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The tone was joyous during the June 22 ribbon-cutting ceremony for Loma Linda University Health–San Bernardino. An awareness and understanding of the area’s great need—it is the poorest city of its size in California—and commitment to the Loma Linda mission to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ inspired the project.

Not only will the new campus serve as a clinical and educational facility, it has the potential to become the largest outpatient facility of its kind in the U.S., providing health care for 200,000 people each year. As he spoke during the formal program, Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Health, recognized old and new friends: colleagues, educators, elected officials, donors, and potential students.

Together they represented relationships—some dating back more than 100 years—drawn upon to make the campus possible.

Before the Board of Trustees approved the project in May 2014, Hart met with colleagues at Loma Linda University Health and Social Action Community (SAC) Health System as well as city officials and representatives of other organizations in small groups; planning sessions were carved into demanding schedules while others took place into the evening.

Hart’s message and words were formed with joy and with such deep gratitude that they paused. In that moment the audience spontaneously responded, showing their support with tremendous applause.

Hart explained that the new educational concept integrates vertical and horizontal teaching. San Manuel Gateway College students will complete clinical rotations alongside Loma Linda University students and physicians in specialty training.

While SAC Health System is the largest provider of health services in San Bernardino County, serving about 50,000 patients a year, the new campus will more than triple its space, providing enhanced care for tens of thousands of patients who, because of their insurance status, would not otherwise be able to access health care.

San Manuel Gateway College, the first of its kind in the United States, will integrate training programs in health careers with clinical experience, allowing students to benefit from hands-on training and mentoring by Loma Linda University Health faculty and students.

The college is named after the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, whose generous donation of $10 million enabled its construction. The tribe represented on the task force brought to the podium, Hart acknowledged that Young has been the administrator of the health system for 17 years.

Before joining Loma Linda University Health, Wild worked as a principal in the San Bernardino City Unified School District for 20 years. As he began his address to the crowd, Wild said, “It is a privilege to be associated with such a great man,” pointing to Hart. Once the applause subsided, Wild noted that in the beginning, there was a group called the San Manuel Gateway College Task Force, charged with dreaming and planning for what the new campus could be.

“Tribal member Tom Ramos expressed optimism that the new campus will be effective in ‘revitalizing San Bernardino and our whole community,’” Wild observed.

In an interview recorded at the time of the groundbreaking for the new campus, Ramos recalled the days when physicians and nurses from Loma Linda made special trips to ensure that members of the tribe had access to quality health care. “They came for us,” Ramos reported, “and now that we’ve been blessed with a great fortune, San Manuel is still very much a part of this community, and we really, wholeheartedly, love to give back.”

In calling Nancy Young, MHES, president and CEO of SAC Health System, and Arwyn Wild, MA, executive director of San Manuel Gateway College, to the podium, Hart acknowledged that Young has been the administrator of the health system for 17 years.

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After noting that it is a privilege to see all the knowledge, energy, and resources represented on the task force brought to bear on the creation of the new campus, Wild choked up when he said, “I would be remiss in making this about us. It’s not about us. It’s about the future. It’s about our kids. It’s about providing the light at the end of the tunnel. This opportunity

Loma Linda University Health leaders, local and state dignitaries, members of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and leaders of various groups who will serve in the day-to-day operation of Loma Linda University Health–San Bernardino, cut the lengthy red ribbon, officially opening the new facility.

By James Ponder and Nancy Yuen

The new building joins the San Bernardino City skyline, located just east of the Interstate 215 Freeway and north of the Interstate 10 Freeway.
**New vice president/administrator named for East Campus and Surgical Hospital**

By Heather Reifsnyder

Jonathan Jean-Marie, MHA, has joined the leadership team at Loma Linda University Health. On July 1, 2016, he became president/administrator for Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus and LLU Surgical Hospital.

"Jonathan is recognized as a results-driven health care executive," says Kerry Heinrich, JD, executive vice president for hospital affairs, Loma Linda University Health. "His interests include organization leadership, project management, program development, human resources management, physician engagement and policy development.

Jean-Marie comes to Loma Linda University Health after serving as CEO of Kindred Hospital Riverside for more than a year. During his career he has worked in a variety of health care settings, including regulatory, managed care, and hospital operations management.

