

LLU Children's Hospital receives national award for top quality

By Briana Pastorino

For the first time, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital (LLUCH) has been named a Top Children's Hospital by The Leapfrog Group, a designation that highlights its nationally recognized achievements in patient safety and quality.

LLUCH is the only children's hospital in the western United States to earn the coveted 2017 designation.

Announced Thursday, Dec. 7, the Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive. The Top Hospital designation is awarded by The Leapfrog Group, an independent hospital watchdog organization.

Among the roughly 350 children's hospitals in the country, LLUCH was one of only 10 hospitals to receive the Top Children's Hospital distinction this year.

Scott Perryman, MBA, senior vice president/administrator of LLUCH, attributes this recognition to the medical professionals at LLUCH who dedicate their lives every day to their patients.

"At Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, our medical staff, nurses and other experts dedicate themselves to giving nothing but the best care for our mothers, babies and children, restoring them to health and happiness" Perryman said.

Performance across many areas of hospital care is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, maternity care and the hospital's capacity to prevent medication errors. The rigorous standards are defined in each year's Top Hospital Methodology.



(From left) Trevor Wright, Helen Staples-Evans, Dr. Richard Chinnock, Scott Perryman, Kerry Heinrich, Elizabeth Rankin, Dr. Ihab Dorotta, and Brenda Bruneau celebrate the Top Children's Hospital Award presented to LLUCH by The Leapfrog Group. Loma Linda was the only children's hospital in the western United States to earn the designation in 2017.

Leah Binder, president and CEO of Leapfrog congratulated LLUCH in a statement to all the top hospitals.

"This demonstrates extraordinary dedication to patients and the local community," Binder said. "The entire staff and board deserve praise for putting quality first and achieving results."

The LLUCH medical team comprises more than

100 pediatricians, pediatric surgeons, and sub-specialists to treat everything from broken bones to disabilities and life-threatening diseases. LLUCH also has more than 1,200 nurses, child life specialists and other staff who are dedicated to the health and healing of children. Together they provide a family-focused environment backed by state-of-the-art care.

Robert Handysides, DDS, appointed sixth LLU School of Dentistry dean

By Doug Hackleman

Robert Handysides, DDS, class of 1993, associate dean for academic affairs since 2013, has been appointed dean of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry (LLUSD), effective January 1, 2018.

Joseph Caruso, DDS'73, MS'75, who has served first as acting and then as interim dean since May 2017, will continue through the academic year his positions as associate dean for Strategic Initiatives and Faculty Practices and as program director for the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.

In response to his selection, Handysides said, "I am deeply honored and humbled to learn that my colleagues and peers have chosen me to lead the School of Dentistry. Although LLUSD has a proud tradition of excellence and is recognized as having one of the profession's premier clinical programs, we have no interest in resting on our laurels. I look forward to collaborating with our School's highly dedicated faculty, staff, alumni, and students as we strive to improve on our laudable past."

LLU Provost Ronald Carter, PhD, affirmed the appointment: "It has been my privilege to work closely with Dr. Handysides as the School of Dentistry's associate dean for Academic Affairs. Rob demonstrates a delightful blend of attention to detail and process with a cheer and humor that lightens the load of serious decision-making. Dean Handysides has a vision for academic and professional excellence and the commitment to forge a faculty and administration equal to the challenges of 21st-century dental education."



Robert Handysides

Shortly after graduation from LLUSD in 1993, Handysides established and maintained for five years a solo practice in Kingston, Ontario, his Canadian home.

He returned to LLUSD in 1999 and earned a certificate in endodontics that he completed in 2001 at the School's Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics.

Commencing immediately upon completion of his specialty program in 2001, Handysides served the Department of Endodontics in a variety of roles: course director, lecturer, clinical educator, and researcher. In 2003, he became director of the LLU Faculty Endodontics practice, a position he held in that busy dental practice until 2013. Due to accumulating teaching and administrative responsibilities, his involvement with patient care is somewhat reduced.

In 2007, Handysides was added to the LLU Faculty of Graduate Studies as associate professor, and in 2008 he was promoted to associate professor status with the Department of Endodontics. In November 2008, he was named a Diplomate by the American Board of Endodontists.

In 2009, when Leif Bakland, DDS'63, distinguished emeritus professor, retired, Handysides replaced his mentor and friend as chair of the Department of Endodontics.

Appointed to the position of associate dean for Academic Affairs in 2013, Handysides for four years has helped to guide and direct the decision-making and implementation of both clinical training and curriculum design so essential to the maintenance, integrity, and growth of the School.

Handysides has authored or coauthored several peer-reviewed articles and textbook chapters in endodontics and dental education. He has also presented numerous continuing education seminars both nationally and internationally, enjoying the various cultures and customs of the places he has visited.

Handysides and his wife, Minnie, have three daughters: Nicole, Carina, and Alison.

Many Strengths. One Mission.

Cranes positioned; steel delivered; construction on new hospital underway

By Larry Becker

Loma Linda University Health's effort to construct a new adult hospital and new Children's Hospital tower has entered a new phase with the delivery of two massive construction cranes to the building site.

The cranes were delivered in late November, with 57 trucks needed for the taller north side crane, and 27 trucks to deliver the south side crane. On-site assembly took roughly a week. With the cranes' arrival and placement, work on the new hospital site switches from excavation and seismic safety installation to the start of building the planned 16-story hospital. Once completed, the new adult hospital tower will be the tallest building in San Bernardino County.

When fully extended, the taller north side crane will stand 400 feet tall. The cranes have a lift capacity of 826 tons (or approximately 1.65 million pounds). For perspective, that capacity is equivalent to lifting four blue whales at the same time, or 118,000 bowling balls. This impressive lifting capacity requires 1 million pounds of counterweight to assure the crane's stability throughout the construction effort. That amount of counterweight would be equal to 40 school buses, or 182 million U.S. pennies.

The two cranes are projected to be on site until November 2018. During the construction efforts, each crane will require a four-person crew: the operator, the oiler/mechanic, the signaler, and the loader.

The first piece of steel was placed on the site December 6. To complete the building's A level, which will fill the excavated area and bring the building to ground level, will require 5,000-6,000 tons of steel. Most of A level, where the largest pieces of steel will be placed, will be bolted together rather than welded. Workers will need to drill 40,000 holes during A level construction, equivalent to drilling through five miles of steel plate thickness.

When the 16th floor of the adult hospital is reached, the structural frame will consist of more than 25,000 tons of steel. Steel is being fabricated in three plants in Arizona and one in Wisconsin, and being trucked to Loma Linda. Once here, placing, bolting, welding and other processes will require roughly 200,000 hours of construction time.

Loma Linda University Health's decision to construct new facilities arose from the rapidly changing governmental seismic standards and the growing health care needs of the Inland Empire region. The new, state-of-the-art adult hospital and Children's Hospital expansion will anchor the health care needs of our vast Southern California region, as well as be a hub for education and research that continues to shape health care in the United States and around the world.

