

Stupski Foundation Awards Palliative Care Grant to Chinese Hospital



Stupski Foundation awards Chinese Hospital a \$600,000, 3-year grant to expand the hospital's palliative care program to its outpatient clinics.

The current inpatient palliative care program at Chinese Hospital strives to enhance the quality of life, and reduce the suffering of patients and their families who are facing problems associated with life-threatening illnesses. The team at Chinese Hospital consists of hospitalists, nurses, pharmacists, clinical social workers, certified diabetes educators, and hospital leaders.

The Stupski Foundation grant will enable Chinese Hospital to initiate an outpatient palliative care program at its clinics. The palliative care team will provide comprehensive care to patients who suffer from serious illnesses such as cancer, dementia or kidney failure, and also their families.

"In addition to our inpatient palliative care program, with this grant we will be able to add an outpatient program in our hospital and clinics," said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO. "Our goal is to provide language and culturally appropriate palliative care programs to San Francisco's Chinese community. We strive to enhance the quality of life and reduce the suffering of patients and their families facing the problems associated with serious illness."

"This is our first big step in spending down all our assets, and we hope it can begin to transform how people experience end of life care in the Bay Area," said Dan Tuttle, director of health with the Stupski Foundation. "We are grateful to have worked closely with leaders at each site to scope these grants together, building on the work they have done to date. Having their voices and experience shape this grant portfolio has been educational and humbling. We're eager to share what we learn from the ongoing partnership to encourage other regions to apply a similar strategy."

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The Chinese Hospital's 45th Annual Award



Joseph Woo, MD, a highly recognized heart surgeon and leading researcher in innovative approaches to cardiovascular care, is the recipient of Chinese Hospital's 45th Annual Award. The award was presented to him at the Hong Kong Flower Lounge in Millbrae on Friday, October 11th.

Dr. Joseph Woo serves as the Norman E. Shumway Professor and the Chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Additionally, he holds a courtesy appointment in the Department of Bioengineering. Dr. Woo received his undergraduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. This university is also where he conducted his postgraduate surgical training in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery, as well as a postdoctoral research

fellowship developing novel molecular strategies for attenuating myocardial ischemic injury.

Dr. Woo has an active clinical practice focusing on complex cardiac valve repair, aortic surgery, cardiopulmonary transplantation, and minimally-invasive surgery. He has advanced these fields by developing several innovative operations. Dr. Woo currently runs a basic science research lab which is funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Project Grant for studying stem cells, angiogenesis, tissue engineering, and biomechanics. The lab has held continuous NIH funding since 2004. Furthermore, Dr. Woo has also served as principal investigator for several clinical device trials, translational scientific clinical trials entailing administration of stem cells during coronary artery bypass grafting, and left ventricular assist device (LVAD) implantation. He has co-authored over 280 peer-reviewed publications.

Nationally, Dr. Woo has chaired several committees, including the American Heart Association, Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia Council, and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery Scientific Affairs and Government Relations Committee. He is an Associate Editor for the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery who has served as a Guest Editor for Circulation. During the past five years, under his leadership, overall cardiovascular surgical clinical volume, extramural research funding, scholarly publications, and residency education programs in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Stanford University School of Medicine have doubled or tripled, and continue to grow significantly.**About Chinese Hospital Annual Award**

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Chinese Hospital Announces 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Chinese Hospital, the last independent community hospital in San Francisco, will host its 25th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, October 14, 2019 at San Francisco's world-class Olympic Club. The event will benefit the renovation project at Chinese Hospital's 1979 building which includes moving the service-expansion project forward with same-day surgery center, gastrointestinal laboratory, multispecialty clinic, and an infusion center for chemotherapy and blood transfusion.

The charity golf tournament was founded 25 years ago by influential leaders late Mayor Edwin Lee and Rose Pak to raise funds for the hospital to provide quality care for the underserved Chinese community. Each year, over 300 golfers enjoy the Lake Course and the Ocean Course, followed by a festive cocktail reception and live auction hosted by the Honorable Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. This year's live auction items include experiences at George Chen's China Live, dinner presided by Mayor Brown at Kinson Wong's Harborview Restaurant & Bar and Le Colonial, a Lake Tahoe vacation home getaway, and a VIP wine country tour on a Kings Transportation Inc. luxury bus which includes an exquisite wine and 5 course meal at Valette Healdsburg, private wine tastings, and ends at 630 Park Steakhouse at Graton Resort & Casino.

Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO, thanks all sponsors for their continued support. "The golf tournament is one of Chinese Hospital's major fundraising events, which raised millions of dollars over the decades to build the new hospital and to upgrade medical equipment," said Dr. Zhang. "The proceeds from the charity golf tournament will be used to renovate the 1979 hospital tower, so

more new services can be added to better meet the healthcare needs of the community.”

