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Stupski Foundation grants $2.5 million to Supportive & Palliative Care Service and Oncology programs at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center

SAN FRANCISCO (September 30, 2019) – San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (the Foundation) will receive a significant grant of $2.5 million from the Stupski Foundation for Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center’s (ZSFG) programs which support patients with less than a year to live, as well as their caregivers and loved ones. ZSFG is San Francisco’s largest safety net provider and only trauma center.

Said Dan Tuttle, Director of Health, Stupski Foundation: “This is a time of big transitions and opportunities—the city's investment in an integrated electronic health record for the San Francisco Health Network has recently gone live. Better data helps coordinate patient care regardless of where in the city they get it. Amidst this change, we are grateful to ZSFG leadership for their support of the deepened partnership between the Supportive & Palliative Care Service (SPCS) and Oncology, bringing the highest quality of life possible to patients facing both significant adversity and serious illness.”

San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Board President John Bell added, “the Foundation is extremely grateful for this grant from the Stupski Foundation. ZSFG’s serious illness and palliative care programs will be able to identify and provide the care patients truly want and deserve at the end of their lives by improving the quality and depth of services for them and their caregivers. Private philanthropy is more important than ever for public hospitals and I hope the Stupski Foundation’s grant inspires additional private support from the San Francisco community.”

The Stupski Foundation grant will fund a part-time chaplain for the existing outpatient palliative care team and a part-time social worker who will champion quality improvement projects and expand the team’s clinical services. Additional hires include Spanish- and Cantonese-speaking Patient Navigators to help patients through telehealth palliative care visits, increase caregiver support, assess patient needs for social services, provide care coordination, follow up with patients after they are discharged, and increase advance care planning through the PRAPARE tool.
The monies will support the implementation of the Adriane Labs Serious Illness Care Program which supports advance care planning efforts by identifying patients, training clinicians, improving workflows, and capturing patient preferences in the electronic medical record. The grant will also increase access to external home-based palliative care through ZSFG partners like By the Bay Health, standardize screening for social determinants of health, improve the palliative care resources in the Health Network’s centralized database, expand psychosocial distress screening, and proactively identify oncology patients that could benefit from palliative care. It will also create and pilot a mindfulness caregiver education program developed for ZSFG’s caregivers.

With this grant to ZSFG, one of seven grants to San Francisco and Alameda county health care systems, the Stupski Foundation’s goal is to ensure all patients with serious illness receive access to timely, high-quality palliative care and support for their caregivers and loved ones.

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About Stupski Foundation
The Stupski Foundation is investing all of its assets in the next 10 years to address some of the Bay Area’s and Hawai’i’s biggest challenges so one day everyone can benefit from the wealth of opportunities and resources in the places will call home. The Stupski Foundation primarily funds organizations in the Bay Area and Hawai’i that address hunger, postsecondary success, early brain development, and serious illness care.

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).

About Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital
Learn more about the ZSFG Family Birth Center and midwifery programs at www.zsfamilybirthcenter.org or www.obgyn.ucsf.edu/san-francisco-general-hospital/midwifery-zsfg. Find a SF Health Network health center at www.sfhealthnetwork.org
Zuckerberg San Francisco Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG) is the only Level 1 trauma center in San Francisco and is a part of the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN). The San Francisco Health Network is a community of top-rated clinics, hospitals, and programs within the Department of Public Health that connect San Franciscans to quality health care, regardless of immigration status or lack of health insurance.