

The Frank R. Howard Foundation

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To establish, promote and support programs that maintain, as well as improve, health care for the community of Willits and the entire Northern Mendocino County area. The Foundation will strive to ensure that quality medical services remain an integral element of the region through an acute care general hospital.

Message from the President



I look back on this year that continues to rush past, and have taken a few moments to reflect on the accomplishments of the Foundation and how it continues to fulfill its mission to serve Willits and the surrounding communities by ensuring that quality medical services remain an integral element of the region.

We have completed the construction of the medical office building this year, naming it in honor of our former Executive Director, Jann Lamprich. Jann loyally and tirelessly served both the Hospital and the Foundation for over 60 years, and this truly is a legacy she leaves this community. Please feel free to stop by and visit "The Lamprich Center" whenever you are at the medical campus.

The Foundation's next endeavor will be to build the Auditorium, Wellness Center and Pool. However, before we can accomplish this next phase, we will have to raise a significant amount of money and I am making this my challenge and work over the next year.

I no longer occupy an office at the Foundation, but am working out of my

home office instead. And, I am traveling outside of Mendocino County with the intent to raise money for our medical campus. That is why I am delighted to have Arnie Mello as our new Executive Director; he takes over the day-to-day operations of the Foundation leaving me available to do the necessary fundraising. Arnie hit the ground running and he was instrumental in securing the financing for the "The Lamprich Center".

I am also taking this opportunity to let you know that this will be my last "Message from the President" as I am passing that responsibility over to Arnie. And, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to our exceptional Board of Directors: Dr. William Bowen, Vice President, Jann Lamprich, Secretary, Dr. Tedd Dawson, Terry Hansen, Tom Herman, Tony Madrigal, and Richard Willoughby. I am very grateful that they are accepting the challenge of building the rest of the Foundation's medical campus.

One last thing I want to share with all of you is something I hope you will help me accomplish. Many people have mentioned how much they miss the lion statues that graced the front of the old hospital. We had considered moving them to the front of the new hospital, however, because they are in pretty bad shape, we were advised to leave them where they have stood for so many years, at the entrance of the old hospital.

The Foundation hopes to have the lions cast and then bronzed and placed in

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Meet the Frank R. Howard Foundation Board of Directors



Front Row: Margie Handley, Tony Madrigal, and Jann Lamprich.

Back Row: Tom Herman, Dr. Tedd Dawson, Terry Hansen, Dr. William Bowen, and Richard Willoughby.

MARGIE HANDLEY, President, has defined her life by service to others. Her knowledge of business and practical application of management strategies has allowed her to successfully own and operate multiple small businesses, all while impacting change on the regional, state and national levels through appointments to commissions and councils. Embodying the spirit of her late father, Robert Harrah, Margie assumed responsibility for ensuring that the new medical campus would be built and that it would represent the values of the communities in design and operation.

Margie has served as Chairman of the Board of the Frank R. Howard Foundation for the past 23 years; Member, California Small Business Round Table; Member, Mendocino County Farm Bureau; Member, Mendocino County Mental Health Advisory Board; Director, Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation; Member and Past President, Rotary Club of Willits; and, Honorary Member of the Willits

Chamber of Commerce.

Margie's past service includes: Member, California Transportation Commission; Director, National Bank of the Redwoods, Santa Rosa; Director, No. California Network, Adventist Health; Director and Past President, Mendocino County Employer's Council; Delegate, California State Conference on Small Business; Member, California Rural Development Council; Member, California Economic Strategy Panel; Member, Employment Training Panel; Director, SAFE-BIDCO; and, Member, No. Coast Builders Exchange.

DR. WILLIAM BOWEN, Vice President, has been a dedicated health care professional in Mendocino County for over thirty years. As a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors, Dr. Bowen has added his guidance and medical expertise with enthusiasm. Dr. Bowen has spearheaded many of the innovative additions made to the hospital and always keeps the board apprised of ground-breaking developments in the

medical field. His unwavering interest in providing the highest form of medical care for the residents of the area has been a driving force for his work with the Foundation. Though his dedication keeps him quite busy in his practice, Dr. Bowen enjoys flying airplanes as a form of relaxation.