Alongside Rose Pak and Mayor Ed Lee, Mayor Brown has been involved in this event dating back to the 1990s. Mayor Willie Brown continues to play a key role in the golf tournament and the hospital. He is now co-chair of our golf tournament with CEO Jian Zhang. “I support Chinese Hospital and everybody else should support the Chinese Hospital; I’ve been doing this for the last 25 years; every effort helps us get closer to our goals,” expressed Mayor Brown.

Mayor Lee’s wife, Anita Lee, joined the golf committee last year. “I want to carry forward my husband’s legacy and that’s why I’m serving on the golf committee,” she said.

Chinese Hospital welcomes all businesses and organizations to participate and sponsor the event. The golf tournament is recognized as one of the premiere golf tournaments in San Francisco, which features a cocktail hour and reception, awards ceremony and live auction. Cocktail/Dinner-only tickets are also available. Please see the hospital’s post for more information about the tournament, including online registration and sponsorships.

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Chinese Hospital Receives an ‘A’ from The Leapfrog Group



Chinese Hospital was awarded an ‘A’ from The Leapfrog Group’s spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade. The designation recognizes Chinese Hospital’s efforts in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization committed to improving health

care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' or 'F' grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

"This is yet another validation of our focus on quality care," said Chinese Hospital CEO, Jian Zhang. She continued by saying, "For the past two years, we have diligently made special effort in every aspect of our hospital's operation. From managing resources to financial management to operations in general, but, our top focus and priority is how our patients and community is cared for. The results speak for themselves." "This is the culmination of hard work by everyone at the hospital and organization – Nurses, physicians, receptionists, the entire staff – everyone does their very best to make sure patients are our focus. I am so proud of everyone who made this possible."

"To be recognized nationally as an 'A' hospital is an accomplishment the whole community should take pride in," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an 'A' grade are making it a priority to protect patients from preventable medical harm and error. We congratulate hospital leaders, board members, staff, volunteers and clinicians who work so hard to earn this A."

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Chinese Hospital was awarded an 'A' grade today, when Leapfrog announced grades for the spring 2019 update. To see Chinese Hospital's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook. **About The Leapfrog Group**

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

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Chinese Hospital 120th Anniversary



Chinese Hospital marked its 120th Anniversary with an annual gala at the San Francisco Design Center on Thursday, April 18, 2019 to celebrate 120 years of providing affordable quality care to the community.

Dr. Jian Zhang (CEO, Chinese Hospital) and Mr. George Lew (President, Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees) opened the celebration evening by thanking the many supporters, sponsors and staff in attendance.

“Chinese Hospital is extremely proud to be celebrating our 120th anniversary; a significant milestone that very few organizations achieve. Reflecting on the long-standing history of Chinese Hospital, I would like to acknowledge our original founders for their visionary leadership in creating this culturally sensitive healthcare organization. I wish to recognize the generations of Board members, medical staff, and community leaders who fought tirelessly for the survival of Chinese Hospital during the past 120 years,” said Dr. Jian Zhang.

Dr. Jian Zhang further stated, “Our focus is to continue to improve healthcare access, quality of care, patient experience, long-term financial viability, and strengthening of our hospital culture and operational stability.”

The top donor, Mr. Arthur Chan praised the services provided at Chinese Hospital, “CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) awarded Chinese Hospital a 5-star rating, I want to add one more for the 6-star services I received lately. I continue to make donations to Chinese Hospital because I believe in the current leadership team and hardworking staff.”

Mr. Chan encourages individuals and the like to support Chinese Hospital for culturally sensitive high-quality health care is imperative to the community.

“With gratitude, I especially want to thank those who trust Chinese Hospital for their healthcare. Chinese Hospital is an iconic place to the community for healing and wellness. Thank you for supporting Chinese Hospital’s mission, and I hope everyone continues to support Chinese Hospital so we are able to serve the community for another 120 years,” said Mr. George Lew. The award ceremony in the later evening was officiated by Mayor London Breed. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Former San Francisco Mayor, Willie L. Brown Jr., for his

significant achievements to San Francisco and Chinese Hospital. In addition, Chinese Hospital presented philanthropists, Mr. Arthur Chan with the Top Donor of the Year Award for his exemplary support and commitment to Chinese Hospital and creating a healthy community for generations to come.

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Phoenix Unveiling Ceremony



Chinese Hospital hosted an Unveiling Ceremony for the Phoenix and Fireball-Pearl tile wall on Saturday, April 06, 2019, at 5:30 PM. Mr. Arthur Chan, the principal donor, named the Fireball-Pearl in honor of the American Teo Chew Business Association. Hundreds of people gathered at the Chinese Hospital on Jackson Street to witness this historic moment. The new and unique Phoenix and Fireball-Pearl wall is adorned with over four hundred personalized tiles in various colors and sizes, and serve as a means for people to express their support and gratitude. The new Phoenix and Fireball-Pearl Tile Wall was installed next to the Dragon Wall, together it completes the prosperous image representing success, good fortune, and wellness.

