



2025 Spring Updates from Health Care Foundation for Ventura County

A Note from Amy Towner, CEO...

Dear Reader,

As the first quarter of 2025 comes to a close, I'm excited to share some meaningful spring updates from Health Care Foundation for Ventura County (HCFVC).

In late 2024, Lions Clubs International Foundation awarded a generous \$100,000 matching grant to Lions District 4-A3, which, with the support of Driscoll's, successfully raised an additional \$100,000. This remarkable \$200,000 donation has equipped seven federally qualified health centers with advanced diagnostic tools, improving diabetes prevention, diagnosis, and treatment for patients across Ventura County.

We're also honored to share a heartfelt grateful patient story from Ventura County employee Jannette Jauregui, who recently received life-changing care at Santa Paula Hospital and Ventura County Medical Center.



In the summer of 2024, HCFVC received a grant from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish Language Access and Interpreter Services at Ventura County Medical Center and Santa Paula Hospital. Those services are now making a tangible impact on Hispanic and Indigenous patients at VCMC.

As we look ahead to Mental Health Awareness Month in May, we're spotlighting the essential services provided by the South Oxnard Adult Clinic, where dedicated teams offer critical support for those facing behavioral health challenges.

Thank you for inspiring and supporting our mission to create a healthier, more compassionate, and philanthropic Ventura County. In these ever-changing times, I want to sincerely thank you for your [continued support](#) and for choosing HCFVC as your health care nonprofit. Your generosity helps the local families, friends, and neighbors who rely on accessible, high-quality care in Ventura County.

In philanthropic spirit,

Amy

Advancing Local Diabetes Care: \$200,000 Investment Enhances Health Care in Ventura County

Health Care Foundation for Ventura County is pleased to share Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded a generous \$100,000 matching grant to Lions District 4-A3, which successfully raised an additional \$100,000 locally with the support of Driscoll's. Together, their efforts have resulted in an incredible \$200,000 investment in diabetes care for Ventura County.



This funding supports the Ventura County Lions Clubs Diabetes Care Collaborative, to address type 2 diabetes in Ventura County by equipping seven federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) with state-of-the-art diagnostic tools. This advanced

equipment will enhance each clinic's ability to diagnose, prevent, and treat diabetes, helping mitigate severe complications such as blindness.

Through this initiative, HCFVC has purchased seven **Siemens Healthineers A1C Monitors**, five **Crystalvue Retinal Cameras**, two **Sonoscape X5 Ultrasound Machines**, and ten **Philips TC50 EKG Machines**.

This essential equipment has been delivered to John K. Flynn Community Clinic, Las Islas Family Medical Group (North and South), Las Posas Family Medical Group, Magnolia Family Medical Center (East and West), and Mandalay Bay Women and Children's Clinic. A plaque recognizing LCIF, Lions District 4-A3, and Driscoll's now accompanies the equipment at each site, honoring their generous contributions.

HCFVC extends its heartfelt gratitude to LCIF, Lions District 4-A3, and Driscoll's, for their extraordinary commitment to expanding diabetes prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in Ventura County. Their support is enhancing local diabetes care, improving patient outcomes, and promoting a healthier community.



Jannette's Experience of High-Quality Care at Santa Paula Hospital & Ventura County Medical Center

Jannette Jauregui, a longtime Ventura County employee, is among many of the local residents who rely on the medical care provided by the Ventura County Health Care Agency (VCHCA). However, having been relatively healthy her whole life, she had never personally experienced the full scope of VCHCA's services and comprehensive care until recently.

Earlier this year, Jannette was on the third day of the flu and wasn't feeling well. As a Santa Paula resident, she went to the Santa Paula Hospital (SPH) Emergency

Room, expecting to need an IV for hydration. However, a quick blood test revealed a shocking diagnosis of dangerously low sodium levels, a condition she had never considered.



Jannette was then transported by ambulance to Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC), where she was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. For four days, a dedicated team of doctors and nurses provided high-quality care, carefully monitoring her condition until her sodium levels stabilized.

