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San Francisco General Hospital Foundation's Hearts in SF Fundraiser raises more than \$4.5 million to support vital mental health care programs and initiatives at Zuckerberg San Francisco General

Kaiser Permanente gifts \$3 million to Addiction Care Team

**The 2020 Leaders with Heart recipients honored include
Dr. Mark Leary and the Social Medicine Team**

Select "Hearts in San Francisco" sculptures are available for purchase

SAN FRANCISCO (February 25, 2020) — **San Francisco General Hospital Foundation** (the Foundation) raised more than \$4.5 million at its 2020 **Hearts in SF** event which honored the community and mental health care programs at **Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center** (ZSFG). Proceeds from the event, held on **Thursday, February 13, 2020** at Oracle Park, will support vital initiatives and programs with a focus on mental and behavioral health. This year, the Foundation celebrated what it means to Lead with Heart, on-the-ground innovation, and deep commitment to community. Hearts events proceeds (2004–2020), combined with *Hearts in San Francisco* artworks, have raised more than \$32 million.

"Now more than ever, it is imperative we support the essential work to combat the current mental health crisis in San Francisco," said **John Bell, San Francisco General Hospital**

Board President. “We’re truly appreciative of the support the Foundation has received this year from individuals, corporations, and foundations, which enables the Foundation and ZSFG to remain on the front line with innovative and compassionate care. Kaiser Permanente’s \$3 million grant exemplifies commitment.”

Kaiser Permanente gifted a \$3 million grant to the **Addiction Care Team (ACT)**, a team that is addressing the root causes of addiction and building life-changing connections. ACT prioritizes individuals during hospitalization who are identified as the most vulnerable, in order to reduce harms of substance use while addressing medical and psychosocial complications of addiction. As a hospital-based consultation service, ACT found that 50% of people with substance use disorder (SUD) are disconnected to community care. Hospitalization presents a pivotal touch point to initiate and link people to treatment. ACT is building a continuum of care and changing the narrative of addiction in San Francisco. Kaiser Permanente’s \$3 million gift will expand the ACT team – hiring a full-time physician, another patient navigator, and a nurse practitioner or physician assistant. It will also help facilitate the expansion of services to the emergency department and the opening of an outpatient clinic for patients to continue care after they are discharged. The funding will increase the number of patients cared for by 30%.

“The growing visibility of substance abuse, addiction, and mental illness on the streets of San Francisco compels us to take action now,” said **Janet Liang**, group president for California and Chief Operating Officer, Care Delivery at **Kaiser Permanente**. “Our contribution underscores the importance hospitalization plays when it comes to intervening and addressing the mental health of some of the most vulnerable people in the San Francisco community – those experiencing homelessness with coexisting mental illness and addiction.”

As an evolution of the Foundation’s Heroes Awards, the Leaders with Heart award recognizes extraordinary community leaders who exemplify the compassion and commitment of the Foundation and ZSFG – caring for all San Franciscans. This year, **Dr. Mark Leary** and the **Social Medicine Team** were recognized.

Dr. Mark Leary

Dr. Mark Leary has dedicated his career to serving the most vulnerable with compassion and dignity. As Deputy Director of the Department of Psychiatry at Zuckerberg San Francisco General, Dr. Leary brings a commitment to treating all patients as people first, patients second—inspiring those around him to lead with creativity in treating every patient.

Joining the Department of Psychiatry in 1989, Dr. Leary has focused on community mental health needs in San Francisco ensuring San Francisco’s only 24/7 Psychiatric Emergency Services is open and available to all, spearheading access to psychiatric care for incarcerated populations, and played an integral role in the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

A true “Leader with Heart,” Dr. Leary shares his joy in the work, his wisdom in teaching, and his desire to continue to learn and shape mental health care at ZSFG.

Social Medicine Team

ZSFG's Social Medicine is a multidisciplinary team of social workers, pharmacists, nurses, patient navigators, physicians, community partners, and performance improvement specialists with one goal in mind—to heal the whole person.

Born out of a growing need to better serve the most vulnerable, this team was designed to look beyond the medical needs of Emergency Department visitors and create a model of care that simultaneously addresses urgent medical, social, and psychological factors patients face. Led by **Jenna Bilinski**, RN MBA, **Jack Chase**, MD, and **Hemal Kanzaria**, MD MSc, the Social Medicine team is redefining whole-person care—meeting patients where they are and finding the support and resources for them to live healthier lives.

With a true commitment to building a strong multidisciplinary team, Social Medicine is creating a model that reaches far beyond the Emergency Department.

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The event Committee was led by Co-Chairs **Schuyler Hudak, Lionel C. Johnson**, and **Andrew McCollum**, and Honorary Chair **Lisa Stone Pritzker**,

Select sculptures from the iconic “Hearts in San Francisco” public art project are available for purchase at https://www.ebay.com/b/Hearts-in-San-Francisco/bn_7116478158.

About the Hearts in SF Event

Hearts in SF was a vibrant celebration held on the field of Oracle Park to benefit the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation (the Foundation). Presented by the Foundation, event honorary chair Lisa Stone Pritzker, and co-chairs Schuyler Hudak, Lionel C. Johnson, and Andrew McCollum, Hearts in SF celebrated the work Zuckerberg San Francisco General does every day. The annual fundraiser was a night of hope focused on the urgent need for community mental and behavioral healthcare solutions. Three Leaders with Heart Awards were awarded during the program, which recognized extraordinary community leaders who exemplify the compassion and commitment of the Foundation and ZSFG – caring for all San Franciscans. Hearts in SF featured interactive art installations, inspiring remarks, live music from DJ ThatGirl and Mustache Harbor, the 2020 series of the iconic “Hearts in San Francisco” public art project sculptures, and more.

About the Hearts in San Francisco Project

Introduced in 2004, the citywide public art project, *Hearts in San Francisco*, features 131 five-foot tall Heart Sculptures designed by both local and national established and emerging artists. The unique works of art are featured in plazas, parks and on street corners throughout San Francisco. Since the inaugural year, more than 350 Hearts have been created to benefit programs at Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG). Hearts are auctioned and sold, and more than \$12 million in proceeds have supported San Francisco General Hospital Foundation's efforts to fund innovative projects and initiatives that provide high-quality compassionate care at ZSFG.

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\(Facebook.com/SFGHFoundation\)](https://www.facebook.com/SFGHFoundation).

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