"I am blessed and honored to join such an incredible organization with a great legacy," Jean-Marie says. "I hope to continue the amazing work that has already begun at East Campus and Surgical Hospital. I am committed to working with our teams, our physicians and leaders to provide exceptional, patient-focused care consistent with our mission."

Jean-Marie holds a master's degree in health care administration from Florida A&M University, and he is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the National Association for Health Services Executives.

Heinrich concludes, "I am looking forward to working with Jonathan to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ. I hope you will take a moment to welcome him as he joins the Loma Linda University Health administrative team."

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**$2.4 million grant will integrate psychological and medical care for low-income population**

By Heather Reifsnyder

A substantial new grant will help low-income patients by further integrating behavioral health with medical care at the SAC Health System in San Bernardino.

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the SAC Health System in San Bernardino a $2.4 million grant to Loma Linda University School of Medicine to conduct a collaborative project between the school’s department of medicine and the School of Behavioral Health’s department of psychology.

The grant will allow the creation of interprofessional high-risk teams of nurses, family physicians, psychologists and pharmacists to support patients who are the most vulnerable for poor health outcomes, integrating behavioral health as needed in all outpatient clinic visits.

"For example," says principal investigator and professor Kelly Morton, PhD, "if a patient has uncontrolled diabetes, they are at risk for stroke, heart attack, loss of vision, and limbs. So if they are also depressed, it will be difficult to make progress with medication adherence and lifestyle changes needed to prevent these complications."

Morton concludes, "With this integrated team approach, we can examine the whole person and determine the best program referral or visit type to help the patient work with us to achieve health and wellness over time."

While Jean-Marie will help patients, it will also create a sustainable pipeline of family medicine physicians and primary care psychologists who can work together to improve mental and physical health in the same clinical setting.

This pipeline is particularly important in the Inland Empire, which has a shortage of psychiatrists as well as medically underserved populations of patients.

The project, called IMPACT—Integrated Medical-home for Patients: Access, Cost and Targeted Management—will create this sustainable pipeline of family physicians and primary care psychologists by:

- Training medical and psychology students from Loma Linda University to improve behavioral health integration workflow;
- Training family medicine faculty and residents and medical/psychology students in team communication and leadership skills to manage patient populations with a well-functioning interprofessional team; and
- Creating two service learning tracks for medical and psychology doctoral students including didactics, mentoring and placement at a federally qualified health center to provide care for the underserved in our region.

"Five percent of our nation’s population consumes 50 percent of the health care costs and resources," says Roger Hadley, MD, dean of the School of Medicine. "Among these chronically ill patients there are inevitable behavioral issues that must be considered in their management. The most effective way to treat these complex cases is to work collaboratively with the different health care professions."

"This grant provides an expanded opportunity for the department of psychology to work with the department of family medicine in an integrated health model to serve the patients at SAC Health System," says Beverly Buckles, DSW, dean of the Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health.

"The stipends that will be provided for students will be a tremendous help in financing their graduate education."

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**Ribbon-cutting ceremony for Loma Linda University Health—San Bernardino celebrates history, relationships, and future …**

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Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Health, shares a moment with his grandson, Henry Hart Hidalgo, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Loma Linda University Health—San Bernardino.

Moorel, State Senator Connie Leyva, Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales representing San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, U.S. Representative Mark Stevenestr, San Bernardino County Supervisor Ted Alejandre, San Bernardino Mayor Carey Davis, San Bernardino City Council and Fifth District Supervisor Marion Ashley representing the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Fine art photographer Michael Hardison paid visual tribute to his hometown in a series of photographs in the community resource center, titled “This Beautiful City.”

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"A once-thriving city," Hardison wrote, "San Bernardino is often depicted as a place of crime, corruption, and bankruptcy. In the days following the terror attack (December 2, 2015), the negative interpretations continued, overlooking the good that still resided in the area—the people, the community, and the history of the region." Hardison concludes, "The inspiration behind 'This Beautiful City' stems from the resilience of the community: people coming together, reaching out, and moving forward, living in the Inland Empire."

