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## 2025 Annual Report

As of June 30, 2025

Breast cancer conqueror Cori Reynolds shares an emotional moment with her caregivers following her final chemo treatment at MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute. Read about Cori's journey on page 4.



Big and small—  
you make miracles  
happen every day.

**Thank you!**



Long Beach Medical Center  
Miller Children's  
& Women's Hospital

Helena Roque's identical twin boys, Santiago and Raul, were born early at just 29 weeks, weighing only two pounds each. With the expert care of our team at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the twins overcame numerous challenges. Today, they are thriving and bringing joy to their family.

# A message from **Foundation** leadership

By any measure, Long Beach and the surrounding communities are amazing. Over the last century, your unwavering support has helped build one of the largest and most impactful medical campuses in the country, a powerful testament to the region's exceptional compassion.

The extraordinary caregivers at MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center and Miller Children's & Women's Hospital are driven to provide compassionate and innovative care for each patient, every hour of every day. It is highly likely that a co-worker, a neighbor, a friend, a family member, or even you, were among the thousands of patients treated in 2025. These individuals and families are at the heart of our mission.

As the hospitals adapt to the ongoing evolution in healthcare policy and economics, they remain committed to continuously improving care and treating each patient with compassion. This vital work is simply not possible without your continued generosity.

As you read through this report—celebrating the many accolades bestowed on the hospitals, the lives changed, and the profound impact of generous donors—we hope you sense the depth of gratitude felt by hospital leaders, team members, and the Foundation Board. Together, we can achieve even more in the coming year.



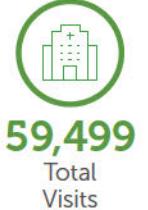
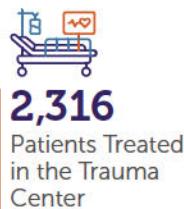
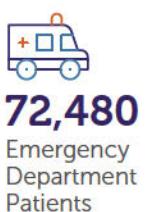
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Not Pictured: Mike Brascia, Lisa Chapman, Bob Foster (*In Memoriam*), Robert Funari, Richard Neri, James Wells, MD

## ➤ Hospital Impact



## THANK YOU!

The impact of our hospitals was boosted by **2,179** donors who gave a total of **\$14,732,266** last year, and by past donors who created **endowments**, which together had a total market value of **\$124,622,741** as of June 30, 2025.



# We are Recognized for Superior Care Once Again

Our hospitals consistently rank among the nation's and region's best, earning recognition from performance-based award programs for excellence across a wide range of medical specialties and procedures. These represent just a few of our many accolades.



**American Heart Association:** We improve patient care by following and advancing AHA treatment guidelines. Through the AHA's Get With The Guidelines initiative, our teams apply proven knowledge to improve patient recovery and outcomes, earning recognition in 2025 for excellence in stroke and heart failure care.



**U. S. News and World Reports:** In 2025, we received numerous high-performing rankings, including a top 17 national ranking for Obstetrics & Gynecology for the fourth consecutive year. With recognition across more than 20 specialties, we rank among the top 7 hospitals in the Los Angeles Metro Area and in the top 3% of California acute care hospitals.



**Healthgrades:** Once again, Healthgrades recognized us with five-star ratings in multiple specialties including back and neck surgery, upper GI surgeries, and respiratory failure treatment. Healthgrades' 2025 analysis shows that if all hospitals performed at five-star levels, over 224,000 lives and 141,000 complications could potentially be prevented.



**Healthgrades:** Miller Children's & Women's Hospital earned U.S. News & World Report's 2025 High Performing designation for Maternity Care—the highest award possible, given to only half of 817 evaluated hospitals.

We're Recognized by Newsweek as One of America's Best Hospitals in Cancer, Neurology, Orthopedics



Our MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center has been named in Newsweek's 2025 America's Best Hospitals rankings in three categories: Neurological, Cancer, and Orthopedic Hospitals—for the second year in a row!

This recognition reflects our commitment to research, outcomes, and quality care. Congratulations to our dedicated teams for their unwavering dedication to excellence!



