Gala Donors Ensure ‘The Beat Goes On’

EVENT RAISES $1.8 MILLION FOR JOHN MUIR HEALTH CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICES

On November 5, more than 700 guests attended the third annual Celebrate John Muir Health! Gala held at the Concord Jet Center in a private airplane hangar generously provided by the Hofmann family. The sold-out 1960s–themed event titled “The Beat Goes On” raised $1.8 million to benefit John Muir Health’s nationally recognized cardiovascular services, which helped 18,600 patients last year.

John Muir Physician Network Foundation Cardiologists and East Bay Cardiovascular and Thoracic Associates together served as the Title Sponsor of the event, along with more than 60 other corporate and individual sponsors.

Gala proceeds will support the relocation and expansion of the Cardiac Conditioning gym in Walnut Creek, and new state-of-the-art operating rooms at John Muir Health’s Cardiovascular Institute in Concord.

The Cardiovascular Institute, which was funded by community support, has been home to numerous innovations in cardiac care. John Muir Health was one of the first hospitals in Northern California to offer transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) and transcatheter mitral valve repair (MitraClip), which repair heart valves without the need for open-heart surgery.
Thank you to everyone who supported our third annual Celebrate John Muir Health! Gala on November 5.

We would especially like to thank Jean, Ken and Lisa Hofmann for once again providing their private hangar at the Concord Jet Center as the marvelous venue for our colorful, 1960s-themed “The Beat Goes On” event, which raised $1.8 million to benefit John Muir Health’s cardiovascular services.

In addition to supporting the Cardiac Conditioning gym at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, and new state-of-the-art operating rooms at John Muir Health’s Cardiovascular Institute in Concord, gala proceeds will also help John Muir Health continue to advance the top-quality, innovative cardiovascular services and care provided to patients, their families and our community.

It is highly gratifying to lead a fundraising event each year that brings so many people from across the Bay Area together to celebrate the remarkable work of John Muir Health, the countless lives saved and the many ways that we are improving the health of our greater community together.

For those of you who were not able to join us on November 5, we hope we can provide you with a flavor of that magical evening through this issue of Give Health. Thank you to all donors for giving the gift of health through your generous support of John Muir Health.
Gala Galvanizes Community

MORE THAN 700 GALA SPONSORS, DONORS AND GUESTS FROM ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT JOHN MUIR HEALTH

“We support John Muir Health’s mission of improving health in our community. And now that there is an Outpatient Center in Pleasanton, it makes it even easier for us at Workday to take advantage of their quality care and services.”

—Jim Shaughnessy
General Counsel, Workday

“John Muir Health provides top-quality health care with advanced technologies and procedures that you find at academic or research hospitals, but much closer to where we live. We think that’s really important for our community.”

—Brent and Margaret Simor
of Alamo, who provided the winning bids for two live auction prizes.
Margaret, a master’s prepared nurse, is the former Director of Cardiovascular Service Line Clinical Operations at John Muir Health.

“John Muir Health has been an important part of our family’s health and medical care for many years, so we are happy to help support a great organization through this very special event.”

—Lisa Hofmann, left,
President, the Hofmann Family Foundation with Beth Stagner, Legal Administrator, Hofmann Management Company

“Many patients who enter the Emergency Department have just had a heart attack so we work closely with the cardiovascular team at John Muir Health. The great partnership we have, along with their remarkable expertise and abilities, makes all the difference in saving lives in emergency situations.”

—Hartwell Lin, M.D.
Emergency Physician,
John Muir Health and East Bay Regional Director, CEP
Celebrate
John Muir Health
November 5, 2016 | Third Annual Gala
To benefit John Muir Health cardiovascular services

John Muir Health cardiology physicians and guests.

Jackie Schroder, right, with daughter Robyn. Jackie, a former cardiac patient and longtime JMH employee, was featured in a special video shown that night.

More than 700 attendees helped raise $1.8 million to support John Muir Health’s cardiovascular services.

Left to right: Kathleen Rodriguez, Katherine Chynoweth and David Griffith, M.D.

Left to right: Nell Fraser, Bill Eames, and Mike and Suzanne Lescure.

Mistress of Ceremonies Ann Notarangelo.
Left to right: Dave Wilson, Melissa and Nathan Galan, and Todd and Jamie Benatar of LabCorp.

Left to right: Leila and Nicolas Makhoul, M.D., and Soraia Faizyar and Ali Barmaki, M.D.

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Left to right: Kerry Murphy, Gala Co-Chairs Margie Murphy and Maureen Knight, and John Muir Health President and CEO Cal Knight.

Thank you to the 60 John Muir Health employees who volunteered to help staff the event, including, left to right, Maria Steinberg, Michelle Kehl, Nel Yu, Shereelyn Hijosa and Vanessa Suarez.

The event was held at the Concord Jet Center in a private hangar generously provided by the Hofmann family.