The new hospital towers are the most visible aspect of Vision 2020 – The Campaign for a Whole Tomorrow. Vision 2020 is a \$360-million comprehensive philanthropic initiative, the largest in the history of Loma Linda University Health. The effort also represents the largest investment in health care and education in the Inland Empire.

The Vision 2020 campaign supports priorities in:



Massive cranes will be used to place the steel needed for Loma Linda University Health's construction project to build a new adult hospital and expanded Children's Hospital.

- Clinical Care, advancing health care in the Inland Empire through a new Loma Linda University Health adult hospital and expanded Children's Hospital.
- Research and Education, providing funding for new and enhanced research labs where Loma Linda University Health scientists will continue their research discoveries, as well as increasing scholarship endowments, faculty development and new educational approaches.
- Wholeness, expanding Loma Linda University Health's historic emphasis on living a healthy lifestyle and sharing that knowledge locally and internationally.

Loma Linda University Health to host 7th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition in February 2018

By James Ponder

The 7th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition, globally recognized as the world's premier scientific congress on the effects of vegetarian and other plant-based diets, is set to convene for three days in February to showcase recent advances from basic science, epidemiology and clinical trials in vegetarian nutrition from around the planet.

The congress, which is hosted by Loma Linda University's School of Public Health and begins Feb. 26, 2018, is expected to draw more than 700 scientists, physicians and nutritionists who will share the latest ways to incorporate plant-based nutrition into everyday life.

The congress is held every five years and is the only time when the world's leading scientists and scholars versed in the study of plant-based diets gather to unveil research findings and raise provocative ideas.

"We're pleased to be hosting the 7th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition, which will provide a forum for a review of all the best research, concepts and applications of vegetarian dietary practices for preventing diseases and promoting health," said Joan Sabaté, MD, DrPH, director of the Center for Nutrition, Lifestyle and Disease Prevention and chair of the event.

Sabaté said the theme for next year's event — "Plant-based Nutrition for Personal, Population and Planetary Health" — signals a significant shift in both scope and awareness from previous years. He cites recent studies as examples of the often-unexpected ways plant-based nutrition benefits the health of the ecological environment.

Sabaté says that when the congress first started 35 years ago, vegetarian nutrition was ignored, unknown or rejected by most health professionals. But as the general population has increasingly embraced plant-based diets, he says the congress has become recognized as the global leader in educating health professionals in how to advise and treat their vegetarian clients and stay current on the scientific literature.

The event will feature an enlarged culinary demonstration by chefs who specialize in healthy, delicious vegetarian cuisine. The chefs will mingle theoretical discussions about the health benefits of plant-based foods into their demonstrations.

The previous congress, held in 2013, drew nearly 900 people from more than 40

countries. The congress is accredited for more than 20 hours of continuing education units (CEU) and continuing medical education (CME).

The public is invited to a vegetarian food fair and a series of free lectures, which will be held the Sunday before the congress begins.

Registration is currently open. For more information, including viewing previous congresses, visit www.VegetarianCongress.org. If you have additional questions, contact StaffDevelopment@llu.edu.



Joan Sabaté, director of the Center for Nutrition, Lifestyle and Disease Prevention and chair of the upcoming congress, says the event will look at the most current ways of incorporating plant-based nutrition into everyday life.

Broadcast spotlights LLU Children's Hospital's outreach to children in need

"Carols in the Lobby" program aims to bring hope to children currently treated as patients

By James Ponder

A televised Christmas program at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital brought hope and holiday cheer to local children in need. The program was also broadcast nationally over LLBN and Smart LIFE Style international television broadcasting networks. The event was produced by LLUSS Cable TV & Media and filmed December 11 in the hospital lobby.

The "Carols in the Lobby" program was sponsored by the Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild, a volunteer organization that has raised more than \$1.6 million for at-risk children in Southern California's Inland Empire. Lynn Sleeth, Guild president, said the program's purpose was to provide a positive picture of hope and healing for hospitalized children and the 1.3 million households of the region, as well as for millions of viewers across the United States.

The guests of honor, approximately 20 LLU Children's Hospital patients, filled the front three rows. As the program began, Sleeth promised each child would get to choose a Teddy Bear to take home, adding that bears give children something to hold onto for comfort. The program went on to feature a mix of regional performers and one internationally-known entertainer.

First to perform was Lioness, a singing group of girls, ages 9 to 13. The group, which was founded five years ago, delivered a spirited performance of six holiday selections, including "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Pete McLeod, a performing member of the Magic Castle, of Hollywood, blends comedy, magic and musical parody in his act. McLeod, a friend of Children's Hospital, was assisted by youthful helpers in two of his three performances, "The Amazing Balloon Experiment," "Having a Ball," and "The Legend of Clara and Monica."

High school harp duo Claire Elias and Natasha Thomas entertained the crowd by playing holiday favorites. Elias, a freshman at Loma Linda Academy, has been playing the instrument for four years. Thomas, a junior at the same school, has been playing for five.

The Hawarden Singers, a 30-member children's choir from Hawarden Hills Academy in Riverside, California, sang three selections: "Mary's Boy Child," "Carol of the Bells," and "Silent Night." The acclaimed choir consists of students, ages 7 to 13, who perform at school functions, holiday celebrations and civic events around the Inland Empire.

Pianist Laura Noronha, 15, who has been playing since she was 6, performed three popular selections, "The Prayer," a contemporary arrangement of George Frideric Handel's "Joy to the World," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Noronha's piano artistry took her to Carnegie Hall in 2016.

The Loma Linda Academy Saxophone Quartet delivered renditions of "Let it Snow," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Grinch," "White Christmas" and "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen." The quartet frequently performs for churches, retirement centers and community events.

Ballerina Annalyn Bakland was the final performer of the evening. The 15-year-old, who has been studying ballet since she was 9, took first place at the Youth America Grand Prix semifinals in Los Angeles at 13. Bakland pirouetted between three giant nutcrackers to Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy."

Event organizer Sandi Herrmann, a longtime member of the Guild board, says the nutcrackers were generously donated for the occasion, and Bakland's beautiful performance for the children was also a gift.

Herrmann also said "Carols in the Lobby" springs from the Guild's desire to offer hope and friendship to the children of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. She said parts of the region face challenges of high rates of crime, gang violence and drug abuse. Herrmann says the Guild is deeply concerned for the innocent children of the region, especially vulnerable infants born addicted to narcotics.

"These kids get sick and need costly medical care, yet their parents may not have health insurance," Herrmann said, noting that 80 percent of the hospital's patients cannot afford to pay for the services they receive. "Nevertheless, the hospital is there for them."

Herrmann added, however, that there is a brighter side to the Inland Empire. "These talented young people wanted to give something back to the kids who live in this valley without any hope. Christmas is all about hope and tonight they let their light shine brightly. I am so incredibly proud of these kids and what they did!"

