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The grant will make it possible to take a huge step toward the Foundation’s plan to create a center of excellence in this area. The expanded congestive heart failure program is designed to prevent readmission, incapacitation, or death. More than 1,300 San Gabriel Valley residents will be assisted over the next two years.

The clinic uses a multidisciplinary approach to educate patients and their families. Our goal? To reduce hospital readmission to 10 percent, compared to the national readmission rate of 23 percent.

“The clinic experience will provide for in-home health service, rehabilitation, palliative care, and social services. Key activities in the clinic include enhancing patient and family education regarding congestive heart failure, promoting better self-management, and providing referrals for in-home health service, rehabilitation, palliative care, and social services. Clinics staff provide medication counseling as well as nutrition and dietary education. Practitioners maintain phone contact with the patient and family. A key element is the home visits with Care Transition Coaches following discharge.”

Joseph Zanetta, Foundation CEO, stated, “We are extremely grateful to the UniHealth Foundation for their incredible support and are confident that this will result in additional major grants from Los Angeles-area foundations interested in improving the health of the community.”

The clinic is being managed in collaboration with AltaMed Health Services, American Heart Association, and the Keck Graduate Institute of College Avenue and 4th. Designed to foster collaboration with other organizations (encouraged by the Affordable Care Act), the center will be managed by our partner, East Valley Community Health Center, Inc. The center opening coincides with a major investment at CVHP’s InterCommunity Hospital — and demonstrates our eagerness to collaborate with other organizations as we engage in population health management.

Queen of the Valley Hospital. Our annual reception — “Light Up a Life”— comes to the Chapel at Queen of the Valley on December 4, 2014. Always a wonderful place for reflection, the reception at the chapel will provide everyone with a chance to honor and remember the lives of family and friends.

It’s an exciting time to be part of Citrus Valley Health Partners. An energetic new Foundation leadership team and our dedicated Board of Trustees are devoted to building philanthropic support for the Foundation. The spirit of giving has always been a driving force in our organization, but the need for private support has never been more vital than it is now. Thanks so much for your belief in our mission — and for your continued support and tireless leadership. Please join us as we envision a brighter, bolder future.
An outpouring of support by a group of generous donors has resulted in the Ferguson Family Outpatient Surgery Center. Located on the north side of the hospital, the Center expands options for outpatient surgeries.

The 2,800-square-foot, $1.5-million facility adjoins the hospital’s main surgery room, enhancing patient safety for every procedure.

The project’s lead donors are Dr. Timothy Ferguson and other members of the Ferguson family. The Fergusons have enjoyed a long, close affiliation with Foothill. Dr. Ferguson’s father, Richard Ferguson, was the first chairman of the Board of Foothill Presbyterian Hospital. After his father died, his mother married Bruce Van Vranken, M.D., an active member of the medical community. The Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary made a commitment of $100,000. The Carl E. Wynn Foundation also provided substantial support.

Robert H. Curry, President and CEO of Citrus Valley Health Partners, stated, “It is a great honor to have the Ferguson name associated with this wonderful facility. Dr. Tim Ferguson is one of the premier family practice physicians, and my own doctor. His late father and mother, Richard and Irene Ferguson, along with Dr. Bruce and Dorothy Van Vranken, were among the founders of Foothill and together have done so very much to bring excellent patient care to the area.”

Dorothy Van Vranken organized the Auxiliary and also served as its first president.

Joseph Zanetta, new chief executive officer of the Citrus Valley Health Foundation, expressed heartfelt thanks to the members of the Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary and to the hundreds of other donors who made gifts to support construction. He also thanked the Carl E. Wynn Foundation, which made two grants to support the outpatient surgery unit. The Wynn Foundation has been a special friend to Citrus Valley and is a major benefactor to hospitals throughout Southern California.

The Ferguson Family Outpatient Surgery Center has 10 examination rooms and its own surgery room, plus a waiting room and registration area.
Bring Together Those in Need With Those Who Wish to Give

Individuals or organizations wishing to support the Pediatric jungle mural or Chaplain Fund may contact the Citrus Valley Health Foundation at 626-814-2421.

It’s a Jungle in There: Interactive Mural Helps Children’s Therapy. A very special place for kids with special needs.

Imagine kids climbing on walls and over tree trunks. Roaring or tweeting like jungle beasts. Patting furry monkeys and touching bumpy-skinned alligators. Jumping up to reach a giraffe’s nose, skip from stone to stone through a pretend river, or swing like a monkey to capture bananas!

It’s all part of an interactive, jungle-themed “mural” planned for the welcome area of the Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation unit. And we’re seeking donors to help fund it!

