



Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center to Build the Roy and Patricia Disney Cancer Center

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The William H. Hannon Foundation donated \$100,000 to Providence Saint Joseph Foundation's capital campaign, "Excellence, Compassion and Healing," toward the construction of The Roy and Patricia Disney Cancer Center at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center.

The William H. Hannon Foundation was established in 1983 by the late real estate developer William H. Hannon. The Roy and Patricia Disney Cancer Center will be the most comprehensive and fully integrated cancer center to serve residents in the San Fernando Valley and beyond. It will be located at the corner of Buena Vista Street and Alameda Avenue, in Burbank.

"Cancer patients and their families will benefit tremendously from the most sophisticated comprehensive cancer center in the valley," said Raul Mena, M.D., Medical Director of Cancer Services at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center. "This \$100,000 gift to help build it continues William H. Hannon's legacy of helping those in need. His name will be associated with healing for people who are diagnosed with cancer."



Michael J. Madden, CEO, Providence Saint Joseph Foundation, and Kathleen H. Aikenhead, President, William H. Hannon Foundation

Following his service in World War II, Hannon returned to Los Angeles to develop residential communities and commercial shopping centers across Southern California. Today, the Foundation carries on Hannon's goals of supporting Catholic churches and schools, as well as hospitals and social service organizations that are focused on improving the lives of people in communities William H. Hannon helped build. His gift to Providence Saint Joseph Foundation will directly improve upon already excellent cancer care at the medical center.

"My late uncle felt a connection to the San Fernando Valley as the founder of the San Fernando Swap Meet and through other developments in the area. He believed in giving back to the communities he helped build, and this donation is an extension of his legacy. The Foundation believes that this new cancer center will be of great benefit to residents of the valley who are fighting cancer," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death among men and women in the United States. About one in four people in the U.S. will die from this disease. Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center is already recognized for excellent clinical outcomes, with some of the best cancer survival statistics in the country. Its breast preservation rate is 85 percent, substantially higher than the national average of 60 percent. Its ovarian cancer survival rate is 15 percent above the national average. For colorectal and prostate cancers, the five-year survival rate at Providence Health System is comparable or better than the nationwide results reported by the National Cancer Data Base.

"This \$100,000 gift is a significant step in our fund-raising process to expand upon our already excellent cancer services for residents of the San Fernando, San Gabriel and Santa Clarita Valleys," said Patricia E. Modrzejewski, Executive Director, Providence Health System Foundations. "It brings us that much closer to opening the doors of The Roy and Patricia Disney Cancer Center to people in our community."

Patients to the new cancer center will be able to access physicians, nutritional counselors, therapists and a research library all in one place for a multi-dimensional approach to treatment. Experts in both Eastern and Western medicine will combine the experience of specialists in such fields as medical, surgical and radiation oncology, hematology, pathology, gynecologic oncology, rehabilitation therapy, nutrition, acupuncture, social work and spiritual care.

PROVIDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM CANCER SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Four radiation oncology centers- Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center (Burbank;) Providence Holy Cross Medical Center (Mission Hills;) the Valley Radiation Oncology Center (Tarzana,) Providence Holy Cross Health Center (Santa Clarita, Opening Summer 2005)
- The Providence Saint Joseph Breast Health Center- Burbank
- Personal Appearance Rehabilitation Center- Burbank
- Dietary Counseling Services
- Rehabilitation
- Providence Home Care
- Support, Education and Outreach
- Clinical Research

For more information on supporting cancer services or the Providence Saint Joseph Foundation capital campaign—*Excellence, Compassion and Healing*—call (818) 847- HOPE (4673.)