For more photos of the event, turn to page 5 of this issue.
The bird song legacy of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

By James Ponder

A highlight of the June 22 ribbon-cutting ceremony for San Manuel Gateway College and Loma Linda University Health—San Bernardino was the singing of a selection of bird songs by five members of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and one member from the Cahuilla tribe.

Tribal member Tom Ramos explained that the first song was actually about big horn sheep. “It’s one of our Serrano songs,” he said, referring to the name used by early Spanish explorers. Serrano translates as “highlander” and refers to the group’s ancestral home in the upland regions of the former Alta California Province.

The name reflects similarities with the tribe’s own nomenclature. “Our people from San Manuel are known in our native language as Yuhaviya, or Yuha-" Kunam," he added. The name means “People of the Pines.”

Ramos pointed out that the next two songs were Cahuilla bird songs, originating from a related band of Native American Indians who currently live in the Palm Springs area. The songs were rhythmic and melodic, sung in unison, and punctuated by the percussive sounds of hand-painted gourd rattles.

As the men sang, ladies of the tribe perched at the clinic’s window and took pictures of the audience. “It is a great honor to be present,” said one woman, “The audience at the June 22 ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new San Manuel Gateway College and Loma Linda University Health—San Bernardino an opportunity to connect with one of the oldest art forms in California: indigenous music. They are (from left) Santos Chacon, George Murillo, Tom Ramos, Trevor Matthews, and Will Madrigal Jr. Madrigal is a member of the Cahuilla tribe.

Finding sea turtles: a green sea turtle’s view

By Nancy Yuen

Creatures that live in the ocean are often fascinating. It is difficult to imagine what it is like to live in the ocean. The ocean is full of mysteries and hidden dangers. Sea turtles are one of the most fascinating creatures in the ocean.

A female green sea turtle coasts near the shore, where the ocean meets the land. She is looking for a place to lay her eggs. She is a very determined green sea turtle. She is a warrior. She is ready to make the journey to the ocean right after hatching. Their treacherous journey will begin as they hatch. The eggs will be buried in the sand. The hatchlings will swim to the surface of the ocean. They are strong and able to swim. They must be able to swim to survive.

As fast as their tiny flippers can pull them, her hatchlings will move toward the sea. They must be strong enough to swim. They must be able to swim to survive. They must be able to swim to the ocean.

While swimming, the hatchlings will meet many dangers. They will face strong currents and rough waves. They will face predators such as sharks and killer whales. They will face other dangers such as the sun and the sunburn. They must be able to swim and to look for their own food.

Though the currents are never exactly the same, they will be able to swim. They will be able to swim to the ocean. They will be able to swim to the sea. They will be able to swim to the ocean.

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Five bird singers from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and one from the neighboring Cahuilla tribe, offered the audience at the June 22 ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new San Manuel Gateway College and Loma Linda University Health—San Bernardino an opportunity to connect with one of the oldest art forms in California: indigenous music. They are (from left) Santos Chacon, George Murillo, Tom Ramos, Hawk Ramos, Trevor Matthews, and Will Madrigal Jr. Madrigal is a member of the Cahuilla tribe.

Pediatric patients treated to bundles of toys from Rancho Cucamonga Quakes

By Briana Pastorino

Patients at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital’s Hematology/Oncology Clinic received bundles of toys this week thanks to some up and coming baseball players.

The Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, affiliates of the Los Angeles Dodgers, made the special delivery Friday, June 24, to patients receiving treatment at the clinic, which was nearly at capacity that day. Memories were made as several patients got a new toy to take home along with autographed baseballs and team gear from the athletes.

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While shopping, the baseball players specifically pointed out toys from their earlier conversations with the patients and took them back to the clinic.

To see photos of the Quakes visit their trip to the toy store, visit the LLUCH Facebook page.

Steve Dunbar, PhD, reveals secrets of the green sea turtle. (Photo by Dustin Baumbach, 2014)

“It is estimated,” says Steve Dunbar, PhD, professor, Loma Linda University School of Medicine department of earth and biological sciences, “that just one in 1,000 sea turtles will survive from hatching to adulthood.”

While sharks, sea gulls and even wild dogs were her enemies while she was a hatchling, her shell has grown with her. Even though now, at close to five feet in length, her shell is tough enough that sharks look elsewhere for their meals, she still turns sideways when she spots a large shark to make herself look as big, and as indestructible as possible.

