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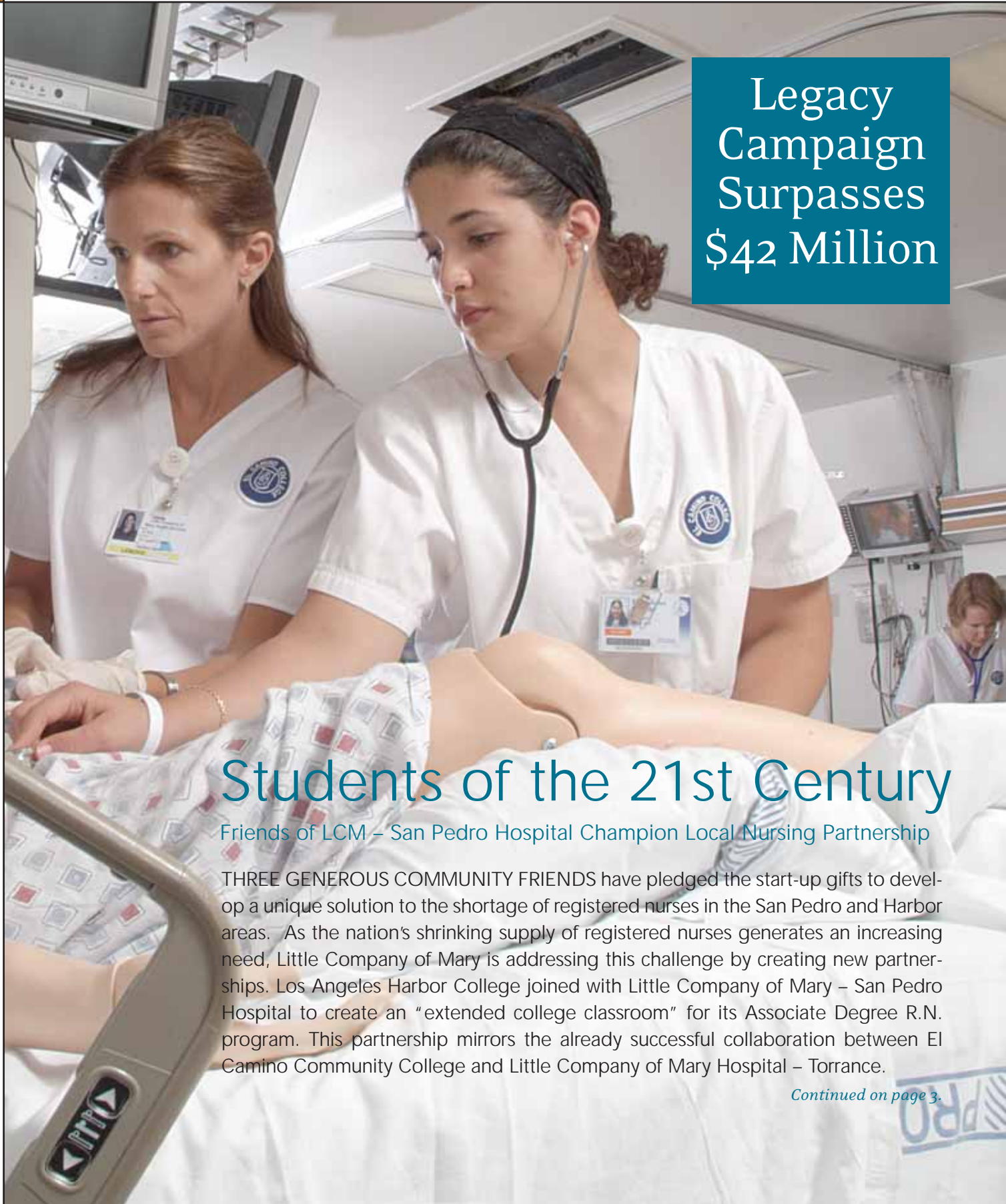
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Legacy Campaign Surpasses \$42 Million

## Students of the 21st Century

Friends of LCM – San Pedro Hospital Champion Local Nursing Partnership

THREE GENEROUS COMMUNITY FRIENDS have pledged the start-up gifts to develop a unique solution to the shortage of registered nurses in the San Pedro and Harbor areas. As the nation's shrinking supply of registered nurses generates an increasing need, Little Company of Mary is addressing this challenge by creating new partnerships. Los Angeles Harbor College joined with Little Company of Mary – San Pedro Hospital to create an "extended college classroom" for its Associate Degree R.N. program. This partnership mirrors the already successful collaboration between El Camino Community College and Little Company of Mary Hospital – Torrance.

