



Sierra Nevada Memorial  
Hospital Foundation

# PARTNERS IN HEALTH



## MOBILE CLINIC COMING SOON

The SNMH Foundation is thrilled to announce the launch of a new state-of-the-art mobile clinic aimed at expanding healthcare access in our community. Funded through federal appropriations by the late Senator Dianne Feinstein, who also supported electronic health record expansion locally in the early 2000s, this mobile unit will bring walk-in, acute care services directly to neighborhoods where they are most needed.

Designed to reduce barriers to care, the clinic will offer non-emergency services such as treatment for cold and flu symptoms, seasonal allergies, minor infections, cuts, sprains, and other minor injuries. It will also provide sports physicals and point-of-care testing including strep A, RSV, flu, COVID-19, pregnancy, nebulizer treatments, acute pain management, and ear lavages.

The mobile clinic will be delivered to the SNMH campus soon and will be available for tours. It is expected to be fully operational, permitted and certified by January 2026.

The Hospital is working with the Nevada County Mobile Health Coalition, a collaborative effort with local partners including Nevada County Public Health, Western Sierra Medical Clinic, the Superintendent of Schools, Bright Futures for Youth, the Family Resource Center, Hospitality House, Yuba Harm Reduction Collective, and Partnership Health Plan. Together, the coalition is focused on coordinated outreach, sustainable solutions, and reducing health disparities across the county.



*In the photos above you can see an example  
of what our mobile clinic will look like*



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of SNMH Foundation,

Change is essential for growth. At SNMH Foundation, we embrace it as an opportunity to enhance our impact on our Hospital and healthcare community. We're constantly seeking innovative ways to support Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, from funding technology to expanding the right programs to serve patients and caregivers.

This year, we've focused on the Ambulance Department, Cancer Center Support groups such as the new Writing to Heal program, modernizing our Intensive Care Unit, and ways to expand access to care such as the Mobile Clinic. As the healthcare environment changes, we will stand side-by-side with our Hospital to support the most pressing needs to ensure Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital remains a Top Rural Hospital. We need you, our donors, to stay side-by-side with us on this journey.

Fresh perspectives are vital to change. We are thrilled to welcome new members to our Board of Directors, bringing diverse experience and a passion for our mission. Their insights challenge us and drive innovation. This year we welcome Trish Dellis, Dr. Glenn Gookin, and Shauneen Gracey to our Board of Directors (*pictured below left to right*). This Fall we will say good-bye to two long-time board members, Marty Lombardi and Jake Bronson. Their dedication has brought us to new heights over the last nine years.

Your generosity fuels our mission, empowering us to embrace change and build a stronger future for Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. Thank you for being our partners.

With sincere gratitude,

**Sandra Barrington, CFRE**



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# INVESTING IN CRITICAL CARE: ICCU PROJECT UPDATE



The modernization of the Intensive Critical Care Unit has reached an important milestone-the completion of the design phase. The design phase for an Intensive Critical Care Unit (ICCU) headwall project involves a multifaceted approach that prioritizes functionality, safety, and patient well-being.

The design phase takes into account placement and accessibility of equipment for clinical staff; infection control such as selecting smooth, easy to clean surfaces; patient safety and comfort such as noise reduction, lighting, as well as balancing the comfort of the patients with the needs of clinical staff; and, specific functionality such as medical gas outlets, electrical outlets, data and communication connections, equipment rails, storage, and other specialized needs of an ICCU.

With careful consideration, the design team is ensuring that our upgraded ICCU can be created in a safe, efficient, and comfortable environment.

## SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM *New Partner: Connected Living*

SNMH Foundation is proud to announce the continuation of the Social Outreach Program in partnership with Connected Living, a long-time Dignity Health partner serving the North State for over 50 years. With a mission to support the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of seniors and underserved families, Connected Living is an ideal match to carry this important work forward.

In collaboration with the County of Nevada, the Hospital, and local partners like FREED, the Social Outreach Program connects isolated seniors with prevention, education, and intervention services to reduce depression and foster social connectedness. This program offers a vital lifeline and promotes meaningful engagement for older adults.

To learn more about Connected Living, visit [dignityhealth.org/north-state/locations/connected-living](https://dignityhealth.org/north-state/locations/connected-living).



# RESIDENCY PROGRAM UPDATES

## *We Now Have Six Residents*

We're proud to share that the Sierra Nevada Family Medicine Residency Program is thriving, with a full cohort of six residents now training in our community.

Next year, we will celebrate a major milestone—the inaugural graduating class. This integrated rural training program, in partnership with Dignity Health's Methodist Hospital of Sacramento, brings future family physicians to Grass Valley for their second and third years of residency. Here, they gain hands-on experience at Chapa-De Indian Health Clinic, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, and local specialty practices, building the skills and connections they need to serve rural communities with excellence and compassion.

We were especially honored to have all six residents attend this year's Starry, Starry Nights, where they had the chance to connect with the community they now call home.



## GRATEFUL PATIENT STORY

### *Melissa Collins*



**"We are truly fortunate to have SNMH as a resource in our community."**

**- Melissa Collins**

When Melissa Collins moved to Grass Valley in 2019, she had no idea how much she'd come to rely on Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (SNMH). Over the past six years, she has visited nearly every department—from X-ray and mammography to surgery and the Emergency Room—and throughout it all, she's been met with exceptional care and compassion.

Her journey began with a skiing accident that led to a surprising osteoporosis diagnosis. Melissa now receives annual infusions at SNMH, and she praises the Infusion Center for its kindness and professionalism—highlighting a nurse who even called to check in after her first treatment.

During the height of the pandemic, Melissa underwent a hysterectomy at the SNMH Surgery Center. Though her husband couldn't be with her due to restrictions, the staff made her feel safe and supported.

Most recently, a kitchen accident brought her to the Emergency Room, where she was in and out in just 30 minutes—another reminder of how fortunate she feels to have such reliable care close to home.

# COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERS

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# IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR AT SNMH FOUNDATION





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## FALLS PREVENTION SUMMIT

Join us for the Falls Prevention Summit: Falling is a Trip on Friday, September 12 from 9:00 AM–1:00 PM at Sierra Presbyterian Church in Nevada City. This free event features expert speakers, practical tips, and engaging presentations to help you stay strong, steady, and safe. Enjoy sessions on balance, nutrition, fall safety, and more—plus snacks and a bag lunch. Register today visit: [supportsierranevada.org/falls](https://supportsierranevada.org/falls)



## RED ROSE EVENTS

Interested in learning more about what's happening at SNMH? Red Rose Society members—those who give \$1,000 or more annually—are invited to exclusive social and educational gatherings that offer a behind-the-scenes look at hospital initiatives. These events provide a chance to connect with others in the community who are passionate about expanding access to rural healthcare. Join us and be part of the conversation.



## PINK PATCH MONTH

Every October, local law enforcement and fire agencies across Nevada County join the Pink Patch Project to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer programs at SNMH. Officers and firefighters wear pink patches and sell limited-edition merchandise, with all proceeds supporting local breast cancer care services through the SNMH Foundation's Breast Cancer Fund. Look for participating agencies throughout the month, and join us in making a difference close to home.



## SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

Join us at the Senior Health Fair at the Gold Miners Inn on Thursday, October 9th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This event, organized by the Elder Care Provider Coalition, is a one-stop shop for valuable healthcare resources tailored to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and the dedicated caregivers who support them. Come by to learn more, connect with local service providers, and enjoy snacks, giveaways, and a welcoming community atmosphere.



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