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*If trailblazing
was easy,
the road
would be
paved.*

— Author Unknown



BRIEFINGS

Blazing the Trail

Annual Event Raises \$2.1 Million for John Muir Health's COVID-19 Response Efforts in Honor of its Health Care Heroes

The 2020 *Celebrate John Muir Health!* gala, themed *Blazing the Trail*, was very true to its words. In fact, every member of our community was asked to become a trailblazer in the spring of 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic hit hard and forced us down an unknown, meandering, and unpaved path.

The trail would not have been tenable had our fearless, health care crusaders not felt the many blessings of care from you. The outpouring of kindness, gratitude, and support from John Muir Health's biggest fans has been extraordinary.

Amidst this unprecedented course, we came together at this year's *Celebrate John Muir Health!*

gala to raise money in support of John Muir Health's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to honor the health care heroes working courageously to tackle the virus.

To hear from some of our caregivers providing their heartfelt thanks to you, follow the QR code below to a short video segment.

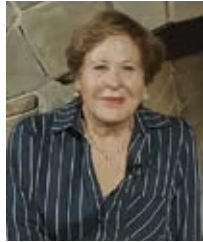
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MESSAGE FROM GALA CO-CHAIRS



Maureen Knight
CO-CHAIR



Margie Murphy
CO-CHAIR

Our 2020 Gala Committee began planning for the 7th Annual *Celebrate John Muir Health!* gala in January, exactly like we had in years past—considering and pondering such things as, “What shall our theme be, what about our set design, lighting, music, décor, and attire?” Unfortunately, COVID-19 quickly fell upon us and we were forced to contemplate the possibility of not having the Foundation’s flagship fundraiser...at all.

But none of us were having that! When the team researched how to conduct a virtual fundraiser, the 2020 *Blazing the Trail* gala was conceived. And “blazing the trail” we did! With help from the ultra-creative John Muir Health Foundation Events Team, our loyal event vendors, and our many fabulous event donors, sponsors and partners (YOU), a one-hour YouTube live stream event took place on Saturday, November 7th.

Guests watched the broadcast from the comfort of their own home (campground, tent, RV, backyard) and bid for auction items both online and live, ultimately raising \$2.1 million for John Muir Health’s COVID-19 response efforts.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for “blazing the trail” with us!

If you were not able to attend this year, we’ve included a QR code below to the pre-recorded video segments from our physicians, nurses and staff battling COVID-19 whom also give their sincere appreciation to you for the outpouring of love and support.



Use this QR code to
view our gala videos!

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JOHN MUIR HEALTH!

Seventh Annual Gala—November 7, 2020

John Muir Health Foundation
Gala Committee

Maureen Knight, Co-Chair
Margie Murphy, Co-Chair
Angie Coffee
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Randy Pike
Margaret Simor
Stacy Woodworth



2020 Gala Camp John Muir Health Blazing the Trail

JOHN MUIR HEALTH CARE HEROES An Honor Bestowed By 2020 Gala Sponsors And Event Donors

This year, our gala sponsors and donors who gave \$1,000 or more had the opportunity to recognize a John Muir Health employee as a Health Care Hero.

In addition, through funds raised from gala sponsors, breakfast was provided to employees at both the Concord and Walnut Creek Medical Centers, and lunch was served to our outpatient centers and clinical staff.

Congratulations, Heroes!

Danny Arimboanga
Stephen Arnold, M.D.
Nason Azizi, M.D.
Mary Kay Barrett
Vala Berjis, M.D.
Jorge Bennett, M.D.
Henry Besada
Nicolas Bob
Anna Borden
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Sally Breul
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Crystal Hapgood
Bill Hoddick, M.D.
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Martin Iyoya

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Shruthi Kooturu, M.D.
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John Kronick, M.D.
Diane Kwan, M.D.
Doug Lange, M.D.
Dimitry Lerner, M.D.
Michelle Lopes
Meghan Lopez
Trudy Lovell
Helen Lu
Michelle Lu
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Priti Patel, M.D.
Wendy Patton, M.D.
Lisa Perla
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JOHN MUIR HEALTH!

7th Annual *virtual*
Gala
November 7, 2020

In support of
our Health Care Heroes
for their dedication during COVID-19

We often ask, 'What would we do if we didn't have John Muir Health?' Fortunately, it's a question we don't have to answer! We have had the privilege of world-class health care right here at John Muir Health when we needed it most. Supporting John Muir Health as volunteers and donors has simply been part of us for so many years.

—Don and Sharon Ritchey



Mike and Wendy Thomas broadcasted from their home base camp.