For more information about the Guild, contact Josh Zahid, Guilds manager, by email at jnzahid@llu.edu or by phone at 909-558-5384



Carols in the Lobby featured Lioness (top), the Loma Linda Academy Saxophone Quartet, magician Pete McLeod, assisted by one of the audience members, pianist Laura Noronha, interviewed by program emcee Wayne Scott, and ballerina Annalyn Bakland. Loma Linda Shared Services Cable TV and Media personnel videotaped the program.



Students from Westlake High School Visit, donate gifts to Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital

By Genesis Gonzalez

Students from Westlake High School, located in Westlake Village in Ventura County, visited Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital (LLUCH) in late November, bringing a variety of gifts to the cardiac ICU.

For the past 12 years, Nancy Bowman and her advanced honors anatomy class have raised funds to support LLUCH. This year, students raised \$4,500 to purchase gifts for the unit by holding a garage sale. The funds raised went toward buying items off a “wish list” provided by the unit’s nurses. Gifts included a doctor play set, Barbie house, onesies and pajamas.

“It’s one of my personal beliefs that if there is any way to give back to the Loma Linda community, we will do so,” Bowman said. “We want to make sure all the money spent goes toward the cardiac ICU unit.”

It was also the first year the unit received two venoscopes, vein finders, thanks to the students’ fundraising efforts.

Earlier in the day, the 25 seniors and their parents toured the Medical Simulation Center at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and the Department of Anatomy. They were able to experience first-hand what it’s like to be a medical student.

The students participating in the program have a strong passion for the medical industry. They were hand-selected to join the class by demonstrating their involvement to their school, community and mission to serve in the medical profession. Bowman says the class is exposed to various dissections (five cadavers available through LLU School of Medicine), ongoing ethical studies, extensive reading and guest lecturers.

Bowman has been teaching the advanced anatomy class for the past 26 years and teaches part-time at Westlake High School. She plans to continue the philanthropic partnership between Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital and her class for as long as she teaches.



Westlake High School seniors from Nancy Bowman’s advanced honors anatomy class delivered an array of gifts, purchased with funds they raised, to Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital cardiac ICU on November 28.

Santas take over Children’s Hospital during dedicated holiday week

Hospital staff encouraged to dress up in Santa suits to brighten spirits while caring for patients

by Briana Pastorino

Gifts from Santa came in the form of compassionate care last week as staff members at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital (LLUCH) dressed up in Santa suits while treating patients.

The first ever Santas Run the Hospital week took place December 4 – 7 at the hospital. Doctors, nurses, and other staff members donned the red suit and white beard to bring patients some extra cheer while receiving treatment.

Hospital mascot Luke the Lion also got involved and took some photos with participating staff in the lobby amidst the festive gingerbread village.

Coordinated by the LLUCH Foundation, roughly 120 suits were available to staff with a donation of \$20, benefiting Grow Together, the employee giving campaign.

Top: The PICU staff showed strength in numbers during Santas Run the Hospital week.



Right: Child life specialist, Cathy Regan, donned a festive Santa suit while visiting with an NICU patient along with her big sister during Santas Run the Hospital week at LLU Children’s Hospital.



Far right: LLUCH staff met up with hospital mascot Luke the Lion in the hospital lobby during Santas Run the Hospital week in early December.



'Give to a Giver' project brings holiday cheer to 55 missionary families serving overseas

By DonaJayne Potts

Christmas cheer is being spread throughout the world in the form of large flat-rate postal boxes filled with gifts and goodies reminiscent of home. The fifth annual "Give to a Giver" project is an opportunity for individuals, departments or groups to sponsor Christmas care packages for Loma Linda University Health overseas missionaries and their families.

These missionaries are Loma Linda University alumni, Global Service Awardees, Deferred Mission Appointees or Adventist Health International long-term volunteers. They serve in 17 different countries at Loma Linda University Health strategic partner sites as physicians, dentists, hospital administrators, nurses and public health educators.

Ardis Wazdatskey, MA, coordinator for the Wil Alexander Wholeness Series at the School of Allied Health Professions, decided to sponsor a box for a physician missionary family in Nepal.

Wazdatskey visited Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital in Nepal a year prior. During her visit to the campus, she helped prepare incoming physician housing by weeding the surrounding grounds.

After selecting a missionary family to sponsor through the 'Give to a Giver' project, Wazdatskey realized that her care package recipients were living in the same house she had worked to prepare.

"I was surprised and blessed by this news," Wazdatskey said. "I am delighted to participate in a program that allows us to give back to those who exemplify our institutional mission overseas."

This year, 55 care packages will be collected and shipped by Loma Linda University Health's Global Health Institute in collaboration with Students for International Mission Service and the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists.

"It's great to see our campus come together and support our international volunteers," said Angeli Yutuc, MPH, program manager of international service. "It really helps our volunteers to feel valued and remembered during the holiday season when they are not able to be with family or go home for the holidays."

To learn more about this project, contact Angeli Yutuc, MPH, program manager of international service, at 909-558-4876 or ayutuc@llu.edu.



School of Allied Health Professions professor Ardis Wazdatskey, left, picks up a 'Give to a Giver' Christmas care package box to fill from Global Health Institute employee Angeli Yutuc, right, and student worker, Karen Hernandez, center.

Gingerbread village event at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital enhanced by community volunteers

by James Ponder

Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped off at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital on December 4 to help dozens of patients build and decorate gingerbread houses for the annual gingerbread village display in the lobby.

The annual event, which is presented by the Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild, was made possible this year thanks to the generosity of two community supporters, Alta Vista Credit Union and Costco Wholesale. Susie Jarvis and Amber Astilleros presented Scott Perryman, MBA, senior vice president/administrator of LLUCH, a check for \$3,200 from Alta Vista. Ethiam Lewis was present to represent Costco Wholesale. The company donated 131 gingerbread house kits.

Sleeth said that 59 houses were assembled and decorated by patients and guests in the lobby who festooned them with white frosting roofs and assorted, colorful candies. Other houses were sent to patients on the units who could not come down for the event. Whenever a house was completed, Santa or one of his helpers placed it on a large display structure designed to evoke the shape of a Christmas tree. Patients got to take a Teddy bear and the book of their choice.

In thanking Alta Vista Credit Union and Costco Wholesale for their generous support of the event, Sleeth also thanked Jim and Jeannie Durbin, who have volunteered as Santa and Mrs. Claus at the event for more than a decade.

"We are so blessed to have friends who believe in what we are doing for the children of the Inland Empire," Sleeth said. "We are so grateful for their kindness and generosity."

(Above) Loma Linda University Children's Hospital patients were able to assemble and decorate their own gingerbread houses at an event sponsored by Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild.

(Right) Nearly 60 completed houses make up the gingerbread home village on display in the hospital lobby.



Thanks given during 50-year celebration of Loma Linda University Health's organ transplantation program

By Heather Reifsnyder

Loma Linda University Health celebrated its 50-year legacy of providing organ transplantation to inland Southern California, and beyond, during an anniversary luncheon November 19 that highlighted the marvel of medical innovators and skilled surgeons as well as the generosity of donors and donor families.

