

Reach

Together in health and happiness

The Numbers issue

Winter 2020



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One in a million

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

—Dr. Seuss

Your heart beats 100,000 times a day,

on average. Moving a single step forward takes 200 muscles. Hugging a loved one for 10 seconds can lower your blood pressure. You are wonderfully made and one in a million. In this issue of Reach, we highlight some numbers that can help you put your health first.

One great year! Members share their appreciation for three new Dignity Health Wellness Centers (page 4).

Four numbers to know. Find out what they are—and why they matter—on page 5.

More than numbers on a scale. Starting on page 6, learn what our bariatric surgery program means to three local patients.

No. 1 choice. The Birth Center at our San Martín Campus earned the most votes from our community! (page 9)

Source: nchs-health.org/health-trivia

The Womens Care/Outreach Centers

have supported Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican's commitment to improving the health of the women, men, and children in southern Nevada since 1998. A wide variety of free or low-cost wellness, nutrition, fitness, and health classes and screenings are offered at our three convenient locations. For information, visit **StRoseHospitals.org**.

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Special events

Adult Mental Health First Aid

A mental health emergency might need medical attention before professional help arrives. Learn how to provide basic first aid to help someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis until the appropriate treatment and support are available. Call

702.620.7862 to register.

Friday, Feb. 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

North Las Vegas Wellness Center, 1550 W. Craig Road, Suite 250, North Las Vegas: FREE

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Adults who work with youth ages 12 to 25 learn how to provide basic first aid to help someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis until appropriate treatment and support are available.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. GV FREE

SafeTALK: Suicide **Alertness for Everyone**

Be a lifesaver. Learn how you can recognize a person with thoughts of suicide and know how to connect them to help. Call **702.620.7862** to register.

Thursday, Jan. 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

North Las Vegas Wellness Center, 1550 W. Craig Road, Suite 250, North Las Vegas: \$15



Parent & Grandparent Gun Safety Class

Firearm safety is everyone's responsibility. Learn about responsible firearm ownership, simple safety rules, and how to secure and store guns correctly.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 to 11 a.m.

GV FREE

Stop the Bleed

Learn lifesaving skills to quickly stop an injury's heavy bleeding while waiting for emergency responders to arrive.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 or March 4, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

GV FREE



See pages 10–11 for the location key and more classes and events.







A historic reminder 100 feet above us

The bell tower cross stands as a beacon of compassion and healing

It is a familiar sight to all southern Nevadans—the shining cross rising high above the bell towers at our St. Rose Dominican hospitals. It is an icon we hope brings feelings of safety and well-being each time it comes into view.

The cross itself is an ancient symbol of compassion and healing. But there's another story behind the cross that rises to almost 100 feet above our Siena Campus.

A lasting local connection

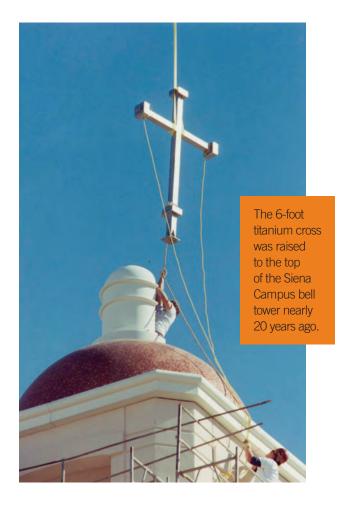
The 6-foot, 75-pound cross was placed atop the 90-foot bell tower nearly 20 years ago during the hospital's topping-out ceremony. It is made of titanium, a gift from the TIMET Corporation, and fashioned right here in Henderson. The Siena cross was given to the new hospital as a sign of the 50-year relationship shared by TIMET, St. Rose Dominican, and the City of Henderson.

TIMET opened its doors in Henderson in 1950. That was shortly after the 1947 arrival of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, who founded St. Rose de Lima hospital.

The Siena cross itself was made by longtime TIMET employee Ray Martinez, who worked with the metal for decades. Nearly half the weight of steel but twice as strong, titanium is used to build everything from engines and airframes to landing gear and even golf clubs.