JANN LAMPRICH, Secretary, a former Howard Memorial Hospital administrator, has given the Foundation valuable insight into the importance of retaining hospital services in the community.

In 1952, Jann became an employee of HMH, when she was hired as an office clerk. She continued to take on additional duties in administration. In 1968, Jann became an employee of the Foundation at the request of Mr. Robert Harrah. Drawing from her administrative experience, Jann has an uncanny way of knowing what is needed in order for the Foundation to assist the hospital.

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DR. TEDD DAWSON, Board Member, received his B.S. in Chemistry from Ohio State University in 1967 and his M.D. from Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1971. Dr. Dawson did his Medicine Internship at Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1972, his Surgery Internship at Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1973 and his Surgery Residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus Ohio from 1973-1976. From 1976-1978 Dr. Dawson was a General Surgeon in the United States Army, Ft. Huachuca, AZ and was a practicing general surgeon at Raymond Bliss Army Hospital with a wide variety of responsibilities culminating in appointment as Chief of Surgery. From 1978 to the present, Dr. Tedd Dawson has had a private practice in Willits, CA as a General Surgeon that combines general surgery, general medicine, and emergency room medicine in a small rural hospital.

His professional memberships include: Diplomat American Board of Surgery, 1977; Recertification American Board of Surgery 1986, 1995, 2006; Fellow American College of Surgeons, 1980; Member, California Medical Association; Member, Mendocino County Medical Society; Staff, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, Willits, CA; Chief of Staff 1981-1982, 1986-1987, 2000-2001; Chief of Surgery, 1987-present.

TERRY HANSEN, Board Member, has over 40 years of healthcare administrative and consulting experience. Over 20 of those years have been at the executive level. Terry's experience covers a wide range of activities including financial turnarounds, developing new services, increasing market share, directing start-ups, and improving performance at all levels of the organization. He has worked collaboratively and effectively with physicians and has extensive experience in strategic planning, communication, community relations and staff

development. Terry served nearly 5 years as President/CEO of Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, CA. Prior to Paradise Valley Hospital he served 5 years as COO of Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), 5 years as President of Hospital Governance, Inc., a healthcare consulting firm, and 17 years as director, general administrator and vice president at St. Helena Hospital in California. Since his retirement in 2005, Terry has served as interim CEO at three hospitals and has consulted on a number of projects. He recently returned to LLUMC where he served 15 months as COO. Terry holds a Masters Degree in Public Health from Loma Linda University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Pacific Union College.

TOM HERMAN, Board Member, has served the Foundation Board of Directors over the past 12 years. Tom has been the owner of a local and regional engineering company for the last thirty years. Tom's experience will be invaluable in developing the facilities, which will give area residents continued access to high quality medical care. Tom serves as a director of the Little Lake Fire Protection District and the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Tom is a member of the Mendocino College Foundation Board of Directors, serving as past president.

TONY MADRIGAL, Board Member, was born, raised and resided in Ft. Bragg, CA until graduating from Ft. Bragg High School. Upon graduating, he moved to Denver, CO. Tony returned to Ft. Bragg to help run and operate El Mexicano Restaurant. In 1982, Tony opened El Mexicano Restaurant in Willits as Owner and Operator. Tony's civic service includes: Willits Lions Club and currently serves as the Club President; Willits Senior Center Board of Directors; past Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; President of Little Lake Fire District Board; and President of City of Willits Public Facilities Corporation. Tony, and his wife Francelia, reside in Willits.