"Loma Linda has been an important and critical part in this field for half a century," said Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu, MD, MPH, former acting U.S. surgeon general, and organ donation ambassador, in his keynote address.

But at the "heart of donation and transplantation," he said, is the human element, a legacy made possible by everyday people. Organ donation, either by living donors or by deceased donors and their families, is the "greatest gift that one person can give another," Moritsugu said.

"The ripples of donation and transplant cross the nation in this lifesaving quest," he said.

This is demonstrated in the life of the aptly named Eve, who was the first female infant to receive a successful neonatal heart transplant, right here at Loma Linda University Health. Her life was made possible by a baby boy named Eric in Georgia, who, though he didn't survive, lives on in memory through the life of Eve.

She is now 31 and a mother of three children of her own.

"This is the meaning of the gift of life," Moritsugu said.

Organ transplantation begins in inland Southern California

Racing at times up to 100 mph, California Highway Patrol officers rushed a donated kidney to Loma Linda University Medical Center, where surgeon Louis Smith, MD, successfully transplanted the organ to save the life of Paul Anderson. The date was Sunday, April 23, 1967, Anderson's 100th day since starting dialysis.

At the time, long-term treatment with hemodialysis was not the option that it is today. Without the transplant, Paul Anderson would not have lived long.

Smith had trained for this moment with Joseph Murray, MD, a legendary surgeon who performed the first successful human kidney transplant in 1954 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Massachusetts. Murray would go on to receive a 1990 Nobel Prize for this feat.

Smith, in turn, trained many of today's physicians and medical faculty members at Loma Linda University Health. One of his trainees was Roger Hadley, MD, who is now dean of LLU School of Medicine and executive vice president for medical affairs at Loma Linda University Health. Hadley recalled both Smith's technical excellence in surgery and his communication skills with patients, their families and other medical staff.

Smith received the University Distinguished Service Award in 2003 for his contributions to medical science and training future generations, something Hadley saw to when he became dean of the School of Medicine that year.

Smith passed away in 2016, but his daughter, Patti Catalano, attended the anniversary celebration.

"I'm very honored to ... see what has developed from what he did so long ago," she said of her father. She recalled the memory from her childhood of her mother clipping a newspaper account of Smith's milestone kidney transplant.

Further milestones occurred over the next several decades as Loma Linda University Health added cornea transplants in 1977, heart transplants in 1985, pancreas, pancreas/kidney and liver transplants in 1993, bone marrow transplants in 1998 and stem cell transplants in 1999.

As of Oct. 30, 2017, the Transplantation Institute has performed 2,962 kidney transplants, 808 heart transplants, 661 liver transplants and 227 pancreas transplants.



Infant heart transplant pioneer Leonard Bailey, MD, speaks with former acting Surgeon General Kenneth Moritsugu, MD, MPH, at the 50th anniversary celebration of organ transplantation at Loma Linda University Health.



Michael de Vera, MD, director of the Transplantation Institute, said, "We truly stand on the shoulders of giants" who pioneered transplant advancements at Loma Linda University Health.

The biggest contribution Loma Linda University Health has made to the science of organ transplantation brought a global spotlight in 1984, when Leonard Bailey, MD, performed a revolutionary heart transplant on a newborn known as Baby Fae, implanting the heart of a baboon. Fae was the first infant in the world to receive a cross-species heart transplant, making medical history.

Pioneering infant heart transplantation

Previous attempts at other hospitals to perform infant-to-infant human heart transplants had failed. Bailey conceived the idea of transplanting a baboon heart out of his desire to save babies born with life-threatening heart conditions.

As media members and animal rights activities thronged outside the building, Bailey and the medical staff focused all their energy on the little girl.

Her first few days after the transplant proceeded



A reporter from NBC-affiliate station KMIR interviews liver transplant recipient Charles Price during the anniversary luncheon.

amazingly well, Bailey said. But then she began a decline. "None of it made any sense to us," Bailey said. When Fae died on Nov. 15, 1984, they searched for answers, discovering that her death was not due to her rejecting the baboon heart.

Her heart, in fact, "was the last organ to fail," Bailey said.

But in a sense, Baby Fae's heart beats on, because Bailey would take the lessons learned from her life and go on to perform the world's first successful infant-to-infant heart transplant in 1985 on a boy known as Baby Moses. Now 32 years old, the same heart still beats in Moses' chest.

Beginning with Baby Moses through today, Loma Linda University Health has performed 338 infant heart transplants (infant meaning less than 1 year of age).

"We truly stand on the shoulders of giants," said Michael de Vera, MD, director of the Transplantation Institute.

The Transplantation Institute was formalized in

1993 to accommodate the growing need for designated transplant services. Since then, the Transplantation Institute has continued to provide exceptional care to transplant patients in a coordinated team approach that includes doctors, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, dietitians and immunology specialists.

Full transplant services in a team approach

“All physicians and more than 50 staff members are physically in one place,” de Vera said. “This allows us to work in unison toward our goals and provide more coordinated care, as well as better convenience for our patients.”

The institute has satellite clinics throughout the region, including the newly-opened liver care clinic in Las Vegas, and service expansion will continue in 2018 with the opening of a satellite liver clinic in Orange County.

Additionally, the American Liver Foundation has recognized the high caliber of care provided by physicians at the Transplantation Institute. In 2016, the foundation honored Michael de Vera with the “Healthcare Visionary” award during its annual fundraising dinner in Orange County. The foundation bestowed the Healthcare Visionary title in 2017 to Michael Volk, MD, medical director of the liver transplantation program.

The human stories

Two patients — one a living donor and one an organ recipient — shared their stories during the celebration.

Lyndsay Oneal called herself a proud member of the “one kidney club.” In 2015 she donated her other kidney to a friend in need of lifesaving. Oneal described three lessons she learned through the experience and shares today with her life coaching clients.

“If I hear the call, it is mine to answer.”

“We belong to each other.”

“Show up.”

Human beings are all part of one great dance, Oneal said. When life plants an idea in the mind to help others, that is an opportunity specific for the person hearing it. And blessings of doing so will reverberate.

To heal another, Oneal continued, is to heal yourself. And by showing up for another, the giver then experiences the gift of others showing up for him or her.

Another patient, liver transplant recipient Charles Price, said that the transplant team and in-patient staff are “some of the best people I’ve ever encountered in my life.”

Prior to seeking treatment at Loma Linda, Price felt his life slipping away as doctor after doctor, hospital after hospital, failed to diagnose his illness. When Loma Linda University Health correctly diagnosed him, he was put on the list for a liver transplant.

After his transplant, Price woke up with a clear head for the first time in a long time. Looking into the audience during the celebration luncheon, he saw some of the nurses who cared for him in the hospital.

