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STANDING UP AGAINST BREAST CANCER AT SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER

San Mateo County Health Foundation

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CONTRIBUTION

In 2023, **San Mateo County Health Foundation raised $912,000 through grants and donations to assist with San Mateo Medical Center's breast cancer screening program.** The funds were intended for upgrading technology and purchasing a mobile mammography van.

This initiative was made possible thanks to the generous support of the following funders:

San Mateo County Health Foundation
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PROJECT

How It Began

Through the Underwire Project, SMCHF raised funds to transition SMMC from x-ray film to digital mammography machines. SMMC contributed $750,000, matched by another $750,000 from the Foundation. This investment not only improved our capabilities but also paved the way for future upgrades.

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How It’s Going

In 2023, SMMC upgraded to 3D Tomosynthesis mammography, significantly enhancing cancer detection after using 2D technology since 2014. This advancement leads to better patient outcomes and reduced healthcare costs, ensuring high-quality care for patients at the public hospital.

PROJECT IMPACT

- The SMMC Diagnostic Imaging department serves over 7,600 mammography patients annually.
- 3D Tomosynthesis reduces patient callbacks, minimizing stress and anxiety associated with additional imaging.
- This upgrade allows for service expansion and the mammography van is a big step in that direction.
- It enables accurate tracking of cancer detection rates, including positives and false positives.
- Collaboration and knowledge sharing with other safety net hospitals throughout California.

MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

San Mateo Medical Center is upgrading its Electronic Health Record System, launching in November.
The mammography van will rely on this upgrade for image and report transmission. Currently, all other projects are on hold due to limited county resources.

The Foundation continues to fundraise for the van. Once this is purchased and on campus, training and accreditation will follow.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH STRATEGY FOR MAMMOGRAPHY

Our primary goal is to deliver services to SMMC patients across all San Mateo County field clinics.

The Foundation collaborates with Puente de la Costa Sur and ALAS on our Caring Hands in Health program, exploring the expansion of mammography services for SMMC patients at these nonprofits.