RICHARD WILLOUGHBY, Board Member, received his BA at St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY and attended Stonier Graduate School of Banking, University of Delaware, from 1987-1989. For the Bank of Willits, Mr. Willoughby served as a Commercial & Consumer Loan Officer from 1982-1986. From 1986-1993 he served as Vice President and Senior Lender supervising the loan side of the bank and his responsibilities included introduction of new loan products, creation of policies, as well as oversight of loan compliance and staffing. From 1993-2010, Richard served as the Bank of Willits President and his responsibilities included: Leadership of a community bank of 132mm and 35 employees. He served as president for 17 years while remaining the bank's primary lender. Under his watch the bank's loan portfolio tripled in size (as did the bank), and experienced usually low loan losses and was highly profitable. The bank enjoyed a 64% market share in the community in which it served. Both Chase and North Valley Bank operated in the community as well. Mr. Willoughby ultimately negotiated a merger with a like-community institution resulting in a 900mm institution.

Message from the President,

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front of the new hospital. In order to accomplish this, we need to raise \$7,000. It not only is my hope, but my sincere belief, that enough people care about our history and our legacy that we will raise the money with this newsletter to create exact replicas of the lion statues.

I want to share with you a short story about the lions. Many years ago a long-time HMH employee, Britt Grable, RN, was unable to answer her young daughters question concerning the lion's names. Her daughter, Amber, promptly came up with the answer, naming the lions "Frank and Howard".

It will be nice to have "Frank and Howard" guarding the doors of our new hospital just as they did the old one.

A new home for the Frank R. Howard Foundation

This year the Foundation moved into their new offices at the “The Lamprich Center”, Three Marcela Dr., Ste. A, Willits, CA. Located just north of the new Hospital, the Foundation shares the medical office building with the hospital’s physical therapy department, the Redwood Medical Clinic, and with the Adventist Health Outpatient Pharmacy. The location’s proximity to the new hospital makes it convenient for patients, staff and visitors to drop by the Foundation office and continue the many years of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” care that the Foundation has always provided.

When you do stop by for a visit, you will find the Redwood Memorial Wall, carved by Tom Jarvis in 1993, gracing the south wall of the reception area as you step through the front door. Hospital staff and visitors have been pleased to discover that the memorial carving was preserved and installed in the Foundation’s office.

Jim Hinkle of Woodline Designs in Willits donated his craftsmanship to construct a middle panel for the memorial wall that allows for additional names to be added for many years to come. Jim also donated his time for the installation of the memorial wall.

As you drive past and turn into the medical office property, you will find

the artwork of famous artist Keena Good who donated her work to the Foundation, as did Henry Gundling who donated the redwood trees.

Local artist Peggy Hebrard’s paintings can also be viewed throughout the offices, their vibrant color welcoming visitors and those that work here.

The Foundation would also like to thank Nat Collicot Construction for his donation of time and materials to help with the exterior signage of The Lamprich Center.

Bringing the Lions to the new Hospital

When the Children’s Hospital that was owned by Mr. Charles Howard closed in 1958, the pair of lions that stood as sentinels in front of the hospital, were donated to the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital.

The lion statues were placed at the front entrance to our 1928 hospital, as much to guard the patients as they were to guard the hospital. The statues offered an ambience of security, as well as strength, that one might welcome with a hospital stay.

When the new hospital was being built, many patients, staff and visitors worried as to the destiny of the lions . . . would the pair be coming to the new hospital?

Upon examination, the lions were found to have multiple cracks that, if moved, would be their demise. Wanting to preserve the legacy of the lions, a plan of action was devised. This plan of action, however, will require your help. The Foundation hopes to raise the funds necessary to have casts of the lions created, and then to have them replicated in bronze so that they can, once again stand as sentinels, this time in front of the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. The Foundation believes this is a worthwhile endeavor and hopes you will feel the same. A donation envelope has been included in this newsletter for your convenience and we hope you will take the time to mark the box and indicate it is for the recreation of the lions “Frank and Howard”.

This is only one of the ways you can choose to help the Foundation. There is still fundraising to be undertaken as the Foundation continues development of the medical campus: Auditorium, wellness center and pool, and campus housing are all projects the Foundation hopes to complete as it plans for an even healthier future for Willits.

As the Foundation has encouraged since the campaign to build a new hospital and medical campus began, believe in the possible; we, as a small, rural community have certainly seen what believing in the possible can build!

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