Jannette spent six days in the hospital between SPH and VCMC. She now looks back with gratitude on the exceptional care that led to her positive outcome. After making a full recovery, she reflected, *“I am not ignorant to the fact that the outcome could have been very different if my situation was not cared for in the way that it was.”*

This experience has been both life-changing and eye-opening for Jannette. Today, she extends her heartfelt thanks to her primary doctors, Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Nuhn, as well as the medical teams at SPH and VCMC, for providing the exceptional care that made her recovery possible.

Stories like Jannette’s highlight the importance of accessible, high-quality health care in Ventura County. The generosity of donors like you ensure HCFVC can continue to enhance and augment local health care services provided by VCHCA. HCFVC thanks Jannette for sharing her story with us.

To ensure high-quality care at SPH and VCMC, please [click here](#).

Enhancing Language Access & Interpreter Services at Ventura County Medical Center & Santa Paula Hospital

In the summer of 2024, Health Care Foundation for Ventura County was pleased to receive a grant award from the Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG), an initiative by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). This funding, combined with the ongoing generosity of

Driscoll's, was used to establish Language Access and Interpreter Services at Ventura County Medical Center and Santa Paula Hospital.



These services are instrumental in eliminating language barriers and ensuring equitable, inclusive health care for all. This is particularly critical for the underserved Hispanic and Indigenous communities that reside in Ventura County.

Leading this initiative is Jorge Mejia, CCHI, who has recently joined Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) as the Director of Language Access and Inclusive Services. With extensive experience in health care interpretation and a deep commitment to patient advocacy, Jorge brings a wealth of knowledge in cultural integration. He is dedicated to creating a supportive environment where patients and their families are empowered to navigate the local health care system with confidence, ensuring they have the tools to make informed decisions. He is joined by trilingual interpreter Maribel Rojas, with an additional interpreter soon to be onboarded, further strengthening language access services at VCMC.

In just a few months, Jorge and Maribel have already provided interpretation services for hundreds of VCMC patients, ensuring they receive the care and information they need. A heartfelt thank you to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and Driscoll's for your generous support in expanding language access and fostering inclusive health care in Ventura County!

To support Language Access and Interpreter Services at VCMC and SPH,
please [click here](#)

The Impact of Ventura County Behavioral Health

Next month, May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and Health Care Foundation for Ventura County recognizes the essential role behavioral health services play in the well-being of our community.

Ventura County Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Department is committed to ensuring behavioral health care is accessible to everyone. One of its key clinics,

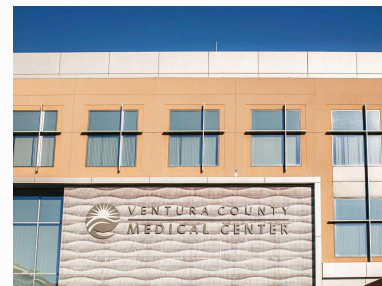
the South Oxnard Adult Clinic, provides critical behavioral health services that are personalized to each patient's unique needs. One patient shared, "The team's education, training, and commitment to healing have empowered me to do the work to heal myself. They treated me with a level of care I've never experienced before." This testimony highlights the profound impact of compassionate, individualized care provided by Ventura County Behavioral Health.



To support and sustain these essential behavioral health services, please [click here](#).

For more information on behavioral health services that may be right for you, please visit: <https://vchca.org/behavioral-health>

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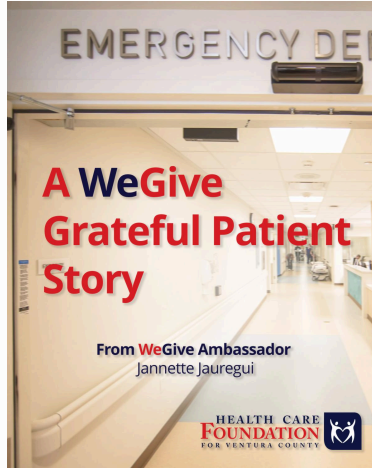
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