According to Dunbar, it is not possible to know how long sea turtles live while they’re alive. “While we measure
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How Don Gobel’s explosive farewell to the hunting and shooting industry led him to LLU Cancer Center

By James Ponder

Don Gobel, who recently made arrangements for two substantial gifts to Loma Linda University Cancer Center, picked a momentous day to retire.

At the end of a high-powered career in the hunting and shooting industry, Gobel chose a late-summer Tuesday as the day to step down from his position as CEO of both Browning North America and Winchester Repeating Arms Company. Before joining Browning, he had held a similar position with Weaver Rifle Scope Company, which—at that time—was owned by Winchester.

“The parent company of Browning is in Belgium, so I went to Europe an average of five times a year,” he shares. “I got to see the world. I enjoyed international trips. Once a year, I took my wife with me and we toured for a week. I bet I’ve been in Brussels airport, the one that was hit by terrorists in March, at least 75 times.”

It wasn’t the only point of contact between Gobel’s career and international terrorism. “I retired on the very day of 9/11,” he shares, recalling the fateful date in 2001 when Al Qaeda operatives crashed commercial airplanes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a Pennsylvania field.

“[Jesus] is the one who can tell us the reason for our existence, our place in the scheme of things, our real identity. It is an identity we can’t discover for ourselves, that others can’t discover in us—the mystery of who we really are. How we have chased around the world for answers to that riddle, looked in the eyes of others for some hint, some clue, hunted in the multiple worlds of pleasure and experience and self-fulfillment in some glimmer, some revelation, some wisdom, some authority to tell us our right name and our true destination. But there was, and is, only One who can tell us that: the Lord himself. And he wants to tell us, he has made it so clear: our reason for being and to be led by it. But it is a secret he will entrust to us only when we ask, and then in his own way and his own time. He will whisper to us in that mad rush and fever of our striving and our fierce determination to be someone, but rather when we are content to rest in him, to put ourselves into his keeping, into his hands. Most delightfully of all, it is a secret he will tell us slowly and sweetly, when we are willing to spend time with him time with him who is beyond all time.

May we all dedicate time to spend with the Lord and learn who we really are.

Nothing said to us, nothing we can learn from others, reaches us so deeply as that which we find in ourselves under the gentle help of the Holy Spirit.

Author Emilie Griffin has wise words to say on this subject in her book “Clinging: The Experience of Prayer.”

I was in a meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, and got stuck there three days,” he informs. “We were told by a highway patrolman to evacuate our hotel.”

“At the time, Gobel and his wife, Liz, had been living a transcontinental life. “We lived in Utah and Connecticut,” he explains. “Every two weeks, we flew from Salt Lake City to Chicago and then to the New Haven airport, which was just 10 minutes from our condo.”

The unusual living arrangement was necessitated by the fact that, for the last seven years of his 20-year career with Browning, Gobel was also the CEO of Winchester. While Browning was based in the very small intermountain town of Morgan, Utah, Winchester was—at the time—headquartered in Connecticut.

Since both companies were owned by the same parent firm, and Gobel had done an exemplary job at Browning, he was asked if he could compromise as well.

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Loma Linda University Health partners with the Lions Club to provide free vision screening to schools and daycares

By Briana Pastorino

Loma Linda University Health department of ophthalmology and the Lions Club have partnered together to provide free vision screening to children at schools and daycare facilities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The George P. Cheng, MD, Children’s Vision Screening Program (VSP), funded by a grant from the Cheng Family Foundation, is coordinated through the department of ophthalmology and is supported by Lions KidSight USA.

The vision screening program began in September 2015 after the Cheng Family Foundation donated $120,000 to the department of ophthalmology. Since its inception, the program has visited 80 schools and daycares and screened over 5,000 kids ages 6 months to 6 years.

Volunteers began visiting schools and daycare facilities in the community for the program in September 2015.

“From birth until age 7, the brain is developing its ability to see,” says Ronela Tavoc, program manager of the VSP. “Looking ahead, it is likely that over 13,000 kids will be screened this year,” said Manning. If any issues are detected during the screening, the child will receive a referral to see a physician. The program follows up within two to three weeks with the parents of those children who did not pass their screening. Manning affirmed that of those kids who are screened, 12-15 percent receive referrals.

