Thompson of Pez Cantina and Pez Coastal Grill

showed tremendous leadership in making the event successful.

We thank all our sponsors and participants. Your contributions are vital to the health and well-being of East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello, helping us provide compassionate healthcare.

Every swing at the Golf Classic was a pledge to a healthier future.



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GALA2024



You Gave Hope to Our Community

Thanks to you, Gala 2024 raised more than *\$1.1 million to expand access to healthcare in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello.

Under the leadership of Gala Co-Chairs Lizette Carbajal, Vice President of Community Relations & Communications for Telemundo 52 and NBC4, and Efrain Escobedo, President & CEO of the Center for Nonprofit Management, we honored Beverly Hospital's legacy of care in Montebello while sharing a hopeful vision for Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello's future.

Expanding access to care in Montebello means we can train more healthcare professionals from within the community through the Healthcare Workforce Development Program, upgrade the hospital, and, most importantly, guarantee that everyone in Montebello and the surrounding communities will always have access to quality care close to home.

GALA HONORS

Honorable Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor, First District, received the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award.

US Bank was named 2024 Community Partner of the Year.

GALA FUND-A-NEED Montebello Community Well-being Center

The Gala Fund-A-Need raised funds to build the new Montebello Community Well-being Center at Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello.

The new Community Well-being Center will offer free health and well-being resources to Montebello families, including exercise classes, help with insurance enrollment and a food pantry for non-perishable foods. It will also host the Healthcare Workforce Development Program and serve as a space for community support in physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Thank you for making this possible!

**This total represents the combined funds raised through both Golf Classic and Gala 2024, as well as grant support for the Healthcare Workforce Development Program, reflecting the collective generosity of our donors and the success of these philanthropic efforts to support expanding access to care.*



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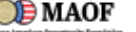
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FOR A YEAR OF HOPE, COMMITMENT AND COMPASSION

In 2024, your belief in Adventist Health White Memorial's life-saving mission shone brighter than ever. Together, you invested in sustaining essential programs that make a meaningful difference for patients and families across East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello.

This year, your generosity supported programs that brought hope to countless individuals, improved access to care and empowered families to lead healthier lives.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Expanded Access to Care:**
You helped patients receive care close to home by expanding our healthcare services at Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello, provided health and wellness education for patients and the community, food and transportation assistance for those in need, and spiritual care to many families.

- **We Are Hope Associate Giving Campaign:**

In September 2024, this campaign saw a 17.89% increase in donors, with 21.7% of associates participating, including 22 new donors from Montebello.

- **New Milestones:**

Thanks to you, we launched transformative projects like the Montebello Community Well-being Center, bringing holistic, compassionate care to Montebello and the surrounding communities.

A heartfelt thank-you to our We Are Hope Ambassadors, whose passion and leadership inspired many to give during the We Are Hope Associate Giving Campaign. Your collective efforts showed what's possible when a community of dedicated associates comes together to support a shared mission.

Thank you for believing in our mission and making 2024 a year of profound impact.



Associates celebrating Associate Giving Day.



January to December, 2024

2024 Difference Makers Honor Roll of Donors

The Charitable Foundation creates and sustains philanthropic relationships. With our donors as partners, we are committed to supporting the programs and services provided by Adventist Health White Memorial which improve and enhance quality of life in our community.

This list reflects all new gifts in 2024. We truly appreciate your generosity! If you observe any errors, please let us know.

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JUAN DE LA CRUZ Adventist Health White Memorial Charitable Foundation

You have witnessed the difference your generosity has made in the stories shared in this report, and I hope you feel a deep sense of gratitude. On behalf of everyone whose life has been transformed, every family supported and every individual inspired with hope in 2024, thank you.

Your kindness is more than a gift — it is love in action, a force for good and a commitment to our shared mission.

Being love means seeing people, not just their problems, and then showing them the dignity and compassion; they deserve. Being a force for good means helping where it matters most. Being a mission owner means taking responsibility for this community. For me, that is personal. I grew up in Boyle Heights and know the challenges here. I also know the strength of this community and the generosity of people like you..

This year, you showed all of these qualities, making families in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello healthier and stronger in the process.

But the story doesn't end here. Your commitment in 2024 is just the beginning. Its ripples will improve lives in 2025 and for years to come.

To continue our work and create a lasting positive impact in our community, we need your support. Together, we can make a difference and bring about meaningful change. Your involvement, whether through donations, volunteer work or spreading the word plays a crucial role in helping us achieve our goals and fulfill our mission.

Thank you again for your generosity and for joining us in building a brighter, healthier future for our communities.



Juan De La Cruz, MEd
President, Charitable Foundation
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