“I can’t say enough but thank you,” he said. He also expressed deep gratitude for his liver donor, as well as the Transplantation Institute for helping him reach his “fifth re-birthday.”

Expressions of gratefulness

De Vera said it was not coincidental that the 50th anniversary of transplantation at Loma Linda University Health was celebrated during the week of Thanksgiving.

He expressed thanks and gratefulness for the Transplantation Institute’s patients and for organ donors, both living and deceased.

“I am grateful, honored and privileged to do this on a daily basis,” de Vera said. “Transplant is truly a team sport.”

The mission of Loma Linda University Health is shown in great relief via the miracle of organ transplantation, said Medical Center CEO Kerry Heinrich, JD.

“Our mission is to touch lives of patients, and transplant does that in such a real way,” Heinrich said.

Moritsugu, the keynote speaker, summed up the impact of 50 years of transplantation at Loma Linda University Health: half a century of providing “helping, healing ... caring and curing” in mind, body and spirit for donors, donor families, organ recipients and their families.

“Thank you for your half a century of trust and of life,” he said.

Loma Linda University trains 872 elementary students in CPR

By Genesis Gonzalez

More than 800 students at Chapman Heights Elementary in Yucaipa participated in CPR training in October with instruction provided by Life Support Education as part of Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions.

Students from kindergarten to fifth grade were trained in hands-only CPR by instructors, staff and volunteers from Life Support Education, Loma Linda University’s Medical Simulation Center and local city firefighters.

According to Louis Kelly, AHA instructor and BLS instructor coordinator at Life Support Education, this event was the first in the region and maybe in the nation. The partnership with Chapman Heights Elementary is part of a larger initiative originated by Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Health, to train 50,000 students by 2020 in CPR basics.

“We wanted to teach our kids to save a life and challenge others in our nation to do the same,” Kelly said.

The collaboration between Kelly and Andy Anderson, principal at Chapman Heights Elementary, noted that this opportunity has been phenomenal. “Thank goodness for Mr. Kelly and his spirit to involve our students in this program,” Anderson said.

A new California law requires all high school graduates to be trained in CPR. According to the American Heart Association, each year over 325,000 people have experienced cardiac arrest, with not even a third receiving CPR.

“Though these kids are small, we are teaching them the skills and know how to tell an adult how to do CPR if needed,” said Kelly, event organizer.

In celebration of Red Ribbon Week, special guest Dick Riddell, mayor of the city of Yucaipa attended the festivities. Riddell addressed the students, teachers and staff of Chapman Heights Elementary acknowledging a job well done on their CPR training.

Additional guests also included Cali Binks, superintendent, Eric Vreeman, EdD, assistant superintendent for educational services, Patricia Ingram, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District board president and David Lopez, EdD, RCP, RRT, department chair of cardiopulmonary sciences at LLU School of Allied Health Professions.

The mayor presented Lopez with an honorary certificate on behalf of the city in recognition of LLU’s commitment to educate and help local communities in health care safety.

Life Support Education has been teaching classes in accordance with the American Heart Association and guiding principles of Loma Linda University for the past 30 years. Its instructors are highly skilled and experienced professionals. Their classes have trained both health care professionals and non-professionals how to successfully prepare for life-saving emergencies.

When asked how the students responded to their new training, Cindi Crosby, PTA president, said they were receptive to it, energetic and excited. “I hope they can take what they learned and apply it whenever needed,” Crosby said.

Life Support Education is currently in the process of partnering with Redlands Unified School District and Indian Springs High School for future CPR training events.

For more information on Loma Linda University’s Life Support Education, email lifesupporteducation@llu.edu.



A fifth grade student at Chapman Heights Elementary was one of nearly 900 students in the CPR training last October.

Loma Linda University Health, Family Medicine earns national recognition for patient-centered care

By Genesis Gonzalez

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) announced that Loma Linda University Health, Family Medicine has received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships. The department received Level 3 recognition, the highest-level recognition that an organization can achieve.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care combining teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by a clinician-led care team that coordinates treatment across the health care system. Research shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs, and can improve patient and provider reported experiences of care.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Loma Linda University Health, Family Medicine, has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care at the right time."

To earn recognition, which is valid for three years, Loma Linda University Health, Family Medicine demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. NCQA standards



Loma Linda University Health, Family Medicine received the NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition for their advanced primary care practice. The Level 3 recognition is the highest level an organization can achieve from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. Loma Linda University Health is expanding the Primary Care emphasis across the entire organization.

aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

Family Medicine has been recognized as an advanced primary care practice with a focus on coordinated care. According to Roger Woodruff, MD, chair of the Department of Family Medicine, "the expansion of primary care at Loma Linda University Health is critical, and this recognition was the foundation to the kind of growth that is needed."

Under Woodruff's leadership, a group of staff and physicians spent 18

months collaborating and collecting the documentation needed to apply for this prestigious recognition. "This was a team effort," Woodruff said.

"As Loma Linda University Health Primary Care expands, this is an important step to set our foundation for growth. We anticipate that as Primary Care encompasses other existing sites on campus and as we grow through the region, this will be a recognition that each location will accomplish. Our goal is to provide the right care at the right time for our patients," Woodruff said.

Over the last 18 months, Family Medicine has worked on policies and processes that have helped them to achieve greater access to care through

the following improvements:

- Extended office hours
- Same-day appointments
- Electronic visits (E-Visits)
- Video visits
- Enhanced communication through effective use of MyChart
- 24-hour response to urgent needs

"When a patient can see that you've been recognized for leadership, quality and satisfaction, that puts them at ease and improves the likelihood of their own satisfaction," says Daniel Reichert, MD, medical director of the Department of Family Medicine. "We're making a contribution to the success of the system as a whole, not just the department, and in the end it's about providing the very best care for all of our patients."

Cancer Center receives \$200,000 donation

By Briana Pastorino

Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women Fighting Cancer recently made a special delivery to Loma Linda University Cancer Center (LLUCC). The two organizations presented a check for \$200,000 to the center, which is a portion of the funds raised at the 9th annual Believe Walk that took place in October 2016.

Judy Chatigny, MSN, RN, executive director, LLUCC, expressed her gratitude to those present. "This donation gives us the means to provide whole person care to our patients — not just treating the cancer but the emotional and spiritual well-being of them as well," she said.

The \$200,000 will be dedicated toward supportive care services for cancer patients, which typically are not covered by insurance companies.

The Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women Fighting Cancer Patient Resource Center provide supportive care services to patients with cancer at no cost to the patient. "Our patients are in need of so many services that are not paid for by their insurance yet are vital to their well-being and healing," Chatigny said.

Out-of-pocket expenses for patients with a cancer diagnosis are continuing to increase, placing incredible financial distress on the individual and the family.

"We are requesting funding to ensure the services continue to be available to patients without cost so that they are available to everyone



Members of Inland Women Fighting Cancer and Stater Bros. Charities present a check for \$200,000 to Loma Linda University Cancer Center.

who needs them regardless of ability to pay," Chatigny said.