“We assist them in any way we can,” stated Tavoc, “whether it’s just to answer questions about screening or the results, or to find an eye doctor that accepts their insurance in their area or by assisting financially.”

Without the VSP, schools would have to contract services out or rely on school nurses to give acuity tests. The VSP does not replace an eye exam with a physician, but can detect an eye issue that may need medical attention.

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Lions Club volunteer Ron Charleston uses the photorefractive screener to check the eyes of a 2-year-old child at Yucaipa KinderCare.

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The only way he could effectively do both jobs simultaneously was to live in both places, so he and Liz became frequent flyers.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, as the son of Swedish immigrants, Gobel moved with his family to Glendale, California, when he was 8. Four years later, he met his future wife when he was 12 and she was 8. “We went to the same church until she moved away,” he reports. “Then she came back as a teenager and I said, ‘Wow!’”

During his senior year in high school, Gobel won a $600 business scholarship from Bob Wian, founder of the Bob’s Big Boy restaurant chain. He used the money to further his education, graduating from Woodbury University with a major in finance and accounting in 1956. That same year, he and Liz were married in Glendale. They will celebrate their 60th anniversary later this year.

Liz hadn’t exactly been thrilled when Gobel told her he had accepted the position with Browning in the backwoods of Utah. “We’re going to move to where?” she had asked incredulously.

In reality, the job took Gobel to an even more remote location. The address may say Morgan, but the executive offices are 10 miles further into the “boonies” in an unincorporated borough called Mountain Green. The company needed a good spot to build a rural firearms-testing facility and liked the isolation Mountain Green afforded.

“The hunting and shooting industry is always very conservative,” Gobel explains. “The majority of the employees love and use the products of the company. It adds an extra amount of enjoyment.”

For an avid hunter like Gobel, one of the perks of working in the industry was getting to hunt a lot. Once a year, he took a major hunting trip, usually to some exotic destination. The tables turned, however, when the hunter became the hunted.

“I’m a three-time cancer survivor,” he reveals. “When I was 35, I had a melanoma on my back. I didn’t know what it was, nor did I take it seriously. But when I finally went to see the doctor, he told me, ‘I have made an appointment for you and your oncologist tomorrow. No matter what else is on your calendar, be there anyway.’”

After a successful bout of treatment, Gobel was required to maintain frequent visits to his doctor to make sure the cancer did not return. “I was checked constantly for three years,” he reports.

The second time cancer stalked Gobel was in 1990. “I was in Belgium,” he discloses, “when I was in the middle of my career. But I have a strong faith in God, and I know where I’m going when I die.”

Dying isn’t on the agenda anytime soon, however. With the locus of his cancer therapy moved from the main campus to the satellite Cancer Center in Highland Springs, Gobel enjoys his frequent appointments with Frank Howard, MD, a hematology/oncology specialist.

“He wears the wildest socks! But I walk in and I don’t even have to sign in. They treat me like I’m a hero.”

“Emotionally, it hit me harder in 1990,” Gobel says. “Allie, the head nurse at Highland Springs, comes up to me and says, Dr. Howard couldn’t be any better! I agree. The only complaint I have is his socks.”

The other person who made a huge impression on Gobel is Carlos Garberoglio, MD, professor of surgery and chair of the department of surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Gobel likes Garberoglio’s patient way of explaining things, and has decided, on the basis of his positive experiences as a Cancer Center patient, to leave two gifts as a means of showing his appreciation.

The first will arrive in late 2016 after the sale of a highly appreciated stock, which has already been donated to a donor-advised fund. The second will be an estate gift. Both will assist the Loma Linda University Cancer Center in continuing to provide hope and healing for years to come.

Looking back, Gobel is grateful to God for the gift of life and for leading him to the Cancer Center. “I walk in,” he concludes, “and they treat me like I’m a hero.”
Greg and Irmgart Mitchell on love, giving, helping students, and speedboats

By James Ponder

When he was 20 years old, Greg Mitchell—who was then working in the dispatch department at Loma Linda University Medical Center—couldn't stop thinking about a statuesque young lady who was employed as a physical therapy aide. Her name was Irmgart Jedamski and one momentous winter Sunday, Greg realized the time had come to take action. He walked into her office and asked for her number.