The heart of our mission

Today, the cross atop the bell tower stands as a dramatic focal point of the Siena Campus. It serves



as a meaningful symbol of the mission of St. Rose Dominican in southern Nevada: to blend technology with compassion to provide the highest quality patient care.

You will find bell towers on our San Martín Campus, as well as at our new hospitals around the valley. Each one represents the history and connection now 72 years strong—between our healing mission and the people of southern Nevada.

Hello humankindness.

"Teach us to give and not to count the cost."

-St. Ignatius de Loyola

1-2-3 places to get healthy together

Three Dignity Health Wellness Centers in the Blue Diamond, North Las Vegas, and West Flamingo neighborhoods have been open for one year now, and people in those communities are loving the services they offer.

The conveniently located Wellness Centers offer a variety of free and low-cost fitness, health, and

nutrition classes, disease management and prevention programs, pregnancy and childbirth resources, and fun designed to help you and your family get and stay healthy.

The new Wellness Centers join three existing Community Outreach/Wellness Centers in downtown Henderson, Green Valley, and the southwest valley.

In their own words. Here's what Wellness Center clients have to say about their experiences:

"I am so glad I attended the Healthy Heart program. I enjoyed the four classes. Learned so much from Lauren—she reminded me of so much I had forgotten. I learned a lot about how important it is to take care of ourselves and how our organs beat and pump to keep us going forward. At the end, I came home with so much motivation and many tools for better health. I am grateful. A big thankyou to Dignity Health for offering classes to the public. I look forward to attending more classes."

-Sylvia H.

"I am so grateful and thankful for the Wellness Centers. I really enjoy the classes that are offered, and the instructors are very knowledgeable—willing and able to assist us in the best ways to exercise without doing harm to our bodies. Please keep doing what you do for the seniors and the community. Thank you!"

-Loretta J.

"I appreciate the classes offered for overall fitness. Instructors are trained and motivating. The Wellness Center provides opportunity for physical and mental health enhancement."

-Phyllis G.



Dignity Health Wellness Center-Blue Diamond 4855 Blue Diamond Road, Suite 220, Las Vegas (Blue Diamond at Decatur) 702.620.7025



Dignity Health Wellness Center-North Las Vegas 1550 W. Craig Road, Suite 250, North Las Vegas (Craig at Martin Luther King) 702.620.7862



Dignity Health Wellness Center-West Flamingo 9880 W. Flamingo Road, Suite 220, Las Vegas (Flamingo at 215 Beltway) 702.620.7800



Live your best life. The Dignity Health Wellness Centers can help! For current class listings, visit StRoseHospitals.org/wellness.



Blood pressure

Target: Systolic less than 120 mm Hg and diastolic less than 80 mm Hg.

What it is: The force of blood pushing against your blood vessel walls.

Why it matters: High blood pressure raises the risk of heart attack, stroke, and kidney disease.

Body mass index (BMI)

Target: 18.5 to 24.9.

What it is: A measure of body fat based on your height and weight.

Why it matters: The higher your BMI, the greater your risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, breathing problems, and certain cancers.

Cholesterol

Target: Talk with your doctor about what's optimal for you. It depends on your overall risk factors.

What it is: A waxy substance produced in the liver and released into the blood.

Why it matters: Unhealthy cholesterol levels raise your risk of heart attack and stroke.

Blood sugar

Target: A fasting blood sugar of less than 100 mg/dL.

What it is: The amount of glucose in your blood.

Why it matters: Diabetes occurs—or is poorly managed—when blood sugar levels are too high.

Sources: American Diabetes Association; American Heart Association; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

Losing weight with dignity

3 lives changed with weight-loss surgery

Losing weight is more than cosmetic. It can have a profound, positive effect on a person's health, confidence, and ability to participate in life.

Donna Hatch, Brandon Green, and Vanessa Sandoval know that firsthand.

With the help of the caring providers at the Weight Loss Surgery Center at St. Rose Dominican, they've seen their lives transformed by dramatic weight loss. But there's much more to each of their stories than the numbers on the scale.

44 and ready for more

Donna Hatch had many weight-related health problems. Her heart was enlarged. She had high blood pressure, asthma, and sleep apnea. And she was on the cusp of developing type 2 diabetes.