Left to right: Award-winning Long Beach Medical Center Orthopedic Hospital's David C. Lee, MD, orthopedic surgeon specializing in foot and ankle procedures; Amandeep Bhalla, MD, medical director, Spine Center; and Andrew J. Wassef, MD, medical director, MemorialCare Joint Replacement Center.

# PATIENT Impact COMMUNITY stories

Because of your generosity, we provide lifesaving treatments and compassionate care regardless of economic circumstances, fostering a healthier Long Beach for everyone. Here are a few stories from the many lives you touched this past year.

## LONG BEACH MEDICAL CENTER

### Tougher than Cancer

At just 29, Cori Reynolds was diagnosed with Stage 3 invasive ductal carcinoma, a particularly aggressive form of breast cancer. Facing this terrifying diagnosis, Cori, whose family has deep, generational ties to the Long Beach community, found strength in the support programs at



MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute (TCI) at Long Beach Medical Center.

Cori credits her care team for addressing her mental and emotional needs through Women Guiding Women, which paired her with a cancer survivor for guidance. Her journey culminated with an emotional bell-ringing ceremony, marking the completion of her treatment. She celebrated this milestone while walking in the 25th Annual Team Spirit Long Beach Cancer 5K.

"Cancer is tough, but I'm tougher," she says. Cori's message to others facing similar challenges? "Focus on the positives, lean into the support around you, and know that cancer doesn't have to rule your life."

Cori rings the bell, celebrating the end of her cancer treatment, while participating in 25th Annual Team Spirit Long Beach 5k.



Left: Logan with occupational therapist Cynthia Hinshaw. Right: Logan playing water polo with his custom brace.

## MILLER CHILDREN'S & WOMENS HOSPITAL

### When Innovation Meets Determination

When 17-year-old Logan, a dedicated swimmer and water polo athlete, fractured his wrist's small scaphoid bone after being struck by a car, his biggest fear was missing time in the pool. Following surgery with Dr. Anna Acosta, Logan needed specialized rehabilitation to heal quickly without compromising his passion.

Occupational Therapist Cynthia Hinshaw, a hand therapy specialist, provided the answer: a custom water-safe brace. This innovative solution allowed Logan to train, attend water polo camps, and compete in the Junior Olympics.

Less than a year post-surgery, Logan has regained full range of motion in his wrist.



Scan the QR code or visit [dub.sh/patient-stories](http://dub.sh/patient-stories) to read more inspirational patient impact stories.

# Simply Grateful.

Many of the most generous supporters of our nonprofit hospitals are former patients and families who are grateful for the extraordinary care they received. Through our **Simply Grateful** program, patients and loved ones continue to have a meaningful way to express that gratitude - by honoring exceptional caregivers with a heartfelt note and a charitable gift.

Year after year, Simply Grateful has become a powerful expression of appreciation, filled with inspiring patient stories that reflect the compassion, skill, and dedication of our MemorialCare care teams. These messages of thanks not only recognize outstanding care but also help strengthen the mission of our hospitals.

When a patient gives through the Simply Grateful program, their MemorialCare physician or team member will receive an acknowledgment letter, recognizing both the patient's message of gratitude and the gift made in their honor.

  
**In Honor of 5th Floor Palliative Care Nurses**  
Compassionate, Empathetic, Non-Judgmental, Hard Working, Brilliant, and doing it with Grace. This is 100 % the correct way to live life. And you are wonderful at it! I was diagnosed last week. You made me feel normal again. You are different :)

– Jamie Nelson

  
**In Honor of OB/GYN and Pediatrics**  
I am writing this because my daughter was born with a rare heart defect in 1990. She would not have survived if not for the hospital's wonderful Medical Staff and caring nurses. Now 34 years old, she is pregnant with her first child and receiving her care here at Long Beach Memorial and Miller Women and Children's Hospital. It just seemed like the right thing to do in this moment. Our family is happy to continue receiving our care from this great facility.

– Jennifer Gallo

  
**In Honor of the Orthopedic Department**  
My husband had a lumbar laminectomy in March and received excellent treatment by all of the staff on the 4th floor (ortho) including nurses, aides, PT, food service, housekeeping! We appreciated the great care he received and the attention to detail that was given.