Guests Davis Lee and Yvonne Ng



The virtual gala live broadcast production crew, including got light., Alli See, and Auctioneer, Greg Quiroga, who made it all happen!

It has been our privilege over the past seven years to attend and support the Celebrate John Muir Health! gala. We are fortunate to partner with John Muir Health to provide extraordinary care in our community. Showing our support through a gala sponsorship has allowed us to pay our gratitude forward.

—Todd Benatar, LabCorp

Indrajit Obeysekere and Diane Kawaguchi



Campfire photo shared by gala participants during the event.



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*Thank you to all 2020
gala sponsors for your
generous support of
John Muir Health.*

Live Auction

Prizes and Winners

1. Getaway to St. Orres

A relaxing trip for two people at the Black Chanterelle Cottage at St. Orres.

WINNER: Steve and Michelle Lopes

2. Golf at the San Francisco Golf Club

Golf and lunch for three people at the San Francisco Golf Club, an A.W. Tillinghast's classic design across the bay!

WINNER: Scott Heller

3. TUDOR Heritage Watch

The Heritage Black Bay is one of TUDOR's truly iconic models and celebrates 60 years of extraordinary diving watches.

WINNER: Margaret and Brent Simor

4. Cal and Irving's Bucket List

Guided fly-fishing trip with Cal Knight and Irving Pike, M.D.!

WINNER: Jason Raddatz, NORCAL Ambulance

WINNER: Debra and Steve Gonsalves

WINNER: David Fitzgerald, M.D., Medical Anesthesia Consultants

5. Vacation at Lake Almanor

Spend a relaxing week at beautiful Lake Almanor in Northern California!

WINNER: Ali Vojdani

6. Stellar Cellar

Wine lot with over 20 bottles to add to your wine cellar!

WINNER: Wayne and Jane Willemssen

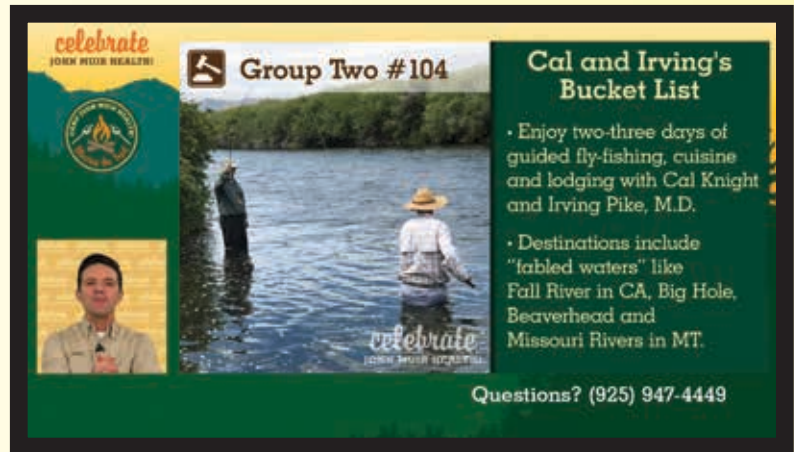
7. Stay at Mayacama

Enjoy a two night stay for four (4) people at Mayacama, a private community nestled in the hills of Santa Rosa!

WINNER: Margaret and Brent Simor

I was so excited to be a part of this very special event! As a John Muir Health employee, I have felt the outpouring of love from the community first-hand and appreciated the opportunity to let them know that their support has been a wonderful blessing and is what motivates us to keep doing what we're doing.

—Eugenie Thomas



Auctioneer Greg Quiroga of Stellar Fundraising Auctions during the live auction portion of the event.

WHY WE GIVE

Doubling Down When the Stakes are High

COVID-19 sent our community into a tailspin with people shrinking back from social events into distancing protocol. People stayed home, avoiding personal contact, and yet when asked if he would join John Muir Health as lead sponsor for our first-ever VIRTUAL gala, Michael Stead only asked one question: “What will the funds support?”

And when he heard that Health Care Heroes would be supported with full PPE and everything needed to care for sick patients, Michael immediately raised his hand and held up two fingers.

“Not only will I support John Muir Health caregivers, but Mercedes and I will double our commitment and donate twice as much as last year,” he explained.

The Steads are proud supporters of John Muir Health and appreciate now, more than ever, the value of giving back to the courageous caregivers who give so much of themselves to vulnerable patients.

Mercedes and Michael Stead



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*This is not the
time to hold back,
but to lean in
and increase
support because
John Muir Health
needs help to
get through
all of this!*

