San Francisco General Hospital Foundation awards more than $800,000 in support to programs at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center

SAN FRANCISCO (September 8, 2017) – San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (the Foundation) announced today that they have awarded more than $800,000 in support of initiatives at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (Zuckerberg San Francisco General) through its Hearts Grants Program, which provides funding for innovative projects and initiatives that might otherwise go unfunded. The Hearts Grants Program is funded by the Foundation's annual fund and Heroes & Hearts event. Since 2004, the Hearts Grants Program has funded nearly 500 grants totaling close to $12 million, including this year’s 35 grants.

“The Hearts Grants are at the core of the Foundation’s mission, as the funds promote excellence in research, education, and care,” said Amanda Heier, Chief Executive Officer of San Francisco General Hospital Foundation. “Our Hearts Grants contribute to the transformative work that takes place at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, and ensures that the hospital’s providers and staff have access to the very best resources and training, have the ability to build out impactful programs, and utilize the most advanced technology and medical equipment available for our community.”

“The impact of each and every Hearts Grant is evident throughout the hospital, ranging from the physical, such as furniture and equipment, to the intangible, such as staff training and seed funding necessary to launch new programs and ideas,” said Susan Ehrlich, Chief Executive Officer of Zuckerberg San Francisco General. “These funds not only enrich experiences for our patients and visitors, but for our staff and providers, while enabling us to provide the best care for even more San Franciscans.”

Programs funded through the 2017 Hearts Grants have a wide reach and significant impact, ranging from $5,000 to $50,000. These programs include the Department of Surgery receiving $49,450 to purchase laryngoscopy equipment for cutting-edge 360 video and virtual reality training for emergency medicine, surgery, and anesthesia providers. Another program will educate and prepare pregnant women for childbirth, breastfeeding and parenting. The $8,000 funding to the Department of Public Health will support revamping of the curriculum and provide participants with incentives. The Department of Medicine is awarded $7,130 to pilot the Cardiac Recovery through Dietary Support program that will provide medically tailored meals and nutritionist support to patients admitted for heart failure exacerbation and is at risk for readmission. A $52,150 grant is being awarded to LGBTQ Patient Quality Care in order to support data collection for identifying LGBTQ disparities in patient care and experience. And another program, Anatomic Pathology, receives $57,593 to purchase an ultrasound machine to perform fine needle aspiration in a safer,
more accurate and effective manner. A complete list of the 2017 Hearts Grants is below.

Connie Shanahan, Board Member and Former Board President of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, award the $30,000 grant for Electronic Fetal Monitoring to Gillian Otway. Photo by Irja Tannlund.


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2017 Heart Grant Awardees

1. Patient Self-Management $3,050
2. Clinical Laboratory General Operation $4,600
3. The GOOD NIGHT Group Medical Visit $5,000
4. Forgetful but Not Forgotten $6,060
5. Patient Comfort Dialysis $6,551
6. Cardiac Recovery through Dietary Support $7,130  
7. Early Mobility Safe Patient Handling $7,143  
8. Weight Management Program $7,881  
9. Health Education Program $8,000  
10. Functional Limb Service $10,000  
11. Pharmacy Leadership Development $11,700  
12. Expedited Acute Stroke Care $12,281  
13. Mobile Comfort Care Services $13,340  
14. Cutting Edge Technology $15,377  
15. Care Coordination Leadership $18,500  
16. Potrero del Sol Park FAMILIA Mural $18,874  
17. Risk & Safety Management $20,000  
18. Children’s Immigrant & Refugee Health $21,452  
19. Uniting for Children & Families $23,060  
20. Charge Nurse Development $25,000  
21. Electronic Fetal Monitoring $30,000  
22. Patient Family Conference Room $31,770  
23. Video Laryngoscopy for Neonatal Intubation $35,590  
24. Neuroendoscopy $38,666  
25. Patient-Centered Reproductive Care $45,774  
26. Virtual Reality Training to Improve Trauma Care $49,450  
27. LGBTQ Patient Quality Care $52,150  
28. Fine Needle Aspiration Ultrasound $57,593  
29. Transesophageal Echocardiography Simulator $98,156  
30. Financial Fitness Clinic $5,000  
31. Financial Fitness Clinic $15,000  
32. Vocational Rehabilitation $15,000  
33. HIVE $20,000  
34. Cancer Care Program $25,000  
35. OTI Junior Academy $50,000  

About San Francisco General Hospital Foundation  
San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (the Foundation) is an independent, 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation that provides philanthropic support to Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (Zuckerberg San Francisco General). The Foundation is dedicated to promoting excellence in research, education and care for all at Zuckerberg San Francisco General. Funds raised by the Foundation allow Zuckerberg San Francisco General to continue its long history of providing compassionate and high-quality health care to San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. For more information, please visit SFGHF.org and Facebook (Facebook.com/SFGHFFoundation).  

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