



# DONOR IMPACT REPORT

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With the start of each new fiscal year at the Foundation, I am always inspired by all that is in store. As we look ahead, new faces and new initiatives will undoubtedly strengthen our commitment to the Foundation's mission of investing in equity, access, and quality health care for all.

We begin this new year with exciting additions to our Board of Directors, welcoming Alfonso "Alfie" Felder, Allan Low, and Robert Turley to the team. As you will read on page 6, each brings enthusiasm and expertise that will amplify the Foundation's important work in the years ahead.

The Foundation is also fortunate to welcome a new leader in Jen Wylegala, its new Chief Development Officer. With over 20 years of experience as a lead fundraiser and strategist, Jen joins the Foundation at an exciting time and will have an immediate impact on our work. I look forward to introducing Jen to many of you soon.

This season also brings the return of the Equity & Innovation Grant awards, which celebrate their 20-year anniversary in October. The grants are significant to the mission of the Foundation and create a pathway for supporters to directly impact patient-centered care at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG). The 2024 Equity & Innovation Grant awardees represent a commitment to health care equity and innovation at our city's only public hospital.

Looking to the future, I am also inspired by future leaders in nonprofit philanthropy. This summer, I had the immense pleasure of hosting the Stanford 2024 Tom Ford Fellows in Philanthropy at our offices, sharing the history of my own career in philanthropy while learning about what excites this generation. You can read more about the Foundation's Tom Ford Fellow, Gabriela Escobar, on page 4.

Again, I am so energized by all that we have accomplished together, and hope you feel inspired for what we can achieve in the future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Foundation staff, and Hospital partners, I share our sincere appreciation for your investment in health, access, and equity for all in San Francisco.

Please enjoy a summary of what your generosity has recently accomplished.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Meredith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Meredith, Chief Executive Officer

# HEARTS IN SF

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025



## Save the Date for Hearts in SF!

**One in eight San Franciscans rely on our city's only public hospital for health care every day.**

And as San Franciscans, we believe all our neighbors deserve access to a healthy tomorrow.

Join the party at Hearts in SF 2025 on Thursday, February 6, 2025 as we create this brighter future for all with an investment in health care equity and innovation at ZSFG.

This year, Hearts in SF returns to *The Conservatory at One Sansome in San Francisco* to celebrate San Francisco's commitment to health care for all with

a cocktail reception and seated dinner, compelling programming and entertainment, and a moment to recognize the legacy of the Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr. as he accepts a Lifetime Achievement Award for his unwavering commitment to health equity, social justice, and the San Francisco community at large. Following the event, stay for Hearts After Dark, our popular post-dinner party featuring the San Francisco Giants' DJ Umami.

Secure your tickets now and learn more about sponsorship opportunities at [heartsinsf.org](https://heartsinsf.org).



## Gillian Otway Named Chief Nursing Officer

Gillian Otway, a true leader at ZSFG, recently stepped into a more permanent leadership position as the Hospital's Chief Nursing Officer. Beginning her career at ZSFG in 1998, Gillian has played a role in nearly every corner of the Hospital, working as a nurse manager both on the units and in support of the future of nursing at ZSFG. In this new role, Gillian will lead over 1,000 nurses and partner with the Chief Medical Officer to oversee all clinical services on campus. Congratulations, Gillian!

## A New Home for Slice of Life Catering



For patients at ZSFG with mental and behavioral health needs, whole-person care means a continuum of care that extends beyond discharge. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program at ZSFG provides job readiness and training courses to individuals

with chronic mental illness as they transition into a new phase of their lives. One such Department of Psychiatry Citywide Employment Program, Slice of Life Catering, plays an important role on campus, sharing culinary creations at special events and meetings, as well as at the coffee carts and food stands throughout the ZSFG campus.

After years of searching, Slice of Life opened its first commercial space this year, providing more space to grow the business while supporting the Hospital's former patients as they gain skills in the kitchen, learn from experienced professionals like ZSFG Head Chef Mike Sullivan, and prepare for a career in the service industry.

[Learn more about Slice of Life here.](#)

## It's Not Too Late to Harness Your Willpower!

National Make-A-Will Month was in August, but it's not too late to have an incredible impact on your community through the power of your will. At Zuckerberg San Francisco General, the mission is to provide health care for all, ensuring that everyone in the community has access to the care they need.

This work is rooted in equity and innovation, which drives us to continuously improve our services and support our patients. By creating your will with [FreeWill](#) in 20 minutes, you can play a crucial role in this goal, helping to build a healthier, more equitable future for everyone.

Your willpower is not just about securing your own future—it's about empowering the entire community you love.

