Dignity Health Elk Grove Q2 Newsletter

Subject line: Elk Grove Update: Coming Together in 2020



As a partner in the Elk Grove Community, we at Dignity Health want to remind you that we are in this together. It is hard to believe that we announced our plans to build Elk Grove's first hospital just a few short months ago. So much has change in the wake of COVID-19, but one thing remains steadfast —our commitment you, our neighbors, and the City of Elk Grove.

Over the past few months, we have seen firsthand the strength of this community. Countless people have stepped up to help, from Elk Grove Fire Department and the Cosumnes Services District delivering food to our hospital employees, to Methodist hospital staff organizing a food drive for our local food banks.

The spirit of humankinds continues strong in the face of the worst public health crisis we've ever seen. As we take steps to reopen our schools, businesses and the economy we will continue to support our community and non-profit partners in their efforts to rebuild and recover. Under the guidance of public health experts and trends, we look forward to continuing our community engagement programs.

While we look forward to our continued community partnership, we also want to take a moment to look back and see what we've accomplished together since the beginning of the year.

As many of you know, we started the year with a big announcement to unveil our plans to build Elk Grove's first hospital at an exciting event at our Medical Office Building. We joined with Elk Grove community leaders, including Mayor Steve Ly and Councilmembers Stephanie Nguyen and Darren Suen, as well as Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli. Watch a recap of our unveiling here and take a look at stories from the unveiling on The Sacramento Bee, KCRA 3 and FOX 40.

Since then, we've directly engaged with the community to ensure our plans put the needs of Elk Grove first and that we remain a trusted and responsive community partner. In February, we hosted a town hall with Elk Grove Councilmember Nguyen to hear directly from members of the community and answer questions. Read a recap of the meeting from the Elk Grove Tribune here. We have more town halls in the works but are temporarily pausing those meetings in observance of COVID-19 public health guidelines.

Additionally, I was glad to host Mayor Ly for a tour of Methodist Hospital where we "introduced" him to LISA, our award-winning "Less Invasive Surgical Application" robot.

Also early this year, we were thrilled to learn that our Medical Safe Haven program was <u>named Elk Grove Nonprofit of the Year</u> by the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce. The program, located at Methodist Hospital of Sacramento, provides quality patient care to survivors of human trafficking and concurrent training of residents in understanding how to provide care with the goal of building a lasting, trusting primary care relationship. We're thrilled this program is making an impact throughout the Sacramento region.

I look forward to sharing additional updates with you as your ongoing partner in Elk Grove.

Regards,

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President Methodist Hospital of Sacramento

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