– Nancy and Randy Smith

  
**In Honor of Dr. N. Vora, Stacy Byone, NP, and staff**  
The doctors and staff at Todd Cancer Pavilion have provided me expert chemo and infusion therapy over the past five months. Their professional care has afforded me the opportunity to prevail in my struggle; and their consistent, warmhearted compassion never failed to lift my spirits and provide hope.

– Steven Sloan



To learn more, please call 562.933.4483, email us at [mmcf@memorialcare.org](mailto:mmcf@memorialcare.org), scan the QR code, or visit [dub.sh/grateful](http://dub.sh/grateful)

# Legacy Circle Members Lift our Community's Healthcare Future

For more than five decades, Long Beach Medical Center and Miller Children's & Women's Hospital have delivered exceptional regional healthcare, made possible through generous community philanthropy. As a nonprofit organization, we depend on charitable donations to fund state-of-the-art technology, innovative research, and vital programs that serve our community.

Established in 1992, the Memorial Seaside Legacy Circle honors the visionary donors who include our hospitals in their estate plans. Through planned giving options—such as bequests, charitable trusts, and IRA contributions—supporters can make a lasting impact on our mission while preserving their current assets and often receiving valuable tax benefits.

Seaside Legacy Circle members enjoy special recognition and exclusive invitations to hospital events. More importantly, they ensure that our tradition of healthcare excellence continues for generations to come.



Scan the QR code or visit [dub.sh/seaside](http://dub.sh/seaside) to learn more about leaving your legacy of caring, or contact Stephanie Hsieh, JD, Executive Director of Planned Giving at **562.972.5853** or [SHsieh@memorialcare.org](mailto:SHsieh@memorialcare.org).

## Memorial Seaside Legacy Circle Members

We express our sincere gratitude to our generous donors who support MemorialCare through life income gifts and planned giving.

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# Beyond the Bedside: How 46 Years of Nursing Inspired Phyllis Nation's Gift

Having worked as a nurse for 46 years, Phyllis Nation understands the value of support—a lesson she learned not just on the job, but from her own family's struggles.

Though Phyllis didn't treat cancer patients, breast cancer and Parkinson's disease run in her family. She has seen firsthand the secondary struggles, emotional toll, and financial costs that come with serious illness. Her deeply caring nature inspired her to find a way to help others facing similar battles.

In honor of her mother and other family members, Phyllis wanted to donate to support breast cancer treatment. Working with the Gift Planning office, she found the perfect solution: making the Memorial Medical Center Foundation a beneficiary of her trust to specifically support the Todd Cancer Institute.

"A percentage of my trust will go to the charities I chose, including the Todd Cancer Institute," Phyllis

said. "I'm a very numbers-oriented person, but I can't say exactly how much money I will have when I pass. I worried that maybe I wouldn't have enough—or maybe I'll have more! So, pledging a percentage was a great way to make a gift."

## More Than a Task: The Power of Planned Giving

It's an act of love, allowing you to protect your loved ones, ensuring your final wishes are honored, and supporting the people and places most important to you. It offers you maximum flexibility for the gift, and allows you to retain or increase your income and make a significant impact at MemorialCare.



## You Have Choices



If you're over 70½, you can make a charitable distribution from an IRA.



Stocks and bonds that are no longer paying you interest can be turned into support for our MemorialCare Long Beach hospitals.



A donor-advised fund is like a charitable 'piggy bank'—recommend a grant to the Memorial Medical Center Foundation.



There are even gifts that pay you retirement income for life.



Allocate a specific asset, dollar amount, or percentage of your residual estate.

## Special Events

### Team Spirit Celebrates 25 Years of Hope and Healing

Team Spirit Long Beach marked its 25th anniversary in October 2024, uniting hundreds of walkers, survivors, and supporters in the fight against cancer. The annual 5K raised over \$168,000 to fund free support services through MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute (TCI) at Long Beach Medical Center.