Still, the 44-year-old respiratory therapist says she was in denial about how unhealthy she was.

"I thought I was normal," she says. But that changed when she became seriously ill with pneumonia and was hospitalized in March 2018.

"I was so sick, I almost died," Donna says. And that shook her up. She wanted to get healthy for her family—and herself.

Donna had tried other diets through the years, but this time, she turned to the Weight Loss Surgery

"My energy level is substantially higher."

-Donna Hatch

Center. She knew surgery would mean significant lifestyle changes, but she was ready.

Working closely with a surgeon and a dietitian, she prepared for her procedure, which took place in December 2018.

Since then, she's lost 108 pounds. "I'm healthy now," she says brightly.

"My energy level is substantially higher. I'm happier all the time. In the past, I'd walk into a room and know I'm the biggest one in there, and I'd really feel that. But now my confidence is up."

Her family is very supportive of her, too. They all work together to find new recipes and cook healthy food together.

"Overall, I'm more involved in my children's lives than I was before," she says. "It's changed things for my whole family."

Donna says she was thrilled with her surgeon, Mustafa Ahmed, MD. "And now I'm thrilled with my life, too. I

Mustafa Ahmed, MD

know it sounds so cliché, but my only regret is that I didn't do it 10 years earlier."



Not sure of your BMI? Use the online calculator at StRoseHospitals.org/weightloss to find out where you stand.



3 goals and counting

When Brandon Green passed 300 pounds on the scale, he didn't see an end in sight.

"I had sleep apnea. I was on the road to diabetes and heart failure. I just knew I needed some help," says the 27-year-old.

He was worried about having weight-loss surgery. But his doctor, Jimmy Xu, MD, helped ease his fears, prepare him for recovery, and set some healthy goals for the future—more energy, healthier eating, and better sleep.

"It went better than I ever expected it to," Brandon says today.

Before the surgery, he felt sluggish. "Lethargic almost," he says. Now he has a gym membership and works out regularly. "Before it seemed like such an effort, but now it's routine."

His eating habits have changed, too. He cooks more at home, and makes different choices when eating out. "It's worth it for the improvements I've made," he says.

Another big change he's seen is in his sleep. "I wake up feeling more rested," he says.

Brandon has other goals he still wants to meet, but now he knows he can get there. "Every day gets a little better."



On her way to 5K

Ask Vanessa Sandoval, 37, what motivated her to have weight-loss surgery, and she points to her daughter.

"She's just 19 now, but I want to be there for my grandkids. I want to see them grow and play with them," she says.

That dream is much more likely now. Vanessa has arthritis in both knees, and being active used to be painfully difficult. After the surgery, she still has arthritis. But with less weight on her joints, the pain is much less.

"Walking is so much easier," she says. She can go up and down stairs without shortness of breath or aching knees. She can go on hikes. And she even did a 5K walk last summer.

Small victories also make a big difference to Vanessa's outlook on life—like being able to fit on the rides at Disneyland or being able to cross her legs on an airplane.

She shares those wins with a support group of her peers at St. Rose Dominican who have been through weightloss surgery, too. "I was really hard on myself," she says. "I don't think people realize how bad you can feel. I would get pretty depressed at times." But bit by bit, that's changing.

"My attitude is a lot better, and I think I project that," Vanessa says. "People tell me I look happier. I smile a lot more."





2 surgical options

The Weight Loss Surgery Center at St. Rose Dominican offers two types of surgery:

Gastric sleeve surgery

"Gastric sleeve surgery removes about 80% of the stomach and is the most common," says Jimmy Xu, MD, Medical Director of the Weight Loss Surgery Center at St. Rose Dominican. It can be performed without open surgery, which usually means a shorter hospital stay. This is the procedure that Donna Hatch, Brandon Green, and Vanessa Sandoval all opted for.

Gastric bypass surgery

With gastric bypass, the surgeon uses staples across the top part of the stomach to create a smaller stomach pouch. Then the small intestine is reattached to the new pouch. The rest of the stomach is "bypassed" but stays in the body.



Start your journey. Register for a free information session here: StRoseHospitals.org/ weightloss. Or call 702.616.4976.



