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## Launching a Legacy

With a sense of gratitude for past successes, Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation launched the largest fund-raising effort in the history of this community healthcare system - the Legacy Campaign.

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## Marathon Man Finds His Mission

*"Bill DeMucci is not only a brilliant businessman, but he is passionate about this community. His vision is very much in line with the mission of Little Company of Mary. He understands technology and the importance of maintaining medical excellence while at the same time reaching out and touching those members of our community that either cannot afford this type of healthcare or are too afraid to seek it out. You can feel the passion in his voice when he talks about the Partners for Healthy Kids van as well as the SART Centers. We are very fortunate to have Bill in our community - he has dedicated his time, energy and resources to making a difference."*

*- Amy D'Ambra,  
Foundation Trustee, Neighbor*

BILL DEMUCCI LOOKS LIKE a runner – lean and tan, with eyes focused on the goal. Pounding the pavement early each morning, DeMucci starts his day doing what he loves – running. Sometimes he competes in marathons, and the same passion that fuels those marathons also ignites the rest of his life. Little Company of Mary has the extraordinary good fortune to be an integral part of that life.

Nearly a decade ago, DeMucci began his multi-faceted support of Little Company of Mary, after being asked by Josephine Nizetich to serve as a trustee on the San Pedro Peninsula Hospital Foundation Board. "After listening to Blair and the Sisters talk about the mission, I heard how serious they are and I got caught up in it. My wife Mary Ann and I have been blessed and felt that the time was right for us to step up and help others." And step up he did! Sharing the leadership with Hugh Hoffman, DeMucci led the successful Campaign for Health, raising \$7.6 million to support the renovation and expansion of the Little Company of Mary – San Pedro Hospital Emergency Department and the DeMucci Center for Health Education.

In 2001, DeMucci became a member of the LCM Service Area Board of Directors, eliciting praise for his business acuity from then chairman Don Mehlig. "Bill is an outstanding businessman. His comments and insights into hospital governance have been invaluable."

Given his dedication, it is no surprise that DeMucci accepted the role of Honorary Chairman of the

Legacy Campaign for the LCM Community Health Foundation. "The campaign comes at a critical time for both LCM and for the healthcare industry in general. I firmly believe in the Mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, 'to make visible a healing presence,' and my involvement in the campaign helps me put my beliefs into action."

Not to be forgotten is DeMucci's first priority – his family. Native New Yorkers, Bill and Mary Ann shared the same street growing up in Queens and have known each other for fifty years. A graduate of Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, DeMucci became a C.P.A. and successful businessman, eventually moving his family to the South Bay twenty-two years ago. Now, with married daughter Danielle and two grandsons in Connecticut, and son Bill in Dallas, travel keeps the family together. And what about his partner of thirty-seven years? Knowing her husband well, Mary Ann smiled, "Since I refused to take up running, we began golfing together in 1998!"



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With a vision reaching beyond today and tomorrow, the \$50 million Legacy Campaign focuses on key initiatives to meet community health needs far into the future. Expectation and celebration joined hands as several hundred supporters enjoyed the October 12th kick-off at the beautiful cliff-side estate of Julian and Carolyn Elliott. Honorary Campaign Chairman Bill DeMucci unveiled the check announcing over \$20 million in private support - nearly half of the campaign's \$50 million goal - from gifts that have already been secured.

Passionate about Little Company of Mary's mission embracing the care of the sick, regardless of the ability to pay, DeMucci spoke about his commitment. "My wife Mary Ann and I take the matter of charitable giving very seriously and we discussed it long and hard. We concluded that to make a meaningful impact, we needed to concentrate our giving to one charity rather than give small amounts to the many organizations that request donations. Little Company of Mary has the mission and goals we believe in, so we made this organization the focus of our giving. We also believe in taking a long-term view of giving and have included Little Company of Mary in our estate planning."

Demonstrating their commitment with extraordinary generosity, the DeMuccis joined with four others in providing pledges totaling

\$10 million of the already secured \$20 million. LCM Chief Executive Blair Contratto acknowledged the leadership gifts from the Centofante Foundation, the Vasek and Maria Polak Charitable Foundation, the Hazel Rauch Estate, and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. In addition, the Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary, under the leadership of Margie Mondello, pledged \$750,000.

Contratto addressed the crowd of friends, encouraging the link between the community and its healthcare system. "Most capital campaigns are all about buildings, but this campaign is different. This effort marks a partnership between Little Company of Mary and the communities we serve. Working together we can provide permanent funding for programs and facilities through endowment. We can continue to meet the challenge of the nursing shortage with innovative solutions. We can provide the state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging and technology



**Honorary Campaign Chairman Bill De Mucci (above) and LCM Chief Executive Blair Contratto at the October 12th Kick-Off.**



necessary to treat those in our cardiology, cancer, and women and children's centers. And we can continue to reach out to those who are vulnerable through the charitable care and community benefit programs that have become synonymous with the name Little Company of Mary. With the mounting complexities of funding healthcare today, we rely more than ever on private philanthropy to fulfill the unique mission of the Sisters."

