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Fall 2022 Newsletter



**Glendale Memorial
Health Foundation.**

A Dignity Health Member

Our Mission

The role of the Glendale Memorial Health Foundation is to initiate philanthropic initiatives and secure financial support for:

- Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center;
- Education and training needs of its workforce; and
- Community health initiatives and programs that positively affect the social determinants of health

The Foundation is led by a Board of Directors made up of community leaders who are committed to advancing through philanthropy our mission to make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

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Glendale Memorial Health Foundation Welcomes Meline Avanesyan

Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center would like to welcome Meline Avanesyan to the Glendale Memorial Health Foundation team. Meline joins us with over 15 years of sales and marketing experience in the healthcare and skilled nursing industry. She will be taking on the role of manager of philanthropy with a focus on employee, physician and annual community giving.

For the last five years she has been the marketing director at Leisure Glen Post-Acute Care Center and is well acquainted with the local physicians, hospital administration, and community leaders. She grew up in Glendale has extensive involvement with local community organizations and non-profits, including serving on past event committees for Glendale Memorial Health Foundation. Meline received her bachelor's degree in public health education from California State University Northridge and a master's degree in Health Management from Kaplan University.

Meline has come full circle and has returned home to Glendale Memorial Hospital where she served as a Physical Therapy Aide in the rehabilitation department while obtaining her undergraduate degree. Her goal is to make strong progress in fundraising efforts for the hospital from her network of medical, professional and community ties. She can be reached at meline.avanesyan@commonspirit.org or by phone (818.497.0947 cell / x7629 office).

Please join me in welcoming Meline to the Glendale Memorial team!



Louise Lewis Legacy Society Dinner

On August 3, 2022 the Louise Lewis Legacy Society dinner took place on the rooftop of Pacific BMW honoring planned giving members. Members honored and in attendance were *Vanessa Conway and Craig Farestveit*. Members honored but not able to attend, Dr. Chand Aryasingha and Dr. William Rusin and Rachelle Ludwig. Once you are a cherished planned giving donor to Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, you will become part of the lasting legacy of a planned giving society called the Louise Lewis Legacy Society. We want to recognize donors for the impact they leave in our community through a planned gift.

The LLLS is named after long-time volunteer and former board chair, Louise (lew-eez) Lewis, who served our hospital community with passion and commitment for over 48 years, starting as a candy striper at the age of 16. Louise passed away in 2011 at the age of 64, but her memory and indomitable spirit lives on. In recognition of her commitment, dedication and leadership as well as her own bequest to the Foundation, the Louise Lewis Legacy Society was created so that her belief and faith might be an inspiration to others.



Dice and Derby Casino Night 2022

The Inaugural fall premier event, Dice and Derby Casino Night was held on Saturday, November 12th. The Aces, Races & Bases theme brought out fans of baseball teams across the nation, the favorite being “The Mighty Glens”! Over 300 attendees and over \$100,000 was raised that evening for capital needs at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. A huge THANK YOU to all sponsors and volunteers!

Please visit the Foundation’s Facebook page to see the evening’s photo album:
<https://www.facebook.com/supportglendalememorial/>



Assistance League of Pasadena Donates Comfort Teddy Bears

In August 2022, the Assistance League of Pasadena donated teddy bears to the Glendale Memorial Hospital's Emergency Room as part of their Bear Hugs Program. The goal of the Bear Hugs Program is to "provide huggable friends to children who have been victims of neglect, abuse or are experiencing trauma or unusual stress".



Foundation Funded Echocardiology

Elizabeth and Tim Lewis made a generous \$10,000 gift to Glendale Memorial in honor of the care received by Dr. David Rogers, Glendale Memorial orthopedic spine surgeon and in loving memory of longtime GMH supporter and Board Member Louise Lewis.

Elizabeth and Tim had such a positive experience at our hospital that they chose to give back and give thanks with a gift to the Acute Rehab Unit. Their generous gift has funded the purchase of much needed patient care items such as wheelchairs, walkers, resistance bands and canes in our Acute Rehab Unit.



**Charity Golf Classic
Friday, April 21, 2023**



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