These programs, including counseling, wellness classes, support groups, and survivorship services, are available to anyone in the community, regardless of where they receive treatment.

"Team Spirit Long Beach is much more than just a fundraiser," said

Dr. Mariusz Wirga, TCI medical director of Psychosocial Oncology. "It's a celebration of life and a time to honor those touched by cancer. We understand that cancer is not just a physical challenge, it's a journey of the mind and spirit."

For 25 years, Team Spirit has brought Long Beach together, turning every step into support for those who need it most.



Please scan the QR code or visit [dub.sh/team-spirit](http://dub.sh/team-spirit) to learn how you can participate.



### Champion's Club Classic Drives Support for Pediatric Care

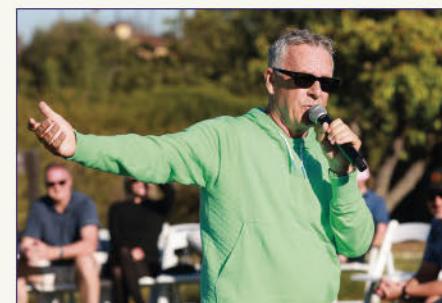
The 15th Annual Champion's Club Classic took place in March 2025, raising nearly \$300,000 in support of Miller Children's & Women's Hospital. Proceeds will fund specialized programs and services throughout the hospital.

During the tournament's Fund-a-Need moment, attendees rallied to purchase new sleeper chairs for the pediatric units—providing caregivers a comfortable place to rest while staying close to their child during recovery.

This year's generous support is transforming the hospital experience for families, bringing comfort and care during their most challenging moments.



Catch tournament highlights, see impact in action: scan QR code or visit [dub.sh/golf-classic](http://dub.sh/golf-classic).



## Charitable Impact

### Philanthropic Impact Opportunities

Contributions from grateful patients and compassionate community members help MemorialCare Long Beach hospitals provide award-winning care. Gifts of any size may be made to the following funds, which support comprehensive excellence that is central to the mission of our hospitals.



**MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center Extraordinary Care Fund (Area of Greatest Need):** Gifts to this fund provide for flexible strategic investments in our adult hospital to provide the safest, most innovative care possible.



**MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Extraordinary Care Fund (Area of Greatest Need):** Gifts to this fund allow for flexible strategic investments in Miller Children's & Women's Hospital to provide the safest, most innovative care possible.



**MemorialCare Long Beach Exceptional People Fund:** At the heart of our extraordinary care are team members. Gifts to this fund help us recruit and retain these compassionate heroes and provide educational programs toward advanced certifications, innovation, and best practices.



**MemorialCare Long Beach Technology and Equipment Fund:** Gifts to this fund help ensure that our patients have the most advanced diagnostic and treatment systems available and that it is supported by the appropriate infrastructure, programs, and technicians.



**Serving the Community:** Each year, our hospital invests millions of dollars in support for under-served patients in our community for educational programs, screenings, clinics, and support groups.



If you would like to learn more about these foundational philanthropic programs or other strategic opportunities, please call 562.933.4483, email us at [mmcf@memorialcare.org](mailto:mmcf@memorialcare.org), scan the QR code, or visit [dub.sh/impact-opp](http://dub.sh/impact-opp).



### Strategic Initiatives

Hospital and Foundation leadership have identified key capital projects that will enhance the environment of care and technology, improving patient outcomes and helping the hospital sustain excellence long into the future. You can help us achieve these strategic initiatives:

- ★ Cherese Mari Laulhere BirthCare Center
- ★ Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- ★ Spine Center
- ★ Operating Rooms
- ★ Imaging Systems
- ★ New Cancer Care Clinic in Lakewood



### MemorialCare Long Beach Elevates Robotic-Assisted Surgery Capabilities

The new da Vinci 5 robotic system offers our surgeons greater control, better visualization, and reduced procedure times for improved patient outcomes. Building on thousands of robotic-assisted procedures across nine specialties, the da Vinci 5 brings enhanced precision and care to MemorialCare Long Beach patients.



Your generosity is felt in  
every moment of care.

**Thank you!**



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