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# Bio



## FUN FACT:

*It was last summer during an innocent father and son chat that Lee Hill asked fourteen year-old Brandon what he thought about Lee's girlfriend Susan Hatchard. Brandon responded immediately, "Dad, I think you ought to marry her." Fortunately, Lee took his son's advice. Susan said "yes" and plans are underway for a spring 2007 wedding!*

Leland R. Hill:

## A "Yes" Man for Commitment

*"Lee Hill is a 'yes' man. He says 'yes' to chairing this and 'yes' to giving that and 'yes' to being there."*

*- Hal Compton, Long Beach Kiwanis President*

LEE HILL IS SERVING his second term as Chairman of the Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation Board of Trustees and it is clear that he knows the meaning of commitment. Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Lee learned the value of family and hard work. He studied biology and chemistry as an undergraduate at Southern Illinois University, then moved west to begin graduate school in Long Beach.

Assigned number eight on the military draft list in 1968, Lee joined the Navy and served on active duty for two years, stationed in Long Beach. He earned a master's degree in environmental science from California State University at Long Beach and began a twenty-year career as managing director of planning and engineering at the Port of Long Beach. After managing 400 employees and a \$200 million budget, Lee retired from the port, but remained involved by serving on the Los Angeles Harbor Planning Commission from 1989 to 2001.

## FRIENDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Life was good as Lee and his wife Wendy adopted newborn Brandon in 1991, but Wendy contracted acute respiratory distress syndrome in 1994 and died within one month. "When Wendy was gone, Brandon and I grew closer. I was blessed with a lot of good friends. People stood beside me and helped me through it," Lee said.

The world of finance had always fascinated Lee and he returned to graduate school, earned a master's degree in business administration from Pepperdine University and started a second career as a senior financial advisor with Ameriprise.

Lee became acquainted with Little Company of Mary when his mother had a stroke (while visiting from Missouri) and was hospitalized at LCM – San Pedro Hospital. Lee remembers that the staff took excellent care of her and he wanted to give something back. His involvement began through his friendship with John Wentworth and Al D'Amico. Lee has served on the Foundation board since 1999 and is impressed with the quality of the board membership and the energy they bring to the task.

If you want to see Lee Hill smile, ask him about his fully restored 1960 Austin Healey. "I bought it in 1967," Lee said, "and it is beautiful – British racing-green exterior with a camel interior and a soft top." Add in a game of chess or racquetball with Brandon, or a round of golf with just about anyone, and you have one very happy man. 🏊

*"I sat with Lee on the Los Angeles Area Planning Commission. Lee was always a voice of reason; his recommendations were highly respected as we made difficult decisions regarding the future of the San Pedro area. As far as I'm concerned he should retire and enjoy the rest of his life!"*

*- John Wilson, Former President of San Pedro Peninsula Hospital*



Foundation Trustees Lee Hill and Bruce Ferguson.

*"Lee Hill has provided many years of dedicated service to the Foundation boards of Little Company of Mary hospitals. His skillful*

*“Nursing is an art: and if it is to be made an art, it requires an exclusive devotion, as hard a preparation as any painter’s or sculptor’s work; for what is the having to do with dead canvas or dead marble, compared with having to do with the living body, the temple of God’s spirit? It is one of the Fine Arts: I had almost said, the finest of Fine Arts.”*  
 - Florence Nightingale, Nineteenth Century Nursing Pioneer



San Pedro Hospital Auxiliary President Matilda Baccari, right, and Treasurer Nancy DiBernardo, left, are pleased to present a gift of \$25,000 to Foundation Executive Director Joseph Zanetta and LCM - SPH Administrator Nancy Carlson. The gift benefits the recent Los Angeles Harbor College and LCM - SPH nursing partnership.

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Mary Lou and Bill Steinmetz, who join the Schneider family and the Al and Mary Centofante family as LCM’s largest nursing benefactors, expanded their remarkable commitment to LCM nursing with the first gift launching the Los Angeles Harbor College and LCM-SPH program. Generous gifts from San Pedro natives Tom and Mary Ann Jankovich and an anonymous San Pedro donor ensured the 2006 kick-off of the project.



