



## 2025 End-of-Year Updates from Health Care Foundation for Ventura County

*A Note from Amy Towner, CEO...*

Dear Amy,

As we look back on 2025, we are reminded how much can be accomplished when a community like Ventura County comes together with purpose. This year, your generosity helped strengthen Ventura County's public health and hospital system and ensured high-quality care remains accessible to everyone who depends on it.



**Your support empowers Ventura County Medical Center, Santa Paula Hospital, and the Ambulatory Care Clinic system** across our county to continue delivering compassionate care to patients and families every day. You are part of a community of donors who make it possible for Health Care Foundation for Ventura County (HCFVC) to meet emerging needs, invest in essential programs and medical equipment, and help build a stronger, more resilient health system for all.

As we prepare for the year ahead, [we invite you to consider making a tax-deductible year-end gift by December 31](#). Your contribution directly supports our mission and helps us continue advancing equitable, reliable, and high-quality health care throughout Ventura County.

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As you continue reading, you will find several updates and stories from the past few months, including HCFVC's selection as an Action for Women's Health awardee, Ventura County Credit Union's generous \$75,000 contribution as part of its "Year of Giving," and the upcoming launch of the 2026 **WeGive Employee Golden Football Challenge**.

Thank you for being a valued part of our mission. We are deeply grateful for your support this holiday season and look forward to the impact we will have together in 2026.

With appreciation during this season of giving,



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## Health Care Foundation for Ventura County Named an Action for Women's Health Awardee

In November, Health Care Foundation for Ventura County (HCFVC) was selected as **one of more than 80 organizations awarded funding through Action for Women's Health, a \$250 million global open call funded by Pivotal**. Launched in 2024, this open call supports organizations working to advance women's mental and physical health around the world. Founded by Melinda French Gates in 2015, Pivotal works to advance social progress and expand women's power and influence in the U.S. and around the world.



**HCFVC was awarded between \$1 million and \$5 million in support of Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) and Ventura County Health Care Agency**

**(VCHCA).** The Foundation is honored to help steward this transformative investment for Ventura County's safety-net health and hospital system.

HCFVC was **selected from a pool of more than 4,000 applicants representing 119 countries**, each offering solutions to improve women's health across all stages of life. After a rigorous peer and expert review process, just over 80 organizations were chosen, many of which have historically lacked access to major philanthropic funding.

"This investment supports coordinated care across Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC), Santa Paula Hospital, and affiliated clinics," said John Fankhauser, MD, Chief Executive Officer of VCMC and Santa Paula Hospital. "By integrating language access, navigation, and prevention, we intend to improve patient experience and support earlier engagement in care."

"Our goal is to make care for women easier to navigate throughout Ventura County, offering support in the language they prefer and in settings that meet them where they are," said Amy Towner, Co-Founder and CEO of HCFVC.

HCFVC thanks Action for Women's Health, funded by Pivotal, for this impactful award in support of VCMC and VCHCA. This investment strengthens our shared efforts to expand access to high-quality care and essential resources for women across Ventura County.

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## WeGive Employee Golden Football Challenge Kicks Off in January!

Read, set, hike! The fourth annual **WeGive Employee Golden Football Challenge** will **kick off on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Ventura County Board of Supervisors Meeting**. This exciting giving 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 27th** will claim the **Golden Football Award** and a full year of bragging rights! Standings will be updated every two weeks throughout the challenge. Beginning January 1st, any donation you make to Health Care Foundation for Ventura County will count toward your department or agency's chances to win! Simply donate using one of the methods below:

**Annual Leave**

**Payroll Deduction**

**Credit Card**

Join your Ventura County colleagues by investing in your local safety-net health and hospital system, ensuring high-quality health care for our shared community.

If you are interested in becoming a **WeGive** Ambassador or have questions about how to get involved, please contact Amy Towner: [amy.towner@ventura.org](mailto:amy.towner@ventura.org).

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## **Ventura County Credit Union Donates \$75K to HCFVC as Part of Its Milestone “Year of Giving”**

This year, Ventura County Credit Union (VCCU) celebrated its milestone “Year of Giving,” with a remarkable \$750,000 giving campaign in honor of its 75th anniversary. As part of this initiative, **Health Care Foundation for Ventura County (HCFVC) is honored to receive a generous \$75,000 contribution**, reflecting VCCU’s ongoing commitment to uplifting and strengthening our community.

The donation will strengthen HCFVC initiatives that help improve access to vital services and resources for individuals and families across Ventura County. Community partners like VCCU play an essential role in advancing HCFVC’s mission to strengthen the capacity of care provided by Ventura County Health Care Agency.

HCFVC extends its heartfelt thanks to Ventura County Credit Union for this meaningful investment. HCFVC CEO Amy Towner and Board Member Sim Tang-Paradis welcomed VCCU President/CEO Linda Rossi, Community Partnerships Manager Melissa Miller, Chief Marketing Officer Tina Estes, and Financial Inclusion



& Education Manager Jay Doniaz to Ventura County Medical Center for a brief tour and to recognize the significance of this gift and its impact on our shared commitment to a healthier Ventura County.

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## There's Still Time to Make an Impact This Year

As the year draws to a close, we are reminded that the strength of our local health care system is rooted in the compassion and generosity of those who care deeply about Ventura County. Health Care Foundation for Ventura County (HCFVC) is able to expand access to care, fund essential programs, and provide critical medical equipment **because donors like you step forward when it matters most.**

A **year-end gift** of any amount helps ensure high-quality care remains within reach for everyone in Ventura County, including the family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors we all care about. Your generosity supports the services and resources that allow Ventura County Health Care Agency to deliver compassionate, high-quality care close to home.

This season, there are several meaningful ways to support HCFVC, including options beyond traditional cash donations. In addition to creating impact, a **year-end contribution may also offer potential tax benefits**. To make your year-end gift, please select one of the options below.

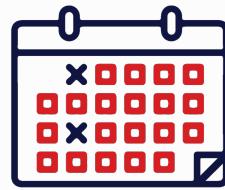
Together, we can close out 2025 with purpose and continue building a healthier community for all!



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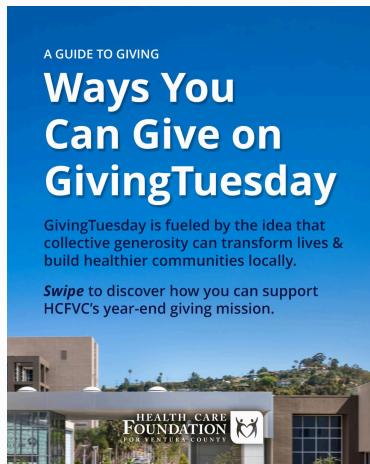
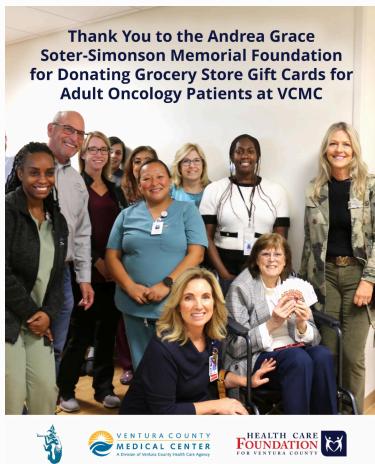


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