The No. 1 place to welcome your baby

Choosing where to have your baby

is an important decision. But the residents of Las Vegas have recently made it easier. They voted for the Best Place to Have a Baby in the Las Vegas Review-Journal's reader poll.

The Birth Center at the San Martín Campus received the Silver Award in 2018 and the Gold Award in 2019!

Why did we win?

• Spacious, private mother-baby suites with sleeping accommodations for your significant other

- Room-sharing with your newborn
- Visiting privileges for all family members
- Wireless fetal monitors that allow you the freedom to move around
- Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- A celebratory dinner for new parents with a delicious Bundtlet from Nothing Bundt Cakes®
- A lactation support team
- Baby portraits by Bella Baby photography

- A friendly, knowledgeable, and well-trained staff
- A large variety of no- or low-cost prenatal, pregnancy, breastfeeding, and parenting classes
- The My Baby mobile app, which tracks pregnancy milestones, provides answers to common questions, and connects you to Dignity Health services





Take a tour! See our Birth Centers at the San Martín or Siena Campus for yourself. Register at StRoseHospitals.org/classes.

For your health *Find our special events on page 2.

Calendar of classes and events | winter 2020

Registration: For classes that require registration, you can sign up online at StRoseHospitals.org/classes. Payment can also be made online for most classes (drop-in classes require payment on arrival). Or you can call 702.616.4900 to register 24/7.



Find our full class listing at StRoseHospitals.org/classes

✓ Fitness, nutrition, and wellness classes and screenings

✓ Programs for diabetes, heart and stroke care, cancer, and quitting smoking



Wellness

Got SNAP? Supplemental **Nutrition Assistance Program**

Three Square will help you complete and submit your SNAP application. Call **702.616.4905** for an appointment.

Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon GV WIC: FREE

Mammograms

Uninsured or underinsured? You may qualify for a free mammogram. Call the R.E.D. Rose Program at **702.492.8557** if you are 49 or younger. Funded by the Engelstad Foundation.

Safe Sitter

Youth ages 11 through 16 learn safe, nurturing child care techniques and medical emergency management.

Monday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

GV \$20 (includes lunch)

Uninsured?

Our Exchange Enrollment Facilitators can help. Call 702.616.4904



Pregnancy & Childbirth **EMPOWERED**

Community resources, support services, education, and connections to recovery and treatment services for women with substance use disorders during pregnancy and after giving birth. Call 702.492.8593 for information.

Fit 4 Baby

Join FIT4MOM® Las Vegas for an interval-based prenatal fitness class. Register at lasvegas.fit4mom.com. Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. **GV** 10 classes for \$110

St. Rose WIC Nutrition Program

Healthy food, nutrition consultations, and breastfeeding support. For children up to age 5 and expecting mothers. Call **702.616.4905**.

GV WEST HEND FREE

Comforting help for moms-to-be and new moms

Many pregnant women and new moms experience anxiety or a mood disorder. For helpful resources, call **702.492.8552** or visit nvmch.org.

Car Seat Safety Checks

Call **702.616.4902** for an appointment.

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, 10 a.m. to noon **WEST** \$10

Fridays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 20, 1 to 4 p.m. **GV** \$10

Let's Talk

Restore, inspire, support, and educate—a pregnancy and postpartum support group.

Mondays, noon to 1 p.m.

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Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m.

WEST FREE

Fridays, noon to 1 p.m.

GV FREE

Prenatal Classes

Prenatal Yoga

Become more resilient during and after pregnancy.

Mondays, noon to 1 p.m.

WEST \$5 per class or five sessions for \$20

Mondays, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

GV \$5 per class or five sessions for \$20

Baby Basics

GV \$30



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LOCATION KEY

COND Siena Campus-Conference Room D, Henderson

3001 St. Rose Parkway

REI Siena Campus Rehabilitation Hospital, Henderson 2930 Siena Heights Drive Lake Las Vegas



FREE Birth Center tours

San Martín Campus: Third Saturday mornings and every

Tuesday evening

Siena Campus: First and third Saturday afternoons and second and fourth Monday evenings

Register at StRoseHospitals.org/classes.