#### GIFT INSPIRED BY FRIENDSHIP

Tom and Mary Ann Jankovich’s gift was inspired by the generosity of George and Ginnie Schneider, whose commitment to Little Company of Mary supported the El Camino College and LCMH-Torrance partnership. “George Schneider was a friend of mine,” said Jankovich, “and his dedication to Little Company of Mary was an inspiration for our gift to this nursing program. Mary Ann and I – plus our four children – were born at San Pedro Hospital and this is a great opportunity to give back. Our daughter is a nurse and worked for Little Company of Mary, so addressing the problem of the nursing shortage is important to us.” Jankovich served over a decade as a San Pedro and LCM Foundation trustee and Service Area Board vice-chairman.

The George W. and Virginia Schneider Institute for Nursing on the LCMH-Torrance campus was dedicated in April 2005 and showcases the state-of-the-art clinical simulation laboratory and computerized patient mannequins that have attracted praise from clinical nursing educators and El Camino students alike. A similar configuration and equipment is planned for the Los Angeles Harbor College program on the San Pedro campus.


#### RENOVATIONS BEGIN AT LCM – SPH

A renovated section of the second-floor west wing of

the hospital is being converted to a clinical simulation laboratory, featuring interactive audio-visual technology with remote controlled video cameras able to record and replay students’ performances as they practice their skills on the computerized mannequins. The area also includes tutoring rooms and offices for the clinical nursing educators, counselors and clerical staff needed to support the students.

Classes begin in Fall 2006 with the inaugural class of 24 students to be enrolled in the two-year nursing curriculum. It is expected that four groups of 24 students will enroll in the program in a five-year period, resulting in an anticipated 96 Los Angeles Harbor College Associate Degree Nursing graduates by 2011.

LCM-SPH Administrator Nancy Carlson is excited about the Los Angeles Harbor College plan to extend its nursing program onto her hospital’s campus. “The new facilities at LCM-SPH will enable the college to offer their nursing program to an additional 24 students per year. Our community friends have already committed close to \$400,000 in gifts to support the first year of this combined effort to reduce the nursing shortage, provide high quality instruction and keep local talent here to care for our neighbors,” Carlson said.

To join the Steinmetz and Jankovich families and others in the continuing development of twenty-first century nursing in the South Bay and Harbor area communities, please contact Director of Major Gifts Ron Bitzer at 310.543.6903. 

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*- Tom Jankovich, Benefactor and former Service Area Board Vice-Chairman*

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Virginia Doak, right, joins Glen Komatsu, M.D., at the February 2006 TrinityCare Hospice Foundation Embassy Dinner. The Edmond R. and Virginia G. Doak Endowment established the Doak Center for Palliative Care at LCM Hospital in Torrance. Komatsu is board certified in palliative care medicine and directs the Doak Center.\*

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Cardinal Roger Mahoney, Archbishop of Los Angeles, recognized the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary for their 50 years of dedication and faithful service to the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. In June 1956, Cardinal McIntyre invited the Sisters to come to Torrance to build a hospital on the ten-acre site given to them by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Accepting the plaque, from left, are Sisters Gloria Harper, Terrence Landini, Frances Curran, and Renee Cunningham, L.C.M.

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LCM Community Health Foundation welcomed five newly appointed board members at a holiday dinner at the City Club in Los Angeles. From left are Duane Conover; Ron Melendez, M.D.; Claudia Levin; Cathy Alessandra and Karen Olds.



99...A Time to Shine! LCM volunteer Julius Loewenberger celebrated his 99th birthday with family and friends during a reception in the Hannon Tower lobby in January. Julius' morning coffee cart rounds have generated close to \$1300 in gifts to the Foundation.

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It was Christmas dinner at Little Company of Mary for the VanHorn family as they awaited the arrival of baby Kai in December 2005. All six children of parents Ty and Lisa VanHorn have been born at LCM Hospital in Torrance. From left are Seth, Alayna, Kai, Sydney, Payton and Jordan.

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

## Corporate **(DOLLARS)** for Volunteer Hours

LILLIAN DALY IS A V.I.P. She is one of the very important volunteers stationed at the Little Company of Mary Hospital – Torrance information desk every Thursday morning, making a difference in the lives of patients, their families and friends. "Lil" is also a very important participant in ExxonMobil's Volunteer Involvement Program (V.I.P.), a matching gifts grant program honoring its employees who volunteer for charitable causes and non-profit organizations.

