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Legacy Donor profile:

Following a Tradition of Philanthropy

Louise Harris gives to Huntington Hospital as a way of continuing a legacy of giving that she began with her late husband, Marshall. “He was very fond of the hospital,” she says. This philanthropic tradition began when the couple made their first contribution to us in 1992 and has continued ever since.

After Marshall passed away in 2013, Louise, when reviewing her will, decided to designate an investment account to the hospital. She recently accelerated her estate gift, so that we may use the funds in the more immediate term. “I wanted the hospital to be able to use the money now,” she says. “It’s a great cause to support.” Louise is a foresighted member of our Legacy Gift Society, and Huntington Hospital is still remembered in her will.

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Louise Harris, Huntington Hospital Donor since 1992
Member, Legacy Gift Society



Huntington Hospital’s Legacy Gift Society (LGS)

Your Legacy of Care

Through your generous annual gifts to Huntington Hospital, you have helped ensure that your family and your neighbors have ready access to world-class healthcare whenever the need arises.

Now you can extend that same peace of mind to future generations.

Members of the Legacy Gift Society are loyal annual supporters who also have the foresight to include Huntington Hospital in their will and/or estate plans.



Legacy Gift Society
Benefiting Huntington Hospital

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Huntington Hospital + Cedars-Sinai Health System: An affiliation that benefits you

To ensure that you and future generations continue to have access to world-class care right here in Pasadena, Huntington Hospital recently took the exciting and forward-thinking step of affiliating with Cedars-Sinai Health System.

Being an affiliate of Cedars-Sinai Health System brings many benefits to you, our community and our staff. The affiliation includes commitments for continued investment in our hospital and opportunities for collaboration with a dynamic health care system.

By sharing expertise and resources with Cedars-Sinai, Huntington Hospital deepens our commitment to providing affordable, high-quality care to the San Gabriel Valley community. While drawing on the extraordinary strengths of this affiliation, we are also committed to maintaining our unique culture as a community hospital and will continue to be governed by our local board of directors. In addition, all charitable donations to our work will remain locally controlled by Huntington for the benefit of the patients we serve.

Huntington stands for health, and offers so much more than just trusted hospital care. From primary care to emergency care to everything in between, we are committed to providing the care you need, when you need it. Our new affiliation with Cedars-Sinai ensures we can continue to meet this commitment for decades to come.

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Louise's leadership gift is helping us create a more sustainable medical campus, where patients in our region will receive care in the years and decades to come. In recognition of Louise's support, we are naming a patient room in our West Tower in her and Marshall's honor.

Marshall was born at Huntington Hospital, and both he and Louise have been patients at the hospital. She has had, for example, two knee surgeries here. "We always received the best care," she says. The connection, however, does not stop there: After her husband retired, Marshall began volunteering here, providing errand and escort services for more than a decade.

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For Louise, giving back continues to be an important priority, as evidenced by her most recent gift to the hospital. "I know Huntington Hospital will put the money to good use. It's an important institution, and it does a lot of good for a lot of people."

Love is Contagious

I am Huntington employee giving campaign

Many Huntington Hospital staff members have chosen to show their support for our work by participating in our *I am Huntington* employee giving campaign. The campaign is an important part of our *Huntington Annual Fund*, and gifts help ensure we have what we need to provide the best possible care to patients.

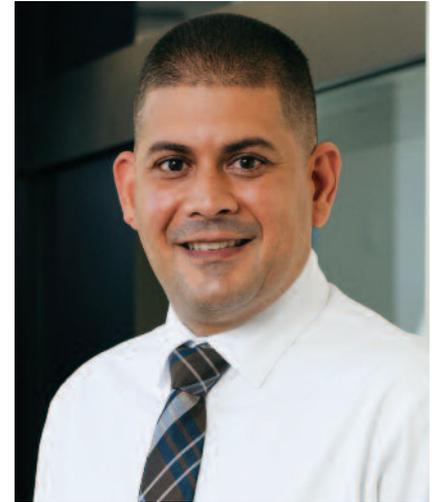
One of these thoughtful employee donors is **Axel Ortega**. Axel first joined us 14 years ago as a transporter, and today serves as our environmental services manager. “I like the atmosphere at the hospital,” he says. “Everyone gets along and helps each other. It’s the best job I’ve ever had.”

Throughout his time here, Axel has worked closely with many different departments — and has seen first-hand how donor dollars are used to make improvements throughout the hospital. It is why he decided to give through *I am Huntington*.

“I see it when a department needs a new machine or piece of equipment,” Axel says, “and I also see the impact it makes when they get it. I know donations make those things possible.” He notes that he has especially noticed the difference donations have made during the pandemic.

Axel hopes that his gift will help inspire others. “I tell everyone that it’s important to give,” he says. “I know that as a nonprofit hospital, even a little bit can go a long way.”

Thank you to Axel, and to the more than 600 team members who have shown their support by giving through *I am Huntington*.



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A Heartfelt Success!

The \$200,000 McCreight Foundation Cardiac Challenge Match, which ended in January, was an outstanding success. Inspired by this challenge gift, our community came together and made gifts totaling more than \$400,000. We now have more than \$600,000 in charitable support to further improve the fleet of cardiac diagnostic, monitoring and surgical equipment used by the dedicated team of caregivers and staff who work in the new Helen and Will Webster Heart & Vascular Center.

We’re extremely grateful for all of our good-hearted community members and their heartfelt investment in our work.

Huntington Sustainers

One of the ways that you can make your support even more meaningful is by joining Huntington Sustainers. Here's the story of Robert Luis Pereira, a Huntington Sustainer and hospital volunteer.

Robert says, "If I can chip in a little something every month to help maintain all that the hospital does for the community, why wouldn't I?"

As a Huntington Sustainer, Robert knows that monthly, recurring donations add up over time to achieve great impact.

Ultimately, Robert hopes to further contribute to community health by becoming a physician. In the meantime, in addition to contributing to our work as a donor, Robert serves his community by volunteering in our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center.

Robert set up his recurring monthly donation on his very first day as a volunteer here. He believes that giving to the hospital is a worthy investment for all of us. "It's a mutually beneficial relationship," Robert explains. "Huntington Hospital helps our community thrive by providing vital healthcare services. By giving back, we can help safeguard the hospital's ability to be there when we need it."

Donors like Robert make monthly, recurring gifts to the hospital via credit card. For as little as a \$5 monthly pledge or more, you can help us protect and enhance our community's health and well-being with high-quality, lifesaving care.

Visit giving.huntingtonhospital.com/monthly to join Huntington Sustainers, or contact Josué E. Hernández, MA, CFRE, manager of annual fund and donor groups at (626) 397-3568 or via email at josue.hernandez@huntingtonhospital.com. You may also visit giving.huntingtonhospital.com/donate to make a one-time gift by credit card on our safe and secure website.



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