My Baby App

Download Dignity
Health's My Baby App
from the App Store or
Google Play to track
pregnancy milestones,
identify symptoms, and
connect to
services for
a healthier
pregnancy.

My Baby
By Dignity Healths

Breastfeeding

GV \$30

Prepared Childbirth Express

GV \$35

Daddy Boot Camp

GV \$20

Infant CPR

GV \$20

Prepared Childbirth

GV \$50

Gestational Diabetes Consultations

Call **702.616.4975**.

Smoking Cessation for Pregnancy

Call the Nevada Tobacco Quitline: **800.784.8669**.

Breastfeeding Breastfeeding Helpline and Consultations

Call 702.616.4908.

GV WEST \$50

Baby Weigh Stations

No appointment necessary.

GV WEST HEND FREE

Breast Pump Rentals

Rent a hospital-grade, double-electric pump.

GV WEST

New Mommy Mixer

Mondays, 11 a.m. to noon HEND FREE

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon
WEST FREE

Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon GV FREE

Infants, Children & Parenting

Stroller Strides

Get a workout while engaging your baby. Register at lasvegas.fit4mom.com.

Fridays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

GV 10 classes for \$110

Mommy and Baby Yoga

For moms with babies ages 6 weeks to 1 year.

Mondays, 11 a.m. to noon **WEST** \$5 per class or

eight sessions for \$20

Mondays, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

GV \$5 per class or eight sessions for \$20

Infant Development

Learn all about baby cues and nutrition in this playgroup for babies up to age 1.

Mondays, 2 to 3 p.m. GV FREE

Infant Nutrition

A registered dietitian leads a weekly mommy-baby group.

Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. GV FREE

Toddler Play Group

For ages 3 and younger.

Tuesdays, noon to 12:45 p.m. GV FREE

Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Sing and Sign: Food Time

For parents with children ages newborn to 2 years.

Tuesdays, 2 to 2:30 p.m. GVI FREE

Thursdays, Jan. 2, 16, Feb. 6, 20, March 5, 19, 1 to 1:30 p.m.

WEST FREE

Fridays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 20, noon to 12:30 p.m. HEND FREE

Sing and Sign: Baby Sign Language Level II

Visit weecansign.com.
Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19,

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. WEST \$69 (includes kit)

Wee Can Sign: Baby Sign Language Level I

Visit weecansign.com.

Thursdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays, March 21, 28,
April 4, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
WEST \$69 (includes DVD)

Zumba[®] Kids

For ages 7 through 11.

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. GVI FREE

Zumba[®] Kids Jr.

For ages 4 through 6.

Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

GV FREE

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

WEST FREE

Toddlers in the Kitchen

For ages 1 through 4.

Thursdays, Jan. 2, 16, Feb. 6, 20, March 5, 19, 11 a.m. to noon

HEND FREE

Love and Logic[®]: Parenting Made Fun!

Learn helpful and easy tips. **Wednesdays**, **Jan. 15**, **22**, **29**,

Feb. 5, 19, 5 to 7 p.m.

HEND \$50 per person/couple

Fridays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

and March 6, 9 to 11 a.m.

WEST \$50 per person/couple

Zumbini

Enhances motor and cognitive skills and development.

Tuesdays, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

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Thursdays, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. HEND FREE

Thursdays, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. or noon to

12:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 9:15 to 10 a.m. GV FREE

GV FREE

Womens Care/Outreach Center Green Valley

HEND Womens Care/Outreach Center

Rose de Lima Campus, Henderson 98 E. Lake Mead Parkway, Suite 301

2651 Paseo Verde Parkway, Suite 180

MAG Siena Campus–MacDonald Room Henderson 3001 St. Rose Parkway

RAN Rose de Lima Campus-Annex Henderson 102 E. Lake Mead Parkway RDE Rose de Lima Campus, Henderson 102 E. Lake Mead Parkway

SAN San Martín Campus, Las Vegas 8280 W. Warm Springs Road

WEST Womens Care/Outreach Center, Las Vegas 7220 S. Cimarron Road, Suite 195

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Count on us

The journey to a healthier weight can be life-changing. Read how St. Rose Dominican can support you every step of the way. See page 6.





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MEDICAL GROUP CLINICS



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PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINICS Years serving southern Nevada:







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