Despite his confidence, Greg inadvertently betrayed a touch of nervousness. “I dropped his pencil.” Irmgart reports. Overall, however, he made a very favorable impression.

“When I saw Greg, my heart skipped,” she reveals. “We were both very comfortable with each other. He was just kind and real, not trying to impress me or be what he thought I might like.”

Despite his success, Greg got a cynical response when he bragged to a colleague about getting the number. “You’ll never get a response when he bragged to a colleague,” he told Greg. “He dropped his pencil.”

Irmgart about a week later to ask if

“Use it!” the coworker sneered. “You’ll never

about getting the number. “You’ll never

response when he bragged to a colleague

“He dropped his pencil,” Irmgart

asked for her number.

Back in 2002, Greg bought a faded

black 1972 Camaro Rally Sport coupe with

“cheery red velour interior” as a

father/daughter restoration project for

himself and the couple’s older daughter.
Stephanie, She was soon to start college

and Greg figured it was time she learned
to care for her own car. He also made sure
that younger daughter Katelyn learned
about cars.

By the time Greg and Stephanie fin-
ished renovating the Camaro, it was red
with white stripes, and the velour had been
replaced with dark gray vinyl. It got her through college with a touch of
panache. Today, she owns the car with
her husband, Stuart Seheult, but they
let Greg and Irmgart take it for a spin
once in a while.

For her part, Katelyn—who is
married to Rick Hickman—also mas-
tered the finer points of auto repair. One
afternoon a few years ago, she spotted
a motorist stranded by the side of the
road as she drove to the family avocado
ranch in Moorpark, California. Most
girls would have looked the other way or
called AAA, but not Katelyn.

“She fixed it and got him on his way,”
Greg proudly reports. “The driver said,
‘Thank you very much! Your dad must
not have any boys.’”

Today, Greg and Irmgart work at the
School of Dentistry where he is direc-
tor of clinical management systems and
patient care services, and she is director
of student services.

“Students say I’m the mother of the
school,” Irmgart laughs. “Being in my position, I’m very aware of their needs.”

Dental school is expensive, and stu-
dents sometimes need help meeting
expenses, especially when emergency
situations arise.

When that happens, they are relieved
to learn that Greg, Irmgart, and other
faculty donors have their backs.

For years, Greg Mitchell has worked on restoring and refining his 1975 Sanger speedboat. Here he is enjoying the results of his efforts.

A green sea turtle's view ...

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the growth of the turtle shell from year
to year until adulthood—a several centi-
meters a year for green sea turtles,” he
says, “the shell almost stops growing once
maturity is reached. Tragically, the lifespan of many sea turtles are too
to often cut short. Many are killed when
they become entangled in fishing nets or
floating garbage; humans also capture
them for food or for their shells.”

Cartoons and stories are entertain-
ing, are often heartwarming and provide
great opportunities for parents to spend
time with their kids. They also open up
new areas for discussion.

For kids who are interested in finding out more about the secrets of sea
turtles, says Dunbar, “the turtleprotect.
too.org website is a great resource.”

Families can plan a vacation so they
can volunteer working with sea turtles.
“They can help us learn more about
these amazing creatures by watching
the beach where turtles nest in Honduras
each night,” says Dunbar, “or diving in their
home waters.”

Dunbar is planning to teach a course
at Loma Linda University that will be
open to the community, to learn more
about the amazing sea creatures that
live and swim off the California coast.

Greg and Irmgart Mitchell have been spending a lot of time together since
first noticing each other at Loma Linda University Medical Center more
than three decades ago.

“We’ve been donating regularly to
different things for several years,” Greg
gExplains. “We give to the Dean’s Circle
as well as to scholarships and student
emergency funds. We also co-sponsored
a plaque on the Centennial Pathway to
commemorate the start of the Interna-
tional Dental Program. We have found
that giving is beneficial for us as well as
the institution that educated us.”

Although they prefer to give directly
when situations arise rather than through the payroll deduction plan, the
Mitchells’ gifts still underscore both
the Grow Together employee giving program and Vision 2020, The Cam-
aign for a Whole Tomorrow.