The services provided at the Cancer Center were developed based on a whole person care model to address physical, psychological, social, spiritual and financial concerns.

The gift of family

By Genesis Gonzalez

The holidays are just around the corner, and for eight-year-old Sophia Genesis Wells, this season brings plenty to celebrate. While most kids are making their Christmas lists, Sophia has already received the greatest gift of all — adoption.

Sophia was officially adopted on Nov. 4 by Mary Ann and Steve Wells of Yucaipa. Her 'nana' and 'papa' became her parents after a three-year emotional adoption process.

"I always wanted four children and my husband knew it," said Wells, former RN at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. "God knew it too!"

Mary Ann and Steve Wells are both in their sixties. They have three adult children whom they love and adore, in addition to their beautiful grandchildren. But, when Sophia came into Mary Ann's life in 2009, adding one more member to the family seemed inevitable.

While working at the Children's Hospital neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), Mary Ann came across a beautiful baby named Sophia. "She was the cutest little peanut! I remember looking at her and saying 'she's so cute,'" Wells said.

Sophia was no ordinary newborn. She was born April 9, 2009, weighing less than four pounds. She suffered from a rare condition called Gastroschisis, in which her intestines were born outside of her abdomen. At approximately one week, Sophia underwent her first surgery, one of many to come. Due to the complexity of Sophia's condition and a severe infection, she was put in isolation following her second surgery at two months old. For the next five months, Mary Ann bonded with the infant, hugging and singing to her every chance she got.

"I would visit and call on my days off to see how Sophia was doing," Wells said. She even laundered Sophia's blankets and pajamas. A connection between the two began to form.

Though Sophia's biological mom was there at the hospital, her presence was not consistent. Mary Ann tried to fill in the gap during Sophia's 11-month stay at the Children's Hospital. In fact, she cherished the day Sophia was finally able to go home with her biological mother. "I was able to carry her outside and put her in the car seat," Wells recalled. "She had never been outside, and when the wind hit her face she had this look of puzzlement to her."

A familiar face

It was just two weeks before Sophia returned to the hospital. For the next five months, she was re-hospitalized for various complications, including an infection in her central venous line. Child Protective Services was notified on many occasions and proceeded to remove Sophia from the custody of her biological mother.

Sophia remained at the Children's Hospital for a month before being transferred to a pediatric subacute center in San Bernardino. A pediatric subacute center is where medically fragile children are overseen by a medical team in a setting less acute than the Children's Hospital. Once again, Mary Ann was



Mary Ann Wells and her new daughter, Sophia Genesis Wells, 8, at home in Yucaipa, California.

there to check in on Sophia on her days off.

"As soon as I would pop my head around the corner, she would laugh," Wells said.

Mary Ann could see the transition to the subacute center was tough for little Sophia. She remained in the subacute hospital from September 2010 until she left on Jan. 10, 2011. If her health was going to progress, Sophia would need close care. In the fall of 2010, Mary Ann and her husband decided to apply to be Sophia's foster parents, following the permission of her biological mother. At the same time, maternal great-grandmother and maternal grandfather were also in agreement.

It wasn't long before Mary Ann took a leave of absence in January 2011 from her nursing position at the Children's Hospital. She had no idea just how much care Sophia would need, but it didn't matter to her — she just didn't want to see Sophia die. "The Lord had a plan and purpose for Sophia," Wells said.

By April 2011, the Wells suffered a few family hardships, among them the loss of Mary Ann's father-in-law from a massive heart attack and the hospitalization of her mother-in-law. Mary Ann came to a point where she had to make a decision about what was best for Sophia. She knew resigning from her job was the hardest thing she would ever have to do, but it meant she was all in for Sophia.

She slept in the bed next to Sophia's crib for the first nine months she was home. "Lots of sleepless nights, but incremental progress in Sophia's health," Wells said. Sophia was

gradually able to tolerate the formula feedings through her jejunostomy tube (J-tube). Mary Ann and Steve's commitment to Sophia gave her the hope for a normal life.

A day of celebration

To celebrate Sophia's adoption, the family walked from the Riverside Superior Court to the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. Her brother, sister, aunt and parents all celebrated the big day. "I was crying so much," Sophia said. "I believe God sent angels over me to protect me."

She was treated to a plate full of delicious desserts, including chocolate covered strawberries, a chocolate Bundt cake, cupcakes and whip cream. On the plate of goodies, were the words 'Happy Adoption Day!'

It was emotional for Mary Ann prior to the adoption, just 30 days earlier. "As I was signing the papers as a prospective adoptive parent, I was overwhelmed by God's goodness," Wells said. "Sophia was finally going to be safe and was going to be ours."

The journey has been long for both Sophia and her new parents. In fact, Mary Ann and Steve filed for the adoption in September 2014. They spent \$100,000 in legal fees, private investigators and other services to secure Sophia's adoption. According to Mary Ann, the fees are typically not this high, but were in relation to the complexity of the case.

Mary Ann recalls her husband Steve's motivation to help Sophia. He told her, "We have to adopt Sophia to keep her safe." Mary Ann looked to her faith in God to help make the right

decision.

"I'm just a nurse who didn't want to see this baby die," Wells said. "It's been the hardest season of our lives, but God has been so faithful."

Embracing the holiday season

The Wells family is looking ahead to the next couple of months. They're going to the Grand Canyon and Red Rock, where they will take a nature tour and go bowling. The spunky, always-smiling Sophia happily pointed out, "We're still going bowling, even though it hurts my mom's knees."

In addition to her upcoming family trips, Sophia is looking forward to baking homemade cookies for her parents, half-sister and Elfis, her Elf on the Shelf. "One time we baked cookies and I found crumbs near the refrigerator," Sophia said. "Elfis was in there with the cookies."

The third-grader enjoys playing with Legos, drawing and playing on her iPad. She is a huge baseball fan, and enjoys watching her favorite team the Los Angeles Angels. Sophia's biggest wish in life would be for Mike Trout to autograph her baseball bat!

Her favorite subjects are art and science. When she told her class the wonderful news of her adoption, her excitement couldn't be contained. "I was jumping around in my seat," Sophia said.

Sophia is also celebrating her new middle name — Genesis. After attending her Bible study class, Sophia met another little girl named Genesis and thought it was a beautiful name. When Mary Ann and Sophia looked up the meaning of the name, they knew it was the perfect fit. "One definition said 'a new beginning' and another 'coming into being,'" Wells said. "This is the family God has planted her into."

When asked what she has learned from her new parents, Sophia grinned and recited Psalm 150: "Praise God, Praise Him in His Holy temple, praise Him for His powerful act, praise Him because He's greater than anything else, praise Him with stringed instruments, praise Him with harps, praise Him with clashing cymbals, praise Him with dancing and music, and everything that has breath, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

As for Mary Ann, Sophia has taught her that love has no bounds and perseverance is everything.

