



2024 Winter Updates from Health Care Foundation for Ventura County

A Note from Amy Towner, CEO...

Dear Reader,

As we approach the final weeks of 2024, I'd like to take a moment to express my gratitude for your generosity and support of Health Care Foundation for Ventura County (HCFVC). In 2024, HCFVC proudly funded the acquisition of critical [medical equipment](#), including an Icon Retinal Imaging System, an Infant Transporter, a state-of-the-art MRI machine, and many more. In addition, we continued to support impactful [local programs](#) such as Health Occupations Pipeline Education (HOPE), Summer Scholars Program, Centering Pregnancy, Reach Out and Read, and many others, all of which play a vital role in improving health care for all in Ventura County.



As 2025 approaches, I'm excited to share some important year-end updates and reminders. As detailed below, you'll find unique giving opportunities, a heartfelt NICU grateful patient story, details on our free will and trust gift, and the announcement of our 3rd annual **WeGive Golden Football Challenge**. Don't miss out on these impactful ways to close your year with purpose!

We are grateful for the generosity our compassionate donors have shown this year. Your continued support is essential for sustaining the programs we fund and the critical medical equipment we provide. Together, we ensure that local health care in Ventura County remains strong and accessible. We invite you to consider [donating](#) to help us continue transforming lives in our community.

Thank you for inspiring and supporting HCFVC in shaping a healthier, more compassionate, and philanthropic Ventura County. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a prosperous 2025!

In Philanthropic Spirit,

Amy



Create a Lasting Legacy This Holiday Season With an Engraved Brick in the VCMC Healing Garden!

The Perfect Gift for Your Hard-to-Buy-For Loved One!

Honor yourself or a loved one by securing a personalized brick in the Healing Garden at Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC). A \$500 donation leaves a timeless message or tribute for our whole community to see!



Ways to Donate:

- **Donate \$500 via credit card.**
- **Donate the equivalent of \$500 in unused vacation hours as a Ventura County employee.**

This tax-deductible gift provides vital local healthcare equipment and creates a lasting tribute in the beautiful VCMC Healing Garden.

If you're a Ventura County employee, remember vacation hours accrue up to a maximum limit. To avoid losing any hours, check your current balance in the [VCHRP](#) portal and consider dedicating up to 40 unused vacation hours toward a Healing Garden brick.

To donate your unused vacation hours to secure an engraved brick, please click "Donate Via Unused Vacation Hours", and fill in your employee ID and the number of hours you wish to donate. Once your email has been sent, HCFVC will contact you via email with a fillable form to complete this process. To donate using via credit card please click "Donate Via Credit Card".

Each brick will be allowed up to 3 lines and up to 20 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. All submissions are subject to County of Ventura approval.

[Donate Via Unused Vacation Hours](#)

[Donate Via Credit Card](#)

A Heartfelt Grateful Patient Story from VCMC's NICU

When Martin and Janelle Hahn's son, Cooper, was admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC), their world was turned completely upside down. Cooper was diagnosed with a severe case of laryngomalacia, a condition caused by a congenital abnormality in the voice box that can affect breathing. Despite several medical interventions and a surgical procedure, his recovery was slower than expected, raising serious concerns. Cooper was placed on the transfer list for Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), an upsetting prospect for any parent.



Advised to be ready to leave at a moment's notice, the Hahn family packed their bags for what would be an unknown length of stay at CHLA.

That's when Dr. Sumiyoshi and the NICU medical team decided to transport an Olympus Rhino-Laryngoscope from a VCHCA outpatient clinic to the NICU to take a closer look at Cooper's condition. This advanced imaging equipment allowed the medical team to identify and confirm that Cooper was on the right path toward recovery; affording the Hahn family the ability to remain at home with their local support network and continue their care with the NICU team at VCMC with whom they had established trust and rapport.

Martin and Janelle Hahn remain grateful for the exceptional care provided by Dr. Sumiyoshi, Dr. Krebs, and the entire NICU team. Their compassion and expertise were instrumental in guiding Cooper's recovery.

Health Care Foundation for Ventura County is pleased to announce that, thanks to grant funding, we will acquire a dedicated Olympus Rhino-Laryngoscope for VCMC. This addition will ensure more families receive the same outstanding care Cooper did, right here in Ventura County. HCFVC is deeply grateful to the Hahn family for generously sharing their uplifting story.

All individuals depicted have given their consent for the use, disclosure, and publication of this story and photograph

Access Your Complimentary Will & Trust! Our Holiday Gift for You & Your Loved Ones!

