



## A Message from Our Chair

As a young paramedic in the early 80's, I earned my stripes running calls and providing emergency medical care in the Ojai Valley. At the time, our Emergency Department was just a single room with two beds separated by curtains, and our community's family practice physicians rotated ER call.

Even in the 80's — long before our emergency room expansion, hospital remodel, and eventual Continuing Care Center project — there was talk of our hospital purchasing the Lutheran Church property next door. In 2005, mention of acquiring the property was documented at one of the first Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation Board meetings, and it's been on our minds ever since.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you — almost 20 years later in October 2024 — that dream became a reality.

This milestone property acquisition marks the fulfillment of a long-time goal of the Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation — to pave the way for the future of healthcare in the Ojai Valley and provide our hospital leaders with the flexibility to plan for the future of our community.

But our work is just beginning.

Community Memorial Hospital – Ojai meets crucial needs in our community — the need for life-saving emergency treatment right here in the valley; the need for long-term rehabilitative care close to the support of friends and loved ones; and the need for easy access to healthcare services like lab tests, routine imaging, and infusions.

In 2024, we took a major step toward identifying what the next era of healthcare in the Ojai Valley could look like, and we also provided funding for essential services and vital technologies to enhance care today. Your philanthropic contributions made this all possible. As we move forward, we must remain dedicated to our mission of broadening financial support and heightening awareness of the benefits our Hospital brings to our community. Thank you for your commitment to this work.

In good health,

Stephen E. Frank  
Chair, Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation

# Promoting Health & Paving the Way

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR 2024



Ojai Valley Hospital  
Foundation

**YES! I want to support the work of our non-profit Hospital & Continuing Care Center. Here is my tax-deductible gift of:**

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## Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation Guild 2024 Events

The **2024 Nightingale Ball** was the Guild’s first in-person gala since the COVID-19 pandemic and the first held at the Farmhouse at the Ojai Valley Inn! The event was a smashing success, and grossed nearly \$220,000 in support of our Hospital & Continuing Care Center.

The first inaugural **Endless Summer** Lakeside event drew 250 attendees for drinks, dinner, silent auction, music, and dancing on the banks of Lake Casitas. The evening grossed \$170,000 which contributed to the landmark purchase of the property adjacent to our Ojai Hospital campus.

### SAVE THE DATES

- 2025 Endless Summer Lakeside**  
Saturday, September 13, 2025, Lake Casitas
- 2026 Nightingale Ball**  
Saturday, January 10, 2026  
The Farmhouse at the Ojai Valley Inn

## Life-Saving & Life-Changing

Perhaps no one better understands the value of having an Emergency Department in the Ojai Valley than Hugh Thomson, an energetic Ojai resident whose active life came to an abrupt halt when he experienced a heart attack at age 70. When Hugh reported a sudden tightness in his chest to his wife, Lindsay, she wasted no time and drove him directly to Community Memorial Hospital in Ojai. The Emergency Room team recognized Hugh’s symptoms as signs of a heart attack and immediately whisked him away for an EKG, which confirmed their suspicions. Within minutes, Hugh was stabilized and loaded into the back of an ambulance with Leif — one of Ojai’s highly experienced ER nurses — for transport to our sister hospital in Ventura.

Visit [mycmh.org/heart](https://mycmh.org/heart) or scan the code or to read the rest of Hugh’s life-changing story!



**\$1,040,000** DONATED

to Community Memorial Hospital – Ojai and its Continuing Care Center

In 2024, your generosity helped us enhance the services we provide today AND plan for the future of healthcare in the Ojai Valley. Here are some of the items our Foundation funded:

**Milestone Purchase of the Lutheran Church Property Adjacent to our Hospital Campus**

**Purchase of a New Ultra Sound Machine**

**Continuing Care Center Sculpture Garden Installation**

**Ongoing Funding for our Emergency Department, Including 24/7 Physician Coverage**

## Care By the Numbers

Community Memorial Hospital – Ojai provides invaluable services to residents of the Ojai Valley on an ongoing basis, making it possible to get the care you need close to home!

- 399,166** Prescriptions Filled
- 91,715** Lab Tests
- 40,956** PT Treatments
- 27,352** Outpatient Visits
- 20,144** Radiology Procedures
- 9,554** Emergency Room Visits
- 3,752** Patient Days (Hospital only)
- 591** Admissions (Hospital & Continuing Care Center)

## Continuing Care Center Sculpture Garden

In 2024, the Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation funded the installation of the Libbie Agran Sculpture Garden in the courtyard of the Continuing Care Center. The stunning pieces — which were generously donated by Libbie Agran — are a reminder that art & healing go hand in hand. The Sculpture Garden is an extension of the stunning indoor collection of works curated by Guild member and former Operation Picasso Chair Barbara Hirsch and current Chair Richard Amend.



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We are deeply grateful for the support we receive from our friends in the community. If your address has changed or if you prefer not to receive fundraising communications from us, please call 805-948-2317, and we will make the necessary correction. Ojai Valley Hospital Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Federal ID# 20-1982135.