A FAMILY LEGACY OF CARE AND GIVING

The story of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center and the name Albert “Al” Ghirardelli go hand in hand. Mr. Ghirardelli has been involved with Holy Cross since its inception more than 50 years ago. In fact, we owe the hospital to this man’s strong leadership and passion for community service.

“Al Ghirardelli recognized the need for a quality hospital in the northeast San Fernando Valley and led an initiative to get the hospital built. Al’s dedication and support of our local hospital has been unswerving,” states Mr. Michael Overing, Providence Holy Cross Foundation board member and Ghirardelli’s former law firm partner.

Mr. Ghirardelli’s dedication and contagious enthusiasm for our medical center has permeated to his business associates, community partners and more closely to his family, who have generously supported the hospital throughout the years. Most recently, a very generous donation was made by Al’s late brother Walter Ghirardelli, who remembered Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in his will. Walter Ghirardelli created a bequest benefiting our hospital and after his passing last year, the medical center received $700,000 that is a beneficiary in your estate plan will ensure future support for our efforts to provide crucial health care in our community for generations to come.

The need for quality health care that Al and his contemporaries saw is no smaller today. As society advanced, so has its expectation for quality care delivered both quickly and cost-effectively. Donors can help offset the high costs of care. Philanthropy fills a crucial gap between insurance/government reimbursement and the actual cost of running a hospital, allows implementation of new technologies and modernization of existing care facilities, and provides resources for advanced training of nurses and staff. Naming Holy Cross as a beneficiary in your estate plan will ensure future support for our efforts to provide crucial health care in our community for generations to come.

“We are most grateful for the continued support of the Ghirardelli family and for Walter’s generous estate gift, which is a meaningful vote of confidence in the work being done at Providence Holy Cross. Bequests, large and small, have a significant impact on our medical center,” said Joe Ward, Executive Director of Planned Giving. “They are easy to set up and provide an estate tax benefit. Best of all, they create a lasting legacy at an institution that has touched the lives of you and your loved ones.”

For more information about all Planned Giving options, please contact Joe Ward, Executive Director, Planned Giving, Providence St. Joseph Health Foundations, Southern California region, at (310) 793-8117 or joseph.ward@providence.org.

David Ghirardelli, Al Ghirardelli, Dr. Bernie Klein, Ben Chandler

Al Ghirardelli and Dr. Bernie Klein

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During this unprecedented time, we remain steadfast in our dedication to the health and well-being of our community as we respond to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) health crisis. All of us at Providence are here for you and your loved ones, now and always.

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I look forward to another year of triumphs as we continue to share with you the inspiring stories that connect us in our mission to create healthier communities, together.

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WHAT IS COVID-19?

While COVID-19 is a new disease, it is part of a family of viruses called coronaviruses.

The first identified case of COVID-19 was in China in 2019. The virus has now spread to many countries around the world.

HOW DOES COVID-19 SPREAD?

The most common way this virus spreads is from person to person. This is much like what happens with the flu. When someone with COVID-19 coughs or sneezes, they send out respiratory droplets that have the virus.

Here are examples of how it can spread:

- If you are in close contact (within 6 feet) of this person, you can catch the virus by breathing in their respiratory droplets.
- You can get the virus from shaking hands with someone who has it and then touching your own face, nose or mouth.
- You can also get the virus from drinking from the same cup, if you are in close contact (within 6 feet) of this person.
- Sometimes these symptoms and complications lead to death. That is most likely when people are older or also have other medical problems.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO TREAT COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND Complications:

If you have mild symptoms (like that of the common cold), it is best to stay home from school, work, and away from others. Keep doing this until you feel better.

If you have more severe symptoms (such as breathing problems), you might need to be in the hospital.

Treatments can include oxygen, IV (intravenous) fluids, and special medications.

If you have very severe symptoms, you may need to be in the hospital’s ICU (intensive care unit). Patients this sick might need to be on a breathing machine (ventilator) that helps them breathe.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS FROM GETTING COVID-19?

There are some common-sense ways you can help protect yourself, your family, and the community from getting COVID-19:

1. Wash your hands
2. Keep your distance
3. Clean items that are used by many people

Beyond these symptoms, people with this virus can also have complications. Those can include pneumonia (an infection of the lungs) or too little oxygen getting to the lungs.

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PROVIDENCE ANNOUNCES GUN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

- Providence will seek grants to step up involvement in a program called Stop The Bleed® that trains communities how to stem blood loss in the injured until first responders arrive.
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