



# Carlos McCormack, Executive Director, Emergency Services

The past year has been incredibly challenging but has also shown us the remarkable spirit and sense of community that makes the San Gabriel Valley such a special place to live and work. At Methodist Hospital, the coronavirus pandemic has posed enormous difficulties for our staff members and the organization as a whole, but at the same time, it has brought us together in a shared sense of

purpose to serve our community and help navigate these uncharted waters.

Since March, our hospital has completely changed the way it operates to continue providing excellent care while keeping our patients and colleagues safe within our walls. We have adapted to safely meet the community's needs for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, and to collaborate with Los Angeles County and other partners to face this public health crisis together.

With the support of our community and the tireless dedication of our committed staff, we have met these challenges and helped Methodist stay open and healthy through a summer unlike any we have experienced before. Throughout this journey, Methodist Hospital has been there for you and your family.

We know the pandemic has affected almost every business and non-profit, and our hospital is among those that are facing significant financial impacts from this crisis. With our high-fixed costs and low volume for most of the year, Methodist Hospital faces fiscal challenges even during a normal year. So as we come to the end of 2020, your support is critical. The pandemic has demonstrated the importance of a hospital that is able to nimbly respond to the needs of its community while keeping compassionate care for patients as the compass for every decision.

Together, we respectfully ask for your tax-deductible gift to Methodist Hospital, a contribution that will go directly to supporting the health and wellness of our community. Please visit <a href="https://www.methodisthospital.org/donate">www.methodisthospital.org/donate</a> to make your

contribution.

Thank you in advance for your unwavering support.

### **Carlos McCormack**

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### To learn more about Emergency Services, click here.

#### Message from Club 300 Chair, Julie Roybal

I hope this finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

We are coming to a close of 2020. Phew! We have made it through a very challenging time in our history. We have made sacrifices and many changes to our lives. Let's stay on the side of counting our blessings and being thankful for all that we do have and all that we can do for others.



Club 300 wants to thank all that have supported our cause of raising funds to keep our Hollfelder Emergency Care Center at its very best for those in need. With the recent surge of COVID-19 cases, the many expenses required to treat all patients continues to rise.

As Club 300 Chair, I ask you each to reach into your heart, wallet and/or spirit to offer a comfortable donation to assist our efforts in keeping Methodist Hospital emergency services equipped and available for yourself, your family and friends.

Join Club 300 in making improvements and offer support for all those that may experience a medical need. It is an annual cost of \$300 (Just \$25 a month  $\odot$ ).

To make your donation, visit <a href="www.methodisthospital.org/donate">www.methodisthospital.org/donate</a> or call Methodist Hospital Foundation at 626-898-8888.

On behalf of the Club 300 committee, we have missed gathering with you in 2020 and we look forward to the opportunity to gather at a Club 300 event in 2021. We also want you to keep in mind it is "Safe to Seek Care." So, don't be concerned about coming to the Hollfelder Emergency Care Center when you need it.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Blessed and Happy Holidays,

# Julie Roybal

Chair, Club 300

## Make your annual donation.

## Club 300 Member Profile: Chad and Alejandra Worozaken

The Worozakens recently welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Isabel Rose Worozaken who was born at Methodist Hospital. Baby Isabel is their third child, their other children, Colin 4, Daniela 3 were also delivered at Methodist Hospital. The Worozakens share their experience and why they choose to support Methodist Hospital and Club 300.



# Talk about your experience at Methodist Hospital during the birth of your children.

2020 has certainly been an extraordinary year to say the least. My wife and I started talking about expanding our family late in 2019. We would have never expected to give birth to a new baby during a pandemic, that was not our plan.

But thankfully, with the reliable experiences we had in the past with our two other kids delivered at Methodist Hospital, we were a lot more comfortable in a time of so many unknowns. Our experience delivering our third child was exactly what we expected, high level quality care with an emphasis on our safety. The biggest challenges of not leaving the room or welcoming visitors was hard, but we were very comfortable knowing we were working with the trusted Labor and Delivery unit and nurses that we had in the past. These physicians and nurses stepped up when help was needed, they are heroes to my family. Taking extra precautions was necessary but it certainly didn't interrupt welcoming a beautiful baby girl into the world.

# Why did you choose to return to Methodist Hospital to deliver your baby this year?

For my family, Methodist Hospital is our community hospital. We know it's a safe and comforting place to go even in this current climate. We know the commitment and dedication the hospital offers to every patient. Dr. Anya Rose, of Rose Women's Health, has delivered two of our children and is conveniently across the street from the hospital. Dr. Rose and her staff are always exceptional. She routinely assured us of the protocols in place and tended to every need we had.

Having Dr. Rose and her all women staff is an empowering reassurance. Thanks to the support from the Labor and Delivery unit, Lisa, Pauline, Heather and Katherine. Thanks to our anesthesiologist Dr. Webb. And to our Registered Nurses, Brenda, Lauren, Sheryl, and Valerie, we are great admirers of your knowledge. My wife also loves the Mommy and Baby Bistro group spearheaded by Yolanda Fernandez. This group promotes and supports new moms during their post partum journey. Methodist Hospital recognizes the importance of supporting mothers during their 4th trimester. This is a strong team of people that we like to have on our side.

#### Chad - why do you choose to serve on the Club 300 Committee?

I serve on the Club 300 Committee as I have a huge passion for philanthropy and community. I am always looking to make a difference in the community. Sharing my personal experiences and creating awareness to others about Methodist Hospital as a health resource is important to me. My wife and I have been supporting physicians and staff far before the pandemic, but now they need our support more than ever. Methodist has always stood as a tremendous resource for guidance and help surrounding all of our health care needs.

### Why is it important for the community to support Methodist Hospital?

I hear it over and over again from everyone I have talked to, nobody would have ever expected to battle a pandemic. This circumstance has allowed my wife and I to re-evaluate a lot of things in our lives. We are now driving by in car parades celebrating all of our everyday heroes or gifting lunch to these organizations

whenever we can. We try to stay optimistic about 2020 and we can't just delete history. We want to remember these conditions and remember the people that helped us fight through. Methodist Hospital will forever be top of our minds, especially now during these extraordinary times. I am extremely proud of everyone in the community who has stepped up various many ways to provide support to those who provide healthcare support to us. During this time of adversity, frontline workers have stepped up to serve the community and it's important we pay them back somehow either in person or virtually.



#### **Virtual Club 300 Golf Tournament**

Congratulations Ken Drain, winner of the Club 300 Virtual Golf Tournament and of a round of golf for four at Santa Anita Golf Course. Although we weren't able to hold this annual tournament in its traditional format, we are grateful to those who participated and supported this unique fundraiser:

> Joe Berro > Mike Dowd

> Robert Bray > Joe Lee

> Ken Drain > John Lee, MD

We are appreciative of all tournament sponsors, especially Title "Ace" Sponsor The Law Offices of Benjumea & Associates, who helped raise \$4,725 for Emergency Services at Methodist Hospital. We hope to have the opportunity to return to our tournament style fundraiser in 2021.



## **Questions:**

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