Dignity Health – Folsom Q3 Newsletter

Subject: Folsom Update – Strengthening Our Community Partnership



As the new president of Dignity Health Mercy Hospital of Folsom, I am excited to continue to build upon former hospital president, Randy Ross' incredible partnerships established between the hospital, the City, community partners and its residents. I have spent 31 years in health care leadership and, in addition to my new role as President of Mercy Folsom, I will also continue to oversee operations at Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center.

I am honored to continue Dignity Health's longstanding partnership with the City of Folsom, Greater Folsom Partnership and many other local businesses and organizations that Dignity Health collaborates with.

As we approach the final quarter of this year, we continue to face unprecedented challenges with COVID-19 and now the impacts of devastating wildfires throughout California. Dignity Health would like to thank all of those working on the frontlines. We cannot express enough gratitude to our health care heroes and first responders.

Just as these challenges are unprecedented, so is our ability to come together and meet these challenges, as a community. As a longtime partner in Folsom, Dignity Health will continue to work alongside our neighbors, family and friends. To that end, we're pleased to share our first quarterly update with community leaders, stakeholders and our friends in Folsom. These newsletters allow us to provide you with an update about what Dignity Health has been doing in the community, as well as our plans for Folsom in the coming months.

## **Folsom Ranch Medical Office Building**

Dignity Health was thrilled to make the <u>announcement of our new medical office building in early July</u>. The Folsom Ranch community is a rapidly growing area in Folsom, and we are excited to be able offer a state-of-the-art medical office building with the potential to grow to meet the needs of the community.

At this event, we were able to surprise longtime Dignity Health employee, Sister Bridget McCarthy, RSM, by announcing that the street leading up to the new medical building will named McCarthy Way. This street is a simple way to honor and show our gratitude for her commitment to service throughout her 50-year career at Dignity Health. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in Sacramento County, we were not able to have as many people in attendance as we would have liked, but we would like to thank all of you for joining us on Facebook Live.

A very special thanks to Mayor Sarah Aquino and Folsom Partnership CEO Joe Gagliardi for speaking at the event. Their words about Dignity Health and Folsom were touching, and we can't thank them enough for everything they do for our community.

## **Star Spangled Drive-In**

As you know, this year has been filled with creative changes from years past. One of Folsom's signature Fourth of July Events – the Folsom Rodeo had to be canceled. Working with the Greater Folsom Partnership and the City of Folsom, <u>Dignity Health was able to sponsor the first Star Spangled Drive-In</u> for members of our community. The sold-out event allowed families to drive up and view the annual fireworks show socially distanced and in the comfort of their own cars. The Star Spangled Drive-In was a great way to bring our community together and ended up being one of the only fireworks shows throughout the entire greater Sacramento region.

## **Preparing for Flu Season**

As we move into the fall and winter months, preparing for flu season is even more important given the impact the pandemic has had on our communities. This year, it will be more important than ever to get your flu shot. Together, we can demonstrate humankindness by prioritizing our health and the health of our community. For more information about where to get flu shots please contact your local provider.

I look forward to continuing the great partnership between Mercy Hospital of Folsom and the Folsom community and sharing additional updates with you in the coming months.

Regards,

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