### LIL DALY RECONNECTS


Retired after 30 years with ExxonMobil on the east coast, Lil and her husband Ed moved to Redondo Beach in 2001 to be closer to their children. Their relocated life seemed too quiet for Lil and Ed; they missed their country club and yacht club friendships in Florida. A newspaper ad recruiting Little Company of Mary volunteers caught Lillian's eye at just the right time. She felt as if she had to do something to connect with people.

"I love my volunteer job at the information desk," Lil said. "Sometimes when people walk into the hospital lobby, they are so distraught. I can walk beside them and take them where they need to

go. It gives me so much joy to volunteer at a job that gives back both emotionally and financially."

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE HONORED

A \$500 grant per quarter (for 20 hours of volunteer time) yields Lil's annual gift of \$2,000 to the Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation. Fellow LCM volunteer Deborah Podgurski participates in the Pitney Bowes corporate matching gift program that generates an annual \$500 gift in honor of her service.

Little Company of Mary appreciates Lil and Deborah's volunteer spirit and ExxonMobil and Pitney Bowes' generosity. "Lil Daly and Deborah Podgurski are very generous and valued volunteers," comments LCM Manager of Volunteer Services Jill Schultz. "They not only give the most precious gift – their time – to LCM, but they also took it upon themselves to participate in their corporate dollars for volunteer hours programs." 

*"We are pleased that Lillian Daly is the face of ExxonMobil at Little Company of Mary. By providing financial resources through V.I.P., our Volunteer Involvement Program, ExxonMobil underscores its support of both the community and Lillian's volunteer efforts."*  
- Carolin A Keith, Public Affairs,  
ExxonMobil Corporation



LCM volunteer Lil Daly, at right, joins husband Ed and daughter Kathleen Pape at the October 2005 Legacy Celebration at Bert Centofante's estate.

## APRIL

April 6  
Trustee Alumni  
Luncheon

April 30  
21st Annual For  
Our Children Food  
and Wine Festival

## Fun(d) Dates TO REMEMBER

**For Our Children.** Honda presents the 21st annual For Our Children Food and Wine Festival on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at the American Honda headquarters in Torrance. Feast on great food, sip fine wines, bid on silent and live auction items, and support children's health! Proceeds benefit LCM Partners for Healthy Kids mobile pediatric van and Sandpipers charities.

**Opportunity Drawing:** Win a 2006 Honda S2000! Opportunities: \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

For tickets and volunteer opportunities, please contact Stephanie Turner in the LCM Community Health Foundation at 310.543.6914 or [stephanie.turner@providence.org](mailto:stephanie.turner@providence.org)

## MAY

May 15  
26th Annual Golf  
Classic

**Golf Classic.** Enjoy the camaraderie of friends and a round of golf in the beautiful surroundings of the Palos Verdes Golf Club and Rolling Hills Country Club on Monday, May 15, 2006 at the 26th annual LCM Community Health Foundation's Golf Classic. Golf, a luncheon barbecue, cocktail reception, dinner, auctions and awards are all part of this popular day.

For sponsorship and advertising opportunities or event details, please contact Kristen Kouzmanoff in the Foundation at 310.543.6902 or [kristen.kouzmanoff@providence.org](mailto:kristen.kouzmanoff@providence.org).

## JUNE

June 20  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting

June 27  
Circle of Caring  
and Endowment  
Associates  
Luncheon

**Circle of Caring and Endowment Associates Luncheon.** The annual Circle of Caring and Endowment Associates luncheon on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 honors LCM Community Health Foundation's planned giving donors. The Circle of Caring at LCMH – Torrance and the Endowment Associates at LCM – San Pedro Hospital recognize those who have provided for the future of LCM through gifts from their estate plans and endowments.

For information, please contact Diane Fernicola in the Foundation at 310.543.6907 or [diane.fernicola@providence.org](mailto:diane.fernicola@providence.org).



**Sellabration.** Save the date of Saturday, November 4, 2006 to attend LCM Community Health Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year – Sellabration. This spectacular event has been held since 1975 for the dual purpose of bringing together friends and raising funds for LCM. The evening includes a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner and a live band and dancing.


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## Connections

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**Our Mission.** The mission of Little Company of Mary and its affiliates is part of the larger mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary to make visible the healing presence of Jesus. Our mission embraces the care of the sick and dying through the Catholic health ministry and meeting the health needs of our communities. We commit to caring for the whole person – physical, mental and spiritual.

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