In December, Sophia and her mom will visit with her physician at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital to determine if she is able to close up her jejunostomy (J-tube). The tube was used for many years to deliver supplemental nutrition to Sophia directly into her intestines.

A trial off J-tube formula supplementation began a year ago to see if Sophia could gain or maintain her weight by oral intake alone. "I believe she has and think the doctor will agree," Wells said. This is the last hurdle in Sophia's eight-and-half year journey since being born with Gastroschisis.

Sophia is not a fan of the word 'surgery,' and rightfully so. The precocious eight-year-old has endured nine surgeries in her young life. Her mom reminds her that she is the strongest and bravest kid she knows.

In the meantime, Sophia does have her eyes set on one thing for Christmas — a new bicycle.

Loma Linda hosts DACA forum featuring students from three area universities

By Ansel Oliver

Loma Linda University was one of three universities that participated in a panel discussion in early November about immigrant students who were once covered by the United States' Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy.

DACA was a U.S. immigration policy that granted some people who came to the country as minors — having entered or remained illegally — a renewable two-year period of deferred deportation action. The policy was established in 2012 and was rescinded in September.

The November 9 forum — titled Faces of D.A.C.A. Stories from the Inland Empire: Our Own at Risk — was sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California. The forum provided a platform for students from three universities to tell their stories. The universities included University of California, Riverside; California State University, San Bernardino; and Loma Linda University, which hosted the event in its Damazo Amphitheater in Centennial Complex.

Loma Linda University Health President Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, said the event was meant to set aside the politics of the issue and highlight the stories of students who could be affected.

Presenters said there are some 800,000 people nationwide who were covered by DACA, with 28 percent of those in California.



DACA students attending three Inland Empire universities share their stories and their dreams during a November forum hosted by Loma Linda University Health and sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California.

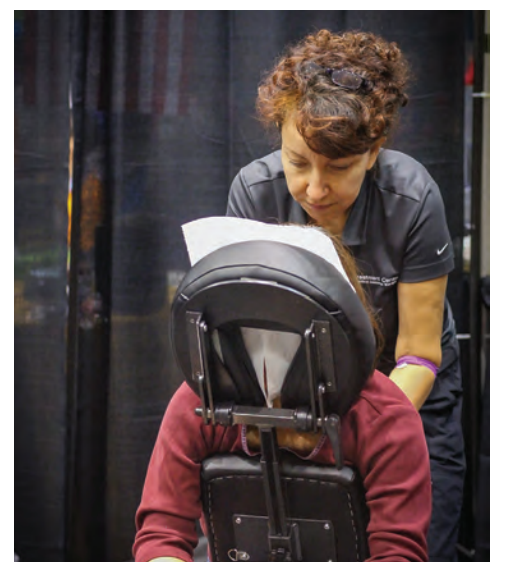
Veggies on stilts, bouncy house, flu shots and superheroes round out this year's Family Health Fair and 5K

By Briana Pastorino

Superheroes of every caliber attended this year's annual Family Health Fair and 5K. Approximately 1,500 people still came out for some family fun, and 970 people participated in the 5K on Sunday, Oct. 29 — nearly double that of last year.

With flu season upon us, hundreds of attendees took advantage of free flu shots that were offered to kids and adults ages three and up. Additional screenings and activities were also popular including arts and crafts, teddy bear clinic, car seat safety, cooking demonstrations, free chair massages, and blood pressure, glucose and vision screenings to name a few.

For the second year in a row, the event included a fully involved outdoor kid zone that offered free face painting, games, walking talking vegetables and a giant bouncy house.



School of Medicine alumnus develops new medication for sickle cell disease

By Larry Becker

A new medication to treat symptoms of sickle cell disease, developed following 25 years of research by a Loma Linda University School of Medicine alumnus, has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the first new drug for the condition to receive FDA approval in nearly 20 years.

According to Yutaka Niihara, MD, MPH (SM '86), the new drug, known as Endari, significantly reduces the symptoms experienced by people with sickle cell disease. And while previous treatments could be given only to adults, Endari is also the first medication approved by the FDA for children as young as 5 years old.

Sickle cell disease, which predominately affects African-Americans, Latinos and other minority groups, is an inherited lifelong disorder in which red blood cells that are normally round and disc-shaped are instead crescent or sickle-shaped due to abnormal hemoglobin. The malformed blood cells lose flexibility and become adhesive to blood vessel walls, causing blockages in blood flow to organs or tissues.

"This leads to death of tissue surrounding these small blood vessels, much like stroke or heart attack and causes pain crises — intense bouts of pain — that send many patients to emergency rooms," Niihara said. "I saw how much this disease debilitated people and prevented them from everyday activities that most of us take for granted. The severity of pain they experience can be difficult for others to understand, often being misunderstood even by medical providers. After starting to realize what they are going through and not being understood, I felt compelled to become their advocate."

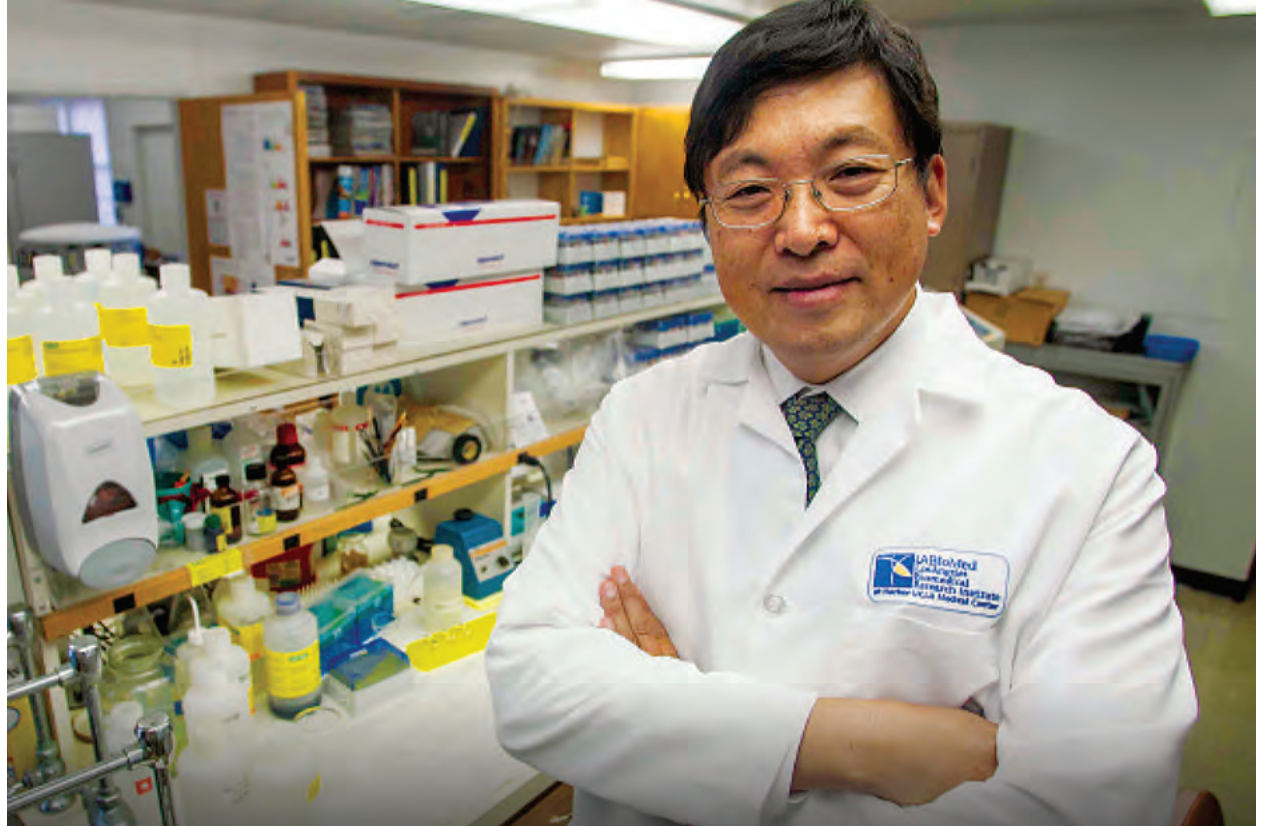
Endari therapy reduces damage to sickle red blood cells. This leads to decreased stickiness and less cell rigidity, making the transit through small blood vessels easier. Throughout the test phase Endari has shown minimal side effects, most of which can be managed through over-the-counter medications.

