Giving for Good

Scottie Pierce shares her vision for bringing blessings and joy to Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center.

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I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and extend heartfelt thanks for your support of Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation. Your gifts, no matter the size, have a tremendous impact on the quality of healthcare we provide New Mexicans.

At Presbyterian, philanthropy is a margin for excellence that allows us to offer the many important programs described in this issue of Giving: the development of Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center, important clinical programs, critical patient assistance and a multitude of other projects. Your gifts make a difference.

This year, the Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary, although the tradition of giving at Presbyterian goes back many years – to the 1930s and 1940s, for example – before it was formalized with our founding in 1968. Our predecessors had the foresight of knowing that philanthropy would be critical to Presbyterian then and in the future. I hope you will continue your support and even consider an additional, special gift in honor of our anniversary.

On a final note, I would like to share with you that I will be retiring as president of the Foundation at the end of March 2019. Our current vice president, Rick Scott, CFRE, has been named my successor, and will officially begin his new role in April 2019. It has been my privilege to serve Presbyterian for the past seven years, and I thank you, our donors and friends, for your dedication, confidence and philanthropy.

Giuseppe (Joe) Rizza, CFRE
President, Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation

Give the gift that matters this holiday season.

At two years of age, Phoebe needs a ventilator to help her breathe. She is also learning to walk, and had a tough time getting around with her ventilator in tow. Phoebe’s care team was able to purchase her a wagon that helps her learn to walk safely and carries her ventilator securely.

Donations to the Children’s Program Fund help kids like Phoebe get the tools they need for ongoing care and development.

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Give with confidence.
Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. When you give, 100% of your gift is improving the health and lives of New Mexicans.
Braced against a biting mid-October wind, Helen Grevey pulls up her coat collar, walks to the edge of a grassy lot and points to where the rooms, patios and windows of the future Presbyterian Hospice House will be. Located behind Presbyterian Medical Group on Harper Dr. NE in Albuquerque, this Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation project – and the people it will help – are particularly close to Helen’s heart.

She has donated to Presbyterian’s hospice program for a number of years to honor the experience of her parents, as well as to the Patient Assistance Fund and other areas. A Luminary Circle member since 2015, Helen has encouraged five of her friends and family to support Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation with major gifts for important needs and, in turn, qualify for the Luminary Circle patient assistant and amenities program. As a member of the Foundation board, she serves on the Hospice House Task Force, which is fundraising to build the 10-bed house as the first facility of its kind in the Albuquerque area – designed to help people live out their last days in the most humane, comforting and compassionate way possible. In addition, she serves on the Allocations Committee, which grants funding to Presbyterian programs in keeping with donor intent.

“Helen is enthusiastic, has great energy and brings great wisdom to important board issues. She’s the kind of person who sees a need and immediately tries to solve it.”

– Joe Rizza, president, Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation

“Being a part of this work makes me feel good,” she said. “I’m making a contribution, I hope, to the community at large and believe that when we get involved, even in small part, we start to make a big impact.”
In a split second, the world raced by and time stood still as Mike and Chelsey Hargather watched their daughter Natalie, just 30 minutes old, being whisked away to Presbyterian’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Natalie’s heart rate had unexpectedly spiked to 260, nearly two times faster than normal. Watching as a team of 10 worked intently to stabilize their baby “was the scariest thing to me,” said Mike, who, along with his wife, Chelsey, was suddenly thrown into an exhausting world of numbers, monitors, IVs and overwhelming uncertainty.

Doctors soon diagnosed Natalie with two heart defects including supraventricular tachycardia (SVT), which they expect Natalie will likely outgrow by two or three years of age. She is, now, for the most part, a normal, happy child, and her parents remain extremely grateful to all the nurses who helped keep them strong during their four days and three nights of anxious waiting in the NICU.