The crawl-in mural is a relaxing, fun space for children with Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy or autism, gait or walking problems, speech or visual challenges, or swallowing/feeding difficulties. They visit the Pediatric Rehabilitation Services unit, located on CVHP’s Queen of the Valley campus, to receive occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech language pathology services. Their family doctors refer these San Gabriel Valley children and their parents.

Chaplain Fund Blesses the Lives of Families with Urgent Needs. Here are three recent stories showing the Chaplain Fund in action.

The Chaplain Fund, a special and restricted fund administered by Citrus Valley Health Foundation, helps families with urgent needs — especially for critically ill children and adults.

STORY 1: Just weeks before Christmas last year, a home-hospice social worker informed us that a former CVHP employee needed help urgently. The patient wasn’t expected to survive more than a few weeks. She lived in a trailer park and faced eviction if she couldn’t come up with $2,000 immediately. Our Board of Trustees graciously approved the expense, bringing tears to her eyes when we delivered her check. She passed away at home in January.

STORY 2: Earlier in 2013, a premature, stillborn baby girl was delivered in the NICU at our Queen of the Valley Campus. The family wanted to bury their daughter in a Catholic Cemetery in Los Angeles — but was unable to afford the expense. Father Eric Lewis, Queen of the Valley Hospital’s long time Chaplain, helped the parents’ wish come true. He donated his time to perform the service and the Foundation’s Chaplain Fund defrayed the cost of the burial.

STORY 3: In 2013, a mother delivered a baby who only lived a couple of days. The family had limited resources and a NICU nurse asked the Foundation to help. The Chaplain Fund provided the money to purchase the baby’s casket.

If you feel the calling to support the special needs of the Chaplain Fund, your donation may be directed to the Citrus Valley Health Foundation at 1115 S. Sunset Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790 (626-814-2421) or www.cvhf.org.
November

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25th Annual Black Tie Gala Autumn Nocturne:
A magical night of food, fun, and fundraising.
Presenting Sponsor RSI/Medic-1 Ambulance Service, Inc.

Citrus Valley Health Foundation’s Annual Black Tie Gala — Autumn Nocturne — turns 25 this year. Please join us at The Los Angeles Athletic Club on Saturday, November 1. This signature event features a cocktail reception with a strolling magic show, a gourmet meal including live entertainment, a spectacular silent and live auction, and the Care Champion Physicians of the Year awards ceremony.

Recognizing Four Champions of Care.

We are pleased to honor a quartet of outstanding physicians with our Care Champion Physician of the Year Award. This special award recognizes the highest level of compassionate service — and the ceremony promises to be the highlight of the evening. Our Care Champions are Jacqueline Bracy, M.D.; Humberto A. Galleno, M.D.; Gurjeet S. Kalkat, M.D.; and Gilbert I. Martin, M.D.

Autumn Nocturne plays a crucial role in Foundation fund-raising — enabling CVHF to respond to the changing health care needs of nearly one million residents in the San Gabriel Valley.

This year’s Autumn Nocturne is limited to 300 guests and is nearly sold out. Please consider a sponsorship or auction gift. Popular donation ideas include: Event tickets, vacation packages, gift certificates, specialty baskets, and sporting goods.

Contact JoAnne Wilson at the Citrus Valley Health Foundation at 626-814-2421 for more information or to request an invitation.

December

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Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Light Up a Life Tree Lighting Ceremony at Queen of the Valley

This year’s Light Up a Life Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at the Chapel at Queen of the Valley. The Chapel has always been a wonderful place for reflection, and on December 4, it will be the location of our annual reception that allows us to remember and honor the lives of family and friends.

Almost Every Day

Popular Bargain Box Thrift Store
Returns! Head to Second Avenue
and Corner a Bargain.

The Bargain Box, a Covina institution that was operated by the Auxiliary of Citrus Valley–Inter-Community Campus for many years, is reopening in spacious quarters on the corner of Second Avenue and E. Rowland Street. Formerly located in an old packing-house on Citrus Avenue, the Bargain Box closed in 2011 after the city decided the building didn’t meet earthquake safety standards.

Rich Jett, Foundation Vice Chairman, said he was glad the Auxiliary could reopen the Bargain Box and once again offer quality clothing and small household items for those in need — and also generate funds for Citrus Valley Health Foundation projects. He thanked Andrew McIntyre, CVHF Board Member and president of The McIntyre Company, for his support in locating and expediting the new facility.

Clothing, household items, and small pieces of furniture may be taken to 216 E. Rowland St., Covina, CA 91723 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To find out more about donating or volunteering, please contact Marni Jacobo at 626-812-2963.