Left to right: Stephanie Coleman, James Thomas, Jason Raddatz, and Eric and Katie Larimer of NorCal Ambulance.
Thank you to all 2016 gala sponsors, partners and donors for your generous support of John Muir Health.
Prizes and Winners

LIVE AUCTION

1. Planes, Trains and Automobiles
   Private plane flight, karting experience, Napa Valley Wine
   Train tickets and lodging at a fine Sonoma hotel
   Winner: John Findley

2. Yosemite Adventure
   Limited-edition sculpture of John Muir, and lodging, dinner
   and tour at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel
   Winner: Brent and Margaret Simor

3. Dinner with “The Brass”
   Dinner at Meadowood Napa Valley with JMH leadership
   Winner: Brian Rivera, Tampico Terrace Care Center

4. Stellar Cellar Plus
   Forty bottles of wine donated by John Muir Health supporters,
   as well as lunch at Cakebread Cellars, private wine tasting
   at 3 Steves Winery and tickets to the Barrel Tasting
   Weekend in Livermore Valley Wine Country
   Winner: Ravi Hundal, M.D., John Muir Medical Group

5. The Reel Deal
   Guided fly-fishing trip with Cal Knight and Irving Pike, M.D.
   Winner: David Fitzgerald, M.D., Medical Anesthesia Consultants
   Winner: Eric Larimer, NorCal Ambulance

6. On Broadway
   A trip for two to New York City with tickets to the popular
   show, Hamilton: An American Musical on Broadway
   Winner: Ramesh Veeragandham, M.D.

7. DuMOL Spring Release Party
   Wine tasting at an exclusive members-only event
   Winner: Multiple winners

7a. DuMOL Special Edition
   A 5-liter, one-of-a-kind, engraved 2010 DuMol Russian River
   Valley Pinot Noir Ryan
   Winner: Sharon Simpson

8. Hawaiian Holiday
   Five-night stay on the Big Island, including lodging,
   adventure outings, golfing and dinner at Beach Restaurant
   Winner: Brent and Margaret Simor

9. It’s a Slam Dunk
   Golden State Warriors tickets in Jim Barnett’s personal
   seats, plus dinner at Restaurant Gary Danko and a signed
   Klay Thompson jersey
   Winner: Kerry and Margie Murphy

OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS

18k White Gold Bracelet with Diamonds
   generously offered by Neiman Marcus Walnut Creek
   Winner: David Fitzgerald, M.D.

Golden State Warriors Game Night
   generously offered by Wells Fargo
   Winner: Vita Sechrest

SIGN UP PARTIES

Tickets to these exclusive, privately held parties were available
for purchase during the gala. A limited number of tickets were
available per event.

Margaritas and Mariachis
   Hosted by Maureen and Cal Knight

Picnic in the Park
   Hosted by John Muir Health leaders in collaboration with
   California Shakespeare Theater

Paella Party
   Hosted by Tatyana and Jon Russell

Fall Fashion Preview
   Hosted by Neiman Marcus Walnut Creek
WHY I GIVE

Bobbie’s New Beat

THANKS TO A TINY CLIP INSERTED IN HER HEART, BOBBIE SALAZAR HAS NEW ENERGY FOR LIFE’S BIG ADVENTURES

Bobbie Salazar felt tired. She frequently found herself out of breath, even while taking a leisurely walk around her San Ramon neighborhood. “I thought I was just getting old,” she says, “but Dr. Shiu assured me it was something else.”

Noninvasive cardiologist Perkin Shiu, M.D., informed Bobbie that the mitral valve in her heart was leaking—reducing the ability of her heart to pump blood efficiently. Traditionally, her valve would be repaired through open-heart surgery, but for 80-year-old Bobbie, the surgery itself could have been life-threatening.

Fortunately, Dr. Shiu and a team of cardiovascular physicians at John Muir Health had just started performing a new, minimally invasive procedure called MitraClip, in which a thin tube, or catheter, holding a tiny clip is fed from a small incision in the leg or groin up through a blood vessel and into the heart, then positioned to seal off the leaky valve. After the procedure, patients often feel reinvigorated and re-energized.

Bobbie has certainly been putting her newfound energy to good use. She recently rode in a blimp, zip-lined in Colorado and parasailed in Lake Tahoe. She even achieved an item on her bucket list: taking part in a ride-along with the San Ramon Police Department. In addition to cruising in a police car, Bobbie was schooled on firing an assault rifle and subduing an attacker (with a mannequin as a stand-in); she even caught a speeding motorist using a radar gun.

Since having the MitraClip procedure, Bobbie has made occasional gifts to support John Muir Health in honor of her cardiologist. “I just give what I can, when I can,” she says. “John Muir has always been my hospital, and I wouldn’t be here now without Dr. Shiu. I can’t thank everyone enough!”