[Join us in our critical life-saving work by creating your will today.](#)





## The Future of Philanthropy

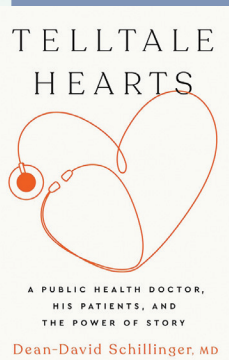
This year, the Foundation has been fortunate to work with Stanford alumna Gabriela Escobar through the Tom Ford Fellowship in Philanthropy at Stanford University. With a focus on the role philanthropy plays in public health programs and research, Gabriela joined the fundraising team, engaging with institutional and corporate funders to better understand how public and private stakeholders support community health.

Gabriela's year spent at this intersection of health care and philanthropy will inform her own future career in medicine, as she is currently applying to medical school with a focus on pediatric and family medicine.

A first for the Foundation, this fellowship is a natural extension for CEO Kim Meredith, a Stanford alumna herself, and a previous Executive Director of the Stanford Center of Philanthropy and Civil Society. By connecting new leaders in health care and philanthropy to the current landscape, the Foundation is investing in the future of public-private partnerships that support public health.

[Meet Gabriela and learn more about her year-long fellowship with the Foundation here.](#)

## A New Memoir from a Public Health Physician



Dr. Dean-David Schillinger, ZSFG physician and Co-Founder of the Center for Vulnerable Populations, recently released a new book, *Telltale Hearts: A Public Health Doctor, His Patients, and the Power of Story*. Dr. Schillinger's book is a doctor's powerful meditation on what his patients taught him, and what they can teach us about listening, healing, and public health.

If you missed Dr. Schillinger's book release event at Book Passage in the San Francisco Ferry Building, you can [find it](#) at your favorite bookstore or local library.



## AVON Celebrates 20 Years of Care

The AVON Comprehensive Breast Center at ZSFG celebrated an important milestone this month—20 years of providing equitable access to preventative breast cancer screening services.

A state-of-the-art facility filled with warm and caring staff, beautiful healing spaces, and the latest breast-imaging technology, the AVON Center showcases the Hospital's dedication to infusing equity into everyday health care.

During the celebration, guests had the opportunity to tour the Mammovan, which began providing mammography services throughout San Francisco in 2007 thanks to support from the Foundation. Through an extensive outreach program and strong partnerships, the van is on the move two to three days each week, providing up to 15 appointments per day at community centers and clinics across San Francisco.

From culturally and linguistically appropriate care teams to prevention services that extend beyond the Center's walls with the Mammovan, this team continues to alleviate the inequities inherent in preventative cancer screenings.



## Welcome New SFGHF Board Members

The SFGH Foundation was pleased to welcome three new members to its Board of Directors effective July 1.



### **ALFONSO "ALFIE" FELDER**

Alfie Felder oversees various divisions as a senior member of SF Giants Enterprises where he has spent nearly 30 years in the front office. Alfie attended UC Berkeley and graduated from Harvard. He resides in San Francisco with his wife and two sons.



### **ALLAN LOW**

Allan Low helps clients with varied real estate transactions. He has worked with nonprofit organizations to develop and finance affordable housing projects, preserve neighborhoods, and keep residents in their homes. Allan is also active with Chinatown and Asian American organizations.



### **ROBERT TURLEY**

Robert Turley leads asset allocation and portfolio strategy at Dodge & Cox. He holds degrees from BYU, NYU's Stern School of Business, and Harvard. Robert enjoys spending time with his family, competing in machine learning competitions, and volunteering in his community.

## A Legacy of Health Equity



A leader in health equity at ZSFG, Dr. Hemal Kanzaria was recently awarded the first ever Terry A. Patinkin, MD, Endowed Professorship in Health Equity. Dr. Patinkin left a legacy of providing excellent, comprehensive, ethical, and compassionate care to underserved and vulnerable populations, making Dr. Kanzaria's own focus on social determinants of health a perfect reflection of Dr. Patinkin's legacy.



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Ari Takata-Vasquez  
Wild, 2020  
Salesforce Park  
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## Your Impact Endures

Your generosity as a donor has had a lasting impact, helping ZSFG continue as San Francisco's largest safety net hospital for more than 150 years.

Now more than ever, our community depends on a network of dedicated supporters like you. By giving today, you ensure that thousands of Bay Area families receive the equitable health care, mental health services, and trauma care they deserve, regardless of their immigration or socioeconomic status.

BONUS! With a gift of \$150 or more, you will receive a set of six beautiful postcards featuring our Hearts in San Francisco sculptures on display around the city.

Supplies are limited, so please give and claim your postcards today!



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