Before even leaving the hospital, the Hargathers made a Guardian Angel donation to honor their nurses and support other families who will face a similar journey in Labor & Delivery and the NICU. “Everybody there was 110 percent on their game during a very stressful time for us,” said Mike. “They do such a great job of caring for everyone and we wanted to thank them and Presbyterian.”
After his heart attack in 1976, Dwight Tope, along with wife Carolyn, began a walking regimen around the north University of New Mexico Golf Course near their home.
Suffering a heart attack in 1976 was a wake-up call for Dwight Tope. According to his son Rock, he believed that he would face significant health challenges for the rest of his life. After receiving a triple bypass at Presbyterian Hospital, however, he recovered in just one month.

With his renewed health, Dwight, who owned a successful Albuquerque insurance agency, began to live with more purpose. Already a member of Rotary International and the Masonic Lodge, he began serving as a board member for organizations that addressed heart health and helped senior citizens, adding to a legacy of giving that Rock now continues to honor.

After Dwight passed away in 2003 and his wife Carolyn in 2013, their will specified annual contributions to various organizations, including Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation. Upon receiving his share of the estate, Rock began matching his parents’ donation to the Foundation each year. Earlier this year, he decided to make a legacy donation in hopes of having a lasting impact, and in his words, “get something real done.”

Rock’s gift of $300,000 from his parents’ inheritance, along with $250,000 from Presbyterian Volunteer Services, is contributing to a $1.7 million enhancement of The Heart Center at Presbyterian Hospital. The gifts will support the purchase of a 3-D cardiac image mapping and stimulator system to pinpoint and help treat heart arrhythmia, a condition in which the heart beats with an irregular or abnormal rhythm.

To Rock, who refers to himself as “just the messenger,” this donation recognizes the exceptional care his dad received at Presbyterian and carries on the generosity that was at the heart of both his parents’ intentions. “When they were cremated, it was as though their atoms had been scattered back into the world,” he said. “So I want to scatter their legacy in the same way.”

Community Minded. “I think the donations in my parents’ will were probably rooted in (my dad’s) heart attack. They both felt really gifted and wanted to help those in need.”

A Perfect Fit. “My dad was a technology guy and would have LOVED this,” said Rock of the state-of-the-art system his family’s gift is helping to fund. “He would have been right there looking at the screen with the doctor.”
A member of Presbyterian’s inaugural Santa Fe Advisory Council and a Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation board member since 2017, Scottie Pierce was a community voice among those who contributed to planning the medical center from the very beginning. Now she wanted to foster an atmosphere in which people were not only happy to come to work but could find joy in their jobs.

Eventually, she envisioned an outdoor space for finding inner peace that would strengthen every provider and staff member and, in turn, elevate the patient experience. She soon pledged a $1.3 million charitable contribution to name the Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Terrace of Blessings and Joy on the medical center’s second-floor. Her gift included funding for two bronze sculptures specially named “Blessings” and “Joy,” created by renowned Native American artist Joe Cajero, Jr.

“To me, this terrace is the heartbeat of the hospital for the staff,” said Scottie. “It’s a refuge where they can sit through their experiences (personal and professional) and ultimately find blessings and joy.”

Scottie’s gift included a cash contribution for both medical center construction and the two sculptures, as well as future support from a charitable remainder trust (CRT), of which Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation is a beneficiary. This future gift will create the Bringing Joy to Caregivers Fund, an endowment (permanent fund) to recognize, support and celebrate all Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center providers and staff.

“The Heartbeat of Healing

When construction for Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center was nearly complete, Scottie Pierce, PhD, realized that her mission to help bring the best medicine to that city was nearly complete. But in addition to the top-notch physicians and staff, a beautiful state-of-the-art facility and enthusiastic community support, she felt something else was needed.

“Blessings,” (left) with sculptor Joe Cajero, and “Joy” (right) represent energy and healing. They provide a focal point and bring a sense of serenity to the terrace garden.