Attendees of the event included dignitaries such as Former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, Mr. Aaron Peskin, Board of Supervisor – District 3, Mr. Norman Yee, Board of Supervisor – District 7, Mr. Arthur Chan – Principal donor / Honorary President of the American Teo Chew Business Association, Mr. Louis Lam – Chairman of the American Teo Chew Business Association Foundation, Mr. Albert Tam – Honorary President of the American Teo Chew Business Association, Mr. Wilson Chen – Honorary President of the American Teo Chew Business Association, Mr. George Lam – Honorary President of the American Teo Chew Business Association, Mr. George Lew – Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees President along with Board of Trustees members, and other community leaders.

“I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the donors for their dedication and contributions to Chinese Hospital. It is because of such supporters that Chinese Hospital have been able to transform from a small dispensary in 1899 to a modern state-of-the-art facility in 2016. ,” said Dr. Jian Zhang, Chinese Hospital CEO.

Dr. Zhang further stated, “Together with its partners, Chinese Hospital is focused on improving healthcare access, quality of care, patient experience, long-term financial viability and strengthening of our Hospital culture and operational stability.

The Fireball-Pearl on the Wall pays tribute to the American Teo Chew Business Association, named by Mr. Arthur Chan, Honorary President of American Teo Chew Business Association.

“It’s an honor to be involved with something that allows us to donate back to worthy causes,” said Mr. Arthur Chan. “I watched the new Chinese Hospital grow from a concept to a magnificent hospital, and I can think of no better investment than supporting the much-needed medical services for the community.”

The Phoenix Wall campaign was launched in 2016 and raised over \$3.4 million. The funds raised will support the building renovation and services expansion project including a same-day surgery center, gastrointestinal laboratory, multispecialty clinic, as well as infusion center for chemotherapy and blood transfusion.

During the ceremony, Mr. George Lew, President of the Chinese Hospital Association Board of Trustees, expressed his sincere gratitude to all the donors for their support.

“We are truly grateful for the support we have received. Chinese Hospital has been serving San Francisco for more than a century, and it is recognized as one of the most affordable, quality hospital in the city. Chinese Hospital is the last remaining independent community hospital in San Francisco,” said Mr. Lew.

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Installation Ceremony for Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees 2019



The 119th Annual Chinese Hospital Association Board of Trustees Installation Ceremony was held in San Francisco's Chinatown today.

This important ceremony over a lunch banquet was well attended by civic and business leaders of the city along with Board predecessors, and senior management team from Chinese Hospital, Chinese Community Health Plan and Jade Health Care Medical Group. Together as a whole, they gave the warmest welcome to the new president, Mr. George Lew, and the new board.

Mr. Mel Lee, President of Board of Trustees 2018, reported the progress of the major developments during his tenure:

"According to Cal-Mortgage, we developed a turnaround plan to enhance the 3-year strategic plan and restructured management team to be more effective and efficient... In addition, we implemented a system-wide electronic health record to enhance patient care outcome and operation efficiency."

Lee also expressed his sincere gratitude to all the donors for their generous support. "Chinese Hospital raised nearly \$3 million through fundraising activities" and the "donation enabled the hospital to plan and implement not only new services, but also provide free health fairs and wellness/ fitness classes to the community."

At the end of Lee's speech, he announced that "Chinese Hospital was awarded a 5-star rating by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid in July 2018."

Mr. George Lew, President of Board of Trustees 2019, is not new to the board. He has been serving at Chinese Hospital Association since 2017. In his installation address, Lew mentioned that Chinese Hospital has been serving San Francisco for more than a century, and 2019 is a crucial year for Chinese Hospital. He will lead the board, medical staff and administration to continue to turn around the hospital.

Lew went on to say that key components of the plan include "...continuing to improve patient care quality and customer experience, as well as maintaining 5-star rating from CMS. We also plan to create new services in order to ensure hospital financial viability and sustainability, and strengthen organizational operations and processes in order to reduce costs."

Over the years, Chinese Hospital has played an important role on keeping our community healthy, and providing patients with exceptional care. Lew sincerely

hopes that the community will continue to support Chinese Hospital. He firmly believes that “the best way to support the hospital is to use its services.”

At the ceremony, Mr. Harvey Louie was appointed as the vice president. The following community leaders were appointed as board members: Mr. Mel Lee, Mr. Thomas T. Ng, Mr. Jack Lee Fong, Mr. Kin F. Yee, DDS, Mr. Kent Lim, Mr. Paul M. Lee, Mr. Dan Quan, Mr. Robert Chiang, Mr. Kitman Chan, Mr. Robert Wong, Mr. Yick C. Tam, Dr. Gustin Ho, MD, Mr. Dick W. Wong, and Dr. Edward Y. C. Chan, MD.

Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees looks forward to the further support from our community and will continue to promote the Chinese Hospital’s mission on the coming year.

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Events & Campaigns 2018



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Chinese Hospital Spring raffle 2018

Congratulations to all Raffle winners! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in support of Chinese Hospital.

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Chinese Hospital 119th Anniversary Celebration

Chinese Hospital proudly celebrated our 119th Anniversary, thanks to the generosity and support from many organizations and individuals. The event was a success raising over \$176,000. It is incredibly powerful when a community reflects on the past, embraces the present, and plans into the future.

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The 24th Annual Golf Tournament

Nearly 300 generous supporters attended on Monday, October 8, 2018, at The Olympic Club for Chinese Hospital's 24th Annual Golf Tournament. The event was a success, raising more than \$620,000. This year we are honored to have The Honorable Mayor Willie Brown and Chief Executive Officer Jian Zhang as our event chair.

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Mr. Arthur Chan donated \$500,000 to the Chinese Hospital

Mr. Arthur Chan, Honorary President of the American Teo Chew Business Association, generously donated \$500,000 to the Chinese Hospital at an official check presentation ceremony on December 5th in support of its 1979 building renovation project and development.

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Radiothon for Chinese Hospital 2018

We would like to thank everyone who have supported Chinese Hospital 2018 Radiothon. The Radiothon raised nearly \$720,000. Funds raised will be used to renovate our 1979 building which is adjacent to the new patient tower.

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Donor List (August 2017 to July 2018)

Thank you very much to our generous donors who contributed from August 2017 to July 2018 in support of Chinese Hospital.

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Chinese Hospital Handing Out Free N95

Masks and Provide Precautions



With the Camp Fire still raging in Northern California and winds pushing smoke south, air quality continues as a health hazard in San Francisco. In response, Chinese Hospital will hand out N95 masks on Tuesday, November 20th.

“The smoke affects millions of people. The main danger from wildfire smoke is known as PM2.5, which can cause lung and heart disease. PM2.5 is bad for everyone, but particularly for people who already have conditions like asthma or emphysema, and for children whose lungs are still developing. People with asthma should follow their asthma action plans and keep quick relief medicine handy. If you experience the following symptoms, such as repeated coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, you should contact your health care provider,” said Dr. Cynthia Lin from Chinese Hospital.

“With the air quality in San Francisco at such unhealthy levels from the Camp Fire, Chinese Hospital is pleased to be able to offer N95 masks to the community, but we strongly advising our community to stay indoors and avoid exposure to smoke. Always check AQI- Air Quality Index before you move outdoors,” said Chinese Hospital CEO, Jian Zhang.

Along with giving out the masks, Chinese Hospital staff demonstrated the quick test for ensuring a good fit, showing the public how to wear a N95 mask properly.

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The Chinese Hospital's 44th Annual Award



Chinese Hospital held the 44th Annual Award Ceremony on November 13th. Dr. Tony Mok, a renowned leader in the research and treatment of Lung Cancer, is the recipient of this year's award.

Dr. Mok was trained at the University of Alberta, Canada and he subsequently completed a fellowship in medical oncology at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Canada. After working as a community oncologist in Toronto, Canada for seven years, he returned to Hong Kong in 1996 to pursue an academic career.

Dr. Mok is Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Named Professor of Clinical Oncology and Chairman of Clinical Oncology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong). His main research interest focuses on biomarker and molecular targeted therapy in lung cancer. He co-founded the Lung Cancer Research Group, and led a number of important multinational clinical trials, which include the IPASS (IRESSA Pan-Asia Study), a landmark study that established the role of first-line gefitinib in patients with EGFR mutation.

Professor Mok has contributed to over 220 articles in international peer-reviewed journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, Science, Lancet and Journal of Clinical Oncology, and contributed to multiple editorials and textbooks. He is active and experienced in serving the academic societies. He is now Fellow of American Society of Clinical Oncology (FASCO), Past Chair of the ASCO International Affairs Committee, Treasurer and Past President of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC), a member of the ASCO Publications Committee and Vice Secretary of the Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology (CSCO).

Dr. Mok is closely affiliated with the oncology community in China, and has

received an Honorary Professorship at Guang Dong Province People's Hospital, Guest Professorship at Peking University School of Oncology, Visiting Professorship at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and West China School of Medicine/West China Hospital, Sichuan University. He is an Associate Editor on Thoracic Oncology for Journal of Clinical Oncology. He has also authored eight books in Chinese and hosted three television series in Hong Kong.

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