One who truly shares in the heritage of sustaining that mission is Sister Carol Pacini, L.C.M, who serves as the Chair of the Legacy Campaign. "We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Today I stand on the shoulders of Carolyn Elliott who chaired Campaign 2000," acknowledged Pacini. Attracted to the mission of the worldwide community of the Little Company of Mary Sisters in 1958, Pacini eventually came to LCMH in Torrance in 1967, serving as a nurse in the post-surgical unit. After serving in clinical and administrative positions in the organization, the now "retired" Pacini reflected, "I think Little Company of Mary is set apart because we care. It is the mission really, caring for the whole person, and people experience that they are treated differently here."

A significant element in LCM's caring for the whole person revolves around its far-reaching charitable and community benefit programs, which provide millions of dollars of care each year to our most vulnerable neighbors - most often women, children and the elderly. This embracing of all who need care is what motivated trustee Marie Crimi Roser to agree to lead the major gift effort of the campaign. "I feel everyone who uses Little Company of Mary should get involved in this effort. Whether it's \$1 or \$1 million, it's for yourself and the good of the community."

This private support of the Legacy Campaign from generous community partners will enable today's healing vision of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary to endure far into the future. If you would like more information about the Legacy Campaign, please contact Major Gifts Officer Marlene Young at 310.543.6905 or via e-mail at [myoung@providence.org](mailto:myoung@providence.org).

Initiatives Supported by the Campaign:

- Endowment
- Nursing Support
- Outreach to Vulnerable Children and Families
- Facilities Enhancement
- Diagnostic Imaging and Technology
- Clinical Centers of Excellence
- Charitable Care Programs
- Community Benefit Programs





It's smiles all around as Vistas for Children, Inc., President Mary Hazelrigg (third from left) and Caro Miguez (second from right) present a \$10,000 check to LCMCH Foundation Executive Director Joseph Zanetta. The grant provides funding for a Jester & Pharley® Smile Cart for the LCM Women's and Children's Clinic in Harbor City. Clinic manager Monica Sartori (second from left) joins Jester & Pharley Phund President Barbara Saltzman (center) and LCMCH Foundation Major Gifts Director Cheryl Thomas for the presentation.

## Little Company of Mary-San Pedro Hospital Auxiliary Gift Brings Cheer

According to Auxiliary Treasurer Nancy DiBernardo, patients are enjoying their television viewing that much more these days due to the hard work and generosity of the seventy-seven active members of the LCM-San Pedro Hospital Auxiliary. Under the leadership of Auxiliary President Doreen Bott, proceeds of \$20,000 from gift shop sales were used to purchase new televisions for all patient rooms at the hospital.

# Inspiring Images



Thanks to the generosity of H.T. Grill owner Paul Hennessey, LCMCH Foundation received a portion of each guest check during a month long fundraising drive. Director of Development

Laurie Hanley accepted the gift at a reception honoring local charities.

Inspiring images... A glimpse of the friendship and support provided by individuals, foundations and corporations to the Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation (LCMCHF).

## Junior Philanthropists Support Newborns

South Bay Girl Scout Troop #220 joins LCMCH Foundation associate Kathryn O'Connell after enjoying an ice cream social and a tour of the LCMH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. These junior philanthropists provided close to \$400 in support by participating in the LCM "Trick-or-Treat for NICU" program.



## Mums for Mammograms

An October open house at Little Company of Mary's Women's Center for Breast Health & Diagnostics offers Dr. Gretchen Stipek and Pat Haynes of the Redondo Beach Rotary Club the opportunity to promote the 2003 Mums for Mammogram pro-

gram. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month – the perfect opportunity to raise local awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection. Close to \$2600 in gifts to the Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation were received this year from the Mums program – funds available to provide mammograms to local women needing financial assistance.



Top Right: Suzi Gulcher, LCMCH Foundation Trustee Bob Gulcher, Mary Lou Lester, former LCM Chief Executive and current Trustee Jim Lester.  
 Above Right: LCMCH Foundation Trustees Kate Greenberg and Jan Brandmeyer, Brian Brandmeyer, Sister Terrence Landini, L.C.M.

Photos at Right:

(top) Warren and Ittie Cutting, George Schuler, LCMCH Foundation Trustee Debbie Greene.

(below right) Host Julian Elliott, Legacy Campaign Chair Sister Carol Pacini, L.C.M.

(below far right) Rachel and Ann Leatherbury.

Photos Below:

(below) LCMCH Foundation Executive Director Joseph Zanetta, Trustee and Major Gifts Chair Marie Crimi Roser.