With less than a month left in 2024, now is the perfect time to start or update your will and trust to ensure the well-being of your family and financial health. HCFVC has partnered with Giving Docs to offer will-writing resources that are free to you, your friends, and your family, providing peace of mind as you plan for your retirement. With many options available, including bequests, charitable gift annuities,

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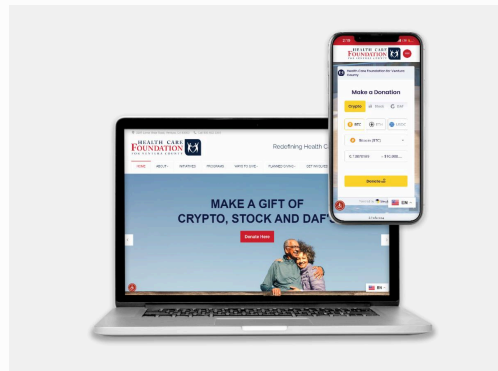
and 401(k) designations, this tool is safe, secure, and does not require sensitive security information.

By including Health Care Foundation for Ventura County in your estate plan, your generosity will strengthen Ventura County Health Care Agency's capacity to provide quality health care for all. Click "[Free Estate Planning Tools](#)" to access HCFVC's free estate planner or visit hcfvc.org to learn more about leaving a planned gift for HCFVC!

Free Estate Planning Tools

Introducing 3 New Ways to Support HCFVC! Donate Your Cryptocurrency, Stock, or Donor Advised Funds Today!

HCFVC is excited to announce we now accept donations of cryptocurrency, stock, and Donor Advised Funds (DAF) directly on hcfvc.org. These new giving options allow you to expand your philanthropic giving beyond cash, helping you diversify your giving while maximizing potential tax benefits. This lets you make a meaningful impact on local health care while keeping more money in your wallet!



Gifts of Stock: Maximize your impact by donating long-term appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to HCFVC. Start your stock donation to HCFVC in a few simple steps by visiting hcfvc.org/donate-stock.

Gifts of Cryptocurrency: A gift of appreciated cryptocurrency is one of the most powerful and tax-efficient ways to make a charitable donation to HCFVC. Start your crypto donation to HCFVC in a few simple steps by visiting hcfvc.org/donate-cryptocurrency.

Gifts of Donor Advised Funds: Donating via a DAF enables you to make charitable contributions, obtain immediate tax benefits, and subsequently suggest

grants from the fund over time. Make a strategic donation to HCFVC by visiting hcfvc.org/donor-advised-fund.

Join us in our mission to strengthen the capacity of Ventura County Health Care Agency to provide quality health care for all. By making a gift through cryptocurrency, stock, or Donor-Advised Funds, you can create a meaningful impact while potentially reducing your tax bill, no cash donation is required!

Donate Stock

Donate Crypto

Donate DAFs

WeGive Employee Golden Football Challenge Kicks-Off Next Month!

Ready, Set, Hike! The third annual **WeGive Employee Golden Football Challenge** kicks off on *January 28, 2025*, at the Board of Supervisors Meeting. This exciting initiative brings a fun and competitive twist to local philanthropy, as Ventura County departments and agencies go head-to-head for the coveted **Golden Football Award!**



The department or agency with the highest donation participation percentage by March 29th claims the **Golden Football Award** and a full year of bragging rights! Standings will be updated every two weeks throughout the challenge to keep the momentum going.

Starting January 1st, you can make a preseason donation for your department or agency, which will have the same impact as a post-kickoff donation. Simply donate using one of the methods below:

- 1. Payroll Deduction: Sign up through your [VCHRP](#) portal.**
- 2. Annual Leave: Give up to 40 unused vacation hours by emailing ac.payroll@ventura.org, provide your employee ID number and how many hours you wish to donate to HCFVC.**

3. **Credit Card Donation:** Click [here](#) to make a one-time donation of \$7 or more.

Join your Ventura County colleagues to invest back in our local health and hospital system, ensuring quality care for our shared community. Let's make this year's challenge the best one yet!

[Donate to WeGive](#)

It's Not too Late to Make a Difference This Year!

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue our work and make an even greater impact in Ventura County. However, we can't do this without your support! That's why we are reaching out today to invite YOU to make a year-end donation. Your compassionate generosity makes it possible to provide quality health care for all in Ventura County including your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors.

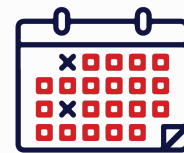
Below are three unique ways you can support HCFVC this holiday season, offering options to broaden your giving beyond traditional cash donations. Additionally, your year-end gift may help reduce your 2024 tax burden. Together, let's continue building a healthier future for everyone in Ventura County!



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Credit Card**



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Planned Gift**



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