A CRT like Scottie’s can provide tax benefits and income to you for life, as well as a substantial future gift for Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation.
The $3.2 million allocation is expected to cover approximately half the cost of the state-of-the-art facility, with the remainder coming from Presbyterian Healthcare Services and fundraising contributions. A 2021 opening is anticipated.

The Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors is making an unprecedented gift to Presbyterian Healthcare Services in honor of the Foundation’s 50th anniversary. The Board has voted to allocate a one-time, $3.2 million gift toward the creation of a new facility, the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation Learning and Simulation Center. Additionally, $1.8 million will fund continued education, patient, program and capital needs in 2019.

“The Board felt strongly that we wanted to honor the Foundation’s 50th anniversary by giving back to the clinicians who care for Presbyterian’s patients and members,” said Bart Kinney, board chair. “The Learning and Simulation Center is our way of saying ‘thank you’ for the collaboration and dedication we have experienced over the past 50 years.”

The Learning and Simulation Center will include high-tech simulation equipment and realistic healthcare delivery environments, and will expand current simulation services. A 2021 opening is anticipated.

“We are honored by the Foundation’s generous gift,” said Kathy Davis, senior vice president and chief experience officer, Presbyterian Healthcare Services. “The Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation Learning and Simulation Center will provide needed education and training opportunities for our physicians, advanced practice clinicians, nurses and staff. The skills and experience obtained at this new center will enable our clinicians to provide exceptional care and experiences to our patients and members.”

Simulation offers the learner the opportunity to experience the entire spectrum of patient care including interviewing, assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation and evaluation.

“Our providers and staff provide exceptional care when they feel confident in their knowledge and abilities.”

– Bart Kinney, board chair, Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation
Laughter is the Best Medicine
A Golden Affair

More than 1,800 gilded guests descended upon the Albuquerque Convention Center on Aug. 25 to celebrate Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation’s 50th anniversary and raise funds for Presbyterian Center for Community Health. The event was a tremendous success, netting $457,000.

Funds will support the development of a new community health center on the campus of Presbyterian Kaseman Hospital, set to open in spring 2019.

Community health patient Daemien (pictured here with Martha Hayes, right) brought down the house as he assisted Robert Melendez, MD, in raising money for Presbyterian’s Food Pharmacy. Together they raised over $20,000 – funding more than 12,000 meals.

Donor Appreciation Reception

While blustery conditions meant that the balloons did not glow this year, we were radiating with gratitude for our community and employee donors during the annual Donor Appreciation Reception. Attendees gathered for dinner, apple cider and hot cocoa. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks display.
Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center: Donor Preview and Celebration

Donors and Presbyterian leadership joined us for an exclusive preview of Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center before doors opened on Oct. 1. Guests were treated to guided tours of the new facility, hosted by staff from each care area. During the program, leadership thanked donors for their generous contributions and shared their vision for the medical center and Santa Fe community.

Event speakers (from left) Dale Maxwell, president and CEO, Presbyterian Healthcare Services; Helen Brooks, hospital chief executive, Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center; Anne Foster, MD, chief medical officer, Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center and Joe Rizza, president, Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation.

Tours allowed guests to get a first look at the new facility, including state-of-the-art surgical suites.

Brian Burnett, vice chair, Presbyterian Healthcare Services Board of Directors and wife Celia stop during a tour to admire their artwork donation.

PHS president and CEO Dale Maxwell thanked donors for their contributions to Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center.
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The daffodils are growing. We are too.

For the past 35 years, we have partnered with the community to prepare, sell and distribute fresh-cut daffodils in support of our hospice patients. We are excited to announce that Daffodil Days 2019 will benefit the development of a new project: Presbyterian Hospice House.

It’s hospice care, complete with doctors, nurses and other essential care providers. But most importantly, it’s home.

Daffodil preorders begin in January. For more information, visit www.phs.org/daffodildays or call (505) 724-6577. Like us on Facebook for updates.

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