(bottom) LCM Work-to-School nursing program recipients Lorena Montes and Lee Hughes flank Frances Kaplan and LCM Nursing Workforce Specialist Betty Dobbs, RN.



### The Legacy Campaign

Little Company of Mary launched the largest fundraising campaign in its history on October 12th at the gracious estate of Carolyn and Julian Elliott. Reflected on this page are snapshots of the friendship and philanthropic partnerships celebrated on that day.

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*Names in bold denote a Mission Maker – a participant in LCM's employee giving program*




## Mission Maker Tina Lestelle Turns Time into Gifts

WITH THE HOLIDAY spirit in mind, and less than twenty-four hours after being inspired by Mission Maker Chairwoman Beverly Wishon, Tina Lestelle began turning time into gifts. A fifteen-year employee of Little Company of Mary, Lestelle made her first donation of PTO (paid time off) in December 1999 and since has provided almost \$7,200 in support to the Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation.

The cash value of Lestelle's PTO funds programs close to her heart. The Partners for

and were very generous by nature, never expecting anything in return," said Lestelle. "Because of them, I am able to see the need."

Lestelle noticed one need during her recent assignment as Unit Secretary at the Rehabcentre. "Seeing patients who needed hand therapy caused me to reflect. How would that be? My whole job revolves around using my hands. What if I couldn't use them?" Occupational Therapy Manager Lolly Abastillas is grateful for Lestelle's Mission Maker gifts, hoping that a much-needed Hand Therapy Workstation will become a reality that much sooner. This self-contained therapy table allows up to three patients to experience a variety of treatment options simultaneously - treatments that enable actively employed workers with hand injuries to return to their jobs.

Making a difference in the lives of patients and others is what Mission Makers is all about. According to Wishon, "This simple group was born out of the desire of a few employees to make a difference in the community where we live and work. Since the Sisters' mission of caring is such an important part of our work life, the name Mission Makers not only captures our strong feelings about the mission of care, but also demonstrates that 'we, the employees, make the mission happen!'" With friends like Lestelle and Wishon, the mission of the Sisters is in good hands. 



Beverly Wishon (left) expresses gratitude to Mission Maker Tina Lestelle

Healthy Kids mobile pediatric healthcare van, the Mary Potter Program for Human Dignity, and the Chemical Dependency Unit have all been beneficiaries of Lestelle's generosity. It is a generosity inspired long before Mission Makers, the Foundation's employee giving program. "My parents were very compassionate and made people feel welcome. They were the first ones to help someone

## 2004 Calendar of Events

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### JANUARY

**January 20**

Vasek Polak  
Cardiovascular  
Institute Tour &  
Reception

Board of Trustees  
Annual Meeting

### FEBRUARY

**February 10**

New Trustees  
Welcome Dinner

**February 22**

Heritage Party

### MARCH

**March 1-31**

Admiral Risty-  
"Winning Fare"

**March 13**

"Essentials of  
Estate Planning for  
Peace of Mind"

**March 19**

6th Annual Women's  
Wellness Conference

### APRIL

**April 20**

Board of Trustees  
Meeting

**April 25**

19th Annual Chez  
Melange "For Our  
Children" Food &  
Wine Festival

### MAY

**May 10**

24th Annual Golf  
Classic

## Fun(d) Dates TO REMEMBER

### Admiral Risty Hosts 6th "Winning Fare"

Pick up your fork, cast your ballot and support Little Company of Mary! As part of its "Winning Fare" program, from March 1 thru March 31, the Admiral Risty Restaurant in Rancho Palos Verdes will donate five per cent of every guest check in the form of \$25 gift certificates to your favorite charity. For information, please call 310.377.0050.

### Essentials of Estate Planning

"Essentials of Estate Planning for Peace of Mind" with Byron Lane, Esq., will be held on Saturday, March 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in the DeMucci Center for Health Education at LCM-San Pedro Hospital. For reservations to attend this free seminar, please call Diane Fernicola at 310.543.6907.

### 6th Annual Women's Wellness Conference

Trisha Meili, author of *I am the Central Park Jogger: A Story of Hope and Possibility*, will keynote Little Company of Mary's 6th annual Women's Wellness Conference on Friday, March 19, 2004, at the Torrance Marriott Hotel. Morning sessions focusing on women's physical, emotional and spiritual well-being, the luncheon and keynote address, and all day boutiques and book fair are included in the \$150 reservation fee. Proceeds will benefit LCM's SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) Centers and CAVA (Collaborative for Alternatives to Violence and Abuse) program. For reservations, please call Kathryn O'Connell at 310.543.6911.

## Online Giving

Have you ever thought about making your gift to Little Company of Mary online? It's convenient and secure with the updated website, [www.lcmweb.org](http://www.lcmweb.org). From the Home page, click on Foundation, followed by Make a Donation Now. Complete the form and submit, knowing that you made a difference in the lives of your neighbors in the South Bay and Harbor communities.

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