San Francisco General Hospital Foundation awards 26 grants totaling more than $500,000 to support vital programs at Zuckerberg San Francisco General

SAN FRANCISCO (October 4, 2019)—San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (the Foundation) awarded more than $500,000 in support of initiatives at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (Zuckerberg San Francisco General) through its Hearts Grants Program, which provides annual grants for innovative projects and program initiatives that might otherwise go unfunded. Since 2004, the Hearts Grants Program has awarded nearly 500 grants, including this year’s 26 grants, totaling more than $12 million. The various programs funded through the 2019 Hearts Grants hold substantial value, with grant amounts ranging from $4,525 to $51,200. The Hearts Grants Program is made possible by donors to the Foundation’s annual fund and signature fundraising event, Hearts in SF.

“The Hearts Grants promote excellence in research, education, and care for all at Zuckerberg San Francisco General,” said Ann Lazarus, Interim Chief Executive Officer of San Francisco General Hospital Foundation. “Our Hearts Grants contribute to the transformative work that takes place, while ensuring that the hospital’s providers and staff have access to the very best resources and training, the ability to build out impactful programs, and utilize the most advanced technology and medical equipment available.”

“Year after year, the impact of the Hearts Grants is evident throughout our campus and community,” said Dr. Susan Ehrlich, Chief Executive Officer of Zuckerberg San Francisco General. “These additional funds address key needs and provide essential support that isn’t covered by other resources.”

The Foundation focused on two grantmaking priorities in the selection of the 26 grants: Care for All, focused on equity and inclusion, and Transforming Health Care, focused on innovation and leadership at ZSFG. There were 56 applications in 2019, requesting a total amount of $1,571,860. Of those applications, 26 Hearts Grants, totaling $536,198, were awarded.

2019 Heart Grant Awardees

1. ED Nurses – Mindful Wellbeing and Retention, Emergency Department – $4,525
2. Patient Privacy Screen, Renal Center – $4,800
3. Improving Pediatric Perioperative Experience, Anesthesiology – $5,090
4. Comfort Garden Poetry Walk, Gardening Department – $5,859
5. Health Advocates Strengthening Systems, Health Advocates – $7,389
6. ZSFG Refugee Health Symposium, Hospital Medicine – $11,107
7. Breastfeeding-Friendly Worksite, Family and Community Medicine – $11,398
9. Fatty Liver Education, Gastroenterology – $12,450
10. Reducing Sweet Beverage Consumption, Critical Care - Educational Video – $12,500
11. Pharmacy Leadership Strategic Planning and Team Retreat, Pharmacy Department – $14,067
12. Night Staff Equity Pop-up Lounge, Hospital Administration – $14,500
13. Advancing Equity by Removing Language Barriers, Communications – $16,260
14. Family Health Center Scholars Program, Family Health Center – $17,283
15. Family-Centered Safe Sleep Program, Pediatrics – $19,050
17. Patient Care Assistant & Medical Evaluation Assistant Training, Nursing Administration – $23,136
18. Comprehensive Counseling Services for Heart Failure Patients Clinic, Clinical Pharmacy – $25,000
19. Support Services Leadership Development, Hospital Administration, Hospital Administration – $34,632
20. Bridge Clinic Immigrant Rights Initiative, Pediatrics – $36,075
21. Whole Person Care for Vulnerable Patients, Sojourn Chaplaincy – $40,000
22. Bridge to Employment for Victims of Violent Injury, Department of Surgery – $40,000
23. Closing the Hypertension Disparity Gap Care, Family & Community Medicine – $51,200

The Hearts Grants Program also includes the following grants through corporate sponsorships:
24. OTI Junior Academy, Genentech – $50,000
25. Vocational Rehabilitation, First Republic Bank – $25,000
26. HIVE PRO-Men Project, Macy’s – $20,000

Pam Baer (left), Lifetime Director, SFGH Foundation Board, and Judy Guggenheim (right), Chair, SFGH Foundation Board, present a $40,000 grant to the Whole Person Care for Vulnerable Patients, accepted by Rev. Dani Gabriel (center left), Rev. Claire Bohman, M. Div (center), and Rev. Ileana LaBergere (center right).
Karl Robillard (left) of Twitter presents a $5,859 grant to Anne Woods (center), Lead Gardener, and Eun Sun Park (right), Activity Coordinator and Skilled Nursing Facility, for the Comfort Garden Poetry Walk Grant.

Franco Finn (left) of Alaska Airlines presents a $4,525 grant to Christopher Peabody, MD, MPH (center), and Rachel Perry Limon, RN, MS, CNS, CEN (right) on behalf of the ED Nurses for Mindful Wellbeing and Retention.

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/SFGHFoundation).

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