It was during his medical school years that Niihara developed his interest in medical research.

"I became fascinated with oncogenes, genes that lead to cancer, and that led me to a hematology/oncology fellowship," Niihara said. During that fellowship, Niihara met many sickle cell patients and saw the pain caused by this devastating disease. "After seeing the suffering that these sickle cell patients had to bear, I decided to do research in this field," he said.

While Niihara believed he wasn't good enough to be a researcher, he became inspired by Loma Linda University faculty members Shiro Kunihira, Lawrence Longo and others.

"Eventually, many years after graduation from Loma Linda, when there was



Yutaka Niihara, MD, an alumnus of the School of Medicine, has received FDA approval for a new treatment for sickle cell disease. Photo by Robert Casillas / Staff Photographer of The Daily Breeze.

an opportunity to get involved with research, their words and examples gave me the courage to at least try," Niihara said. In fact, those mentors Niihara found at the School of Medicine inspired a 25-year quest that eventually led him to becoming a clinical professor of medicine at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and chairman and CEO of Emmaus Life Sciences.

"I am grateful to my mentors," Niihara said. "I am also grateful to the team at Emmaus Life Sciences, and the many researchers and sickle cell patients who participated in clinical trials." Niihara's research is considered one of the largest scale studies for sickle cell disease, covering 31 major sickle cell centers in the United States.

With FDA approval in hand, Endari was introduced to the market on December 17. Niihara and his team are reaching out to medical providers, patients and sickle cell support groups to educate them about the treatment and readying manufacturing and distribution channels.

"It's an exciting time, but one of intense activity," Niihara said. "We are all motivated by the desire to get the drug to market so that patients will be able to be treated."



OT students throw Harvest Hangout for children with special needs

by Heather Reifsnnyder

Seasonal events for kids and families don't typically offer adapted activities for children with special needs and disabilities. Master's degree students Melissa Cesar, Jennessa Chan, Jacqueline Lopez and Cherie Rivo from the School of Allied Health Professions' Department of Occupational Therapy developed and planned a Harvest Hangout for Nov. 5 as a service-learning project. They designed 16 booths with activities to promote fine, gross and visual motor development along with imaginative play and social interaction. An obstacle course included the challenge (left) to sweep a "pumpkin" (orange ball) down a path while keeping it in between the lines. OT students Emily Haus and Andrew Flores demonstrated how it was done.

No Shave November raises more than \$12,000 to support LLU Cancer Center research efforts

By Briana Pastorino

No Shave November came to an end with more than \$12,000 raised for cancer research at Loma Linda University Cancer Center.

Loma Linda University Health partnered with the San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) for the third year in a row for the awareness month, during which male and female participants skipped shaving in order to raise awareness about cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

A celebratory event was held at Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino Campus on November 30.

Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president, Loma Linda University Health, commented on how the medical field and law enforcement coming together makes the world a better place.

“Life-threatening events pull people together,” Hart said, “and that’s, I think, the special chemistry that we’ve had with San Bernardino Police Department and first responders. There’s nothing quite like working together in crisis times that makes that happen, and this event is a special part of that.”

During No Shave November, SBPD as well as Loma Linda University Health employees, students and staff were encouraged to participate in a variety of ways:

- Donate \$40 to enter No Shave November and allow their hair to grow wild and free
- Make a donation to Loma Linda University Health and help fight cancer in the community
- Donate \$10 for a commemorative coin

SBPD Assistant Chief Eric McBride announced at the event that so far over \$12,000 had been raised in the fight against cancer, which unfortunately has at some point affected almost everyone.

“No Shave November is a great cause, and we’re proud to partner with Loma Linda University Health,” McBride said.

After the program, five barbers from local barbershops offered free straight cut shaves on site to those men who had participated in the month-long awareness.

The two female SBPD officers who also skipped shaving their legs for the month opted to forgo the barbershop shave.



Participants in No Shave November are judged at the end of the month each year. Recognized for best 2017 beards at LLUH were Paulo Pereira, Mark Hubbard and D.P. Harris.



With No Shave November over, five barbers from local barbershops offered free straight cut shaves on site to those men who were ready to return to their clean-shaven looks.

Reportable Crimes

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires colleges and universities across the United States to publish interim reports on campus crime activities. Listed below are the crimes reported for Loma Linda University Health for the months of October and November 2017:

Type of Crime	Number of Crimes	Place of Crime
Burglary	4	Housekeeping Recycling Storage; Outpatient Rehab; Mt View Plaza Hardin Marine
Assault	5	BMC; LLUCH Unit 57; LLUMC (2); Ronald McDonald House
Larceny-Theft	2	Lot P1
Disturbance	3	Professional Plaza; LUCH; Loma Linda Inn
Alarm	2	LLUMC; Mt. View Plaza North
Criminal	1	Ronald McDonald House
Narcotics	2	Mt. View Plaza; Lot P3
Stolen Vehicle Recovery	2	Off-Campus; Lot J
Burglary Motor Vehicle	3	LL Children’s Center; Security; Lot P3
Annoying Phone Calls	1	Ronald McDonald House
Fire	1	Access Center South
Sex Offense	1	East Campus
Robbery	1	LLUMC
Domestic Violence	1	LLUH – San Bernardino Campus
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	LLUH – San Bernardino Campus

You can assist the Loma Linda University Health department of security in maintaining a safe and secure environment by notifying security immediately at extension 9-1-1 if you see or know about a crime taking place.



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