“The Grow Together program is very
flexible,” says Darin West, director. “We
welcome the contributions of employees
who give through the payroll donation
plan, but we are also very grateful for the
gifts of Greg and Irmgart Mitchell and
others who choose to support specific
programs through their generosity. We
know that vital needs do not go unmet. We
appreciate their kindess a lot!”

Infor-
mation about Grow Together is available
online at http://advance.luthreath.
org/grow-together.

In their spare time, Greg and Irmgart
love to spend time with their grandchildren. “I enjoy the grandparents a lot,” he
reports. She, however, takes things to a
whole other level, learning how to “outdo the
world,” she insists. “Being ‘called Omis’ is
the best thing in the world. We live close
enough that we get to see them a lot.”

Speedboats are the other passion of
Greg’s life. About 20 years ago, he
purchased a 1975 Sanger bubble deck
powerboat. “It will do just over 90 m.p.h.
with a 225 HP engine,” he explains.

“I have had engines in it that would put it
over 100.”

Never satisfied, Greg refined the
boat for the next eight years, trying out
two or four different engines, refinish-
ing the inside, and polishing or powder-coating all the aluminum and
stainless steel. The biggest challenge
was getting it ready for speed.

“It was relatively unsafe at the speeds
I wanted to run it at when I got it,” Greg
notes. “A lot of the work was just to get it
to behave itself under a lot of power.”

Upon refinements later, the boat is
a marvel of performance and passion.
Lean and sleek, it features an enormous
engine, huge pipes, and a snazzy white
paint job with stripes and accents in
purple, navy, gray, and pink. It looks fast
sitting still.

It also looks expensive. “If Irmgart
found out how much money I’ve actually
spent on it over the years, I don’t think
we would be so happily married,” Greg
confesses with a grin. “That’s my old saying! My biggest fear is that if some-
thing happens to me, my wife will sell all
my stuff for what I told her I paid for it.”

Reportable Crimes

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires colleges
and universities across the United States to publish interim reports on campus
crime activities. Listed below are the crimes reported for Loma Linda University
Health for the month of June 2016.

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You can assist the Loma Linda University Health department of security in
maintaining a safe and secure environment by notifying security immediately at
extension 9-4-1 if you see or know about a crime taking place.
Partnership results in formation of new medical device company and offers first innovative device to industry

By Susan Onuma

The department of technology transfer, part of the office of research affairs at Loma Linda University Health, announced a partnership with MedDevCo, LLC, that has resulted in the formation of a new medical device company—DARRT, LLC—and the launch of its first product, DARRT.

The product, a laser-guided percutaneous access needle, is designed to eliminate or minimize radiation exposure to patients, physicians, and staff during percutaneous nephrolithotomy (PCNL) cases.

Percutaneous access is a commonly used step for evaluation and/or treatment of a variety of disease conditions and pathologies in a number of surgical and clinical procedures.

The procedure is complex and often requires real-time imaging guidance using ultrasound, CT, or fluoroscopy. In surgery, the term “percutaneous” pertains to any medical procedure where access to inner organs or other tissues is performed via needle-puncture of the skin, in contrast to using an “open” approach where inner organs or tissue are exposed.

The initial step in the procedure is to insert a wire for subsequent access into the inner portions of organs, space, viscous, or lumen. DARRT helps guide this process, greatly reducing life-threatening errors.

MedDevCo’s founder and CEO, Steve Redenbaugh, says, “MedDevCo is excited to enter into this leading-edge collaboration with Loma Linda University Medical Center and Dr. Baldwin.”

He continues, “We strongly believe our partnership represents an extremely effective model for future medical device development.”

Founder and COO Ron Pirzack adds, “Our collective efforts will undoubtedly expedite the product development process and ensure that this important, innovative technology and procedure get to market quickly for the benefit and safety of patients, physicians and supporting medical staff.”

Eric Gesink, PhD, director of technology transfer at Loma Linda University Health, explains, “The goal of technology transfer here at Loma Linda is to bring the innovations and discoveries of our medical research staff to market to help benefit humanity.”

The Loma Linda University research affairs’ technology transfer program manages innovative technology arising from research conducted at Loma Linda University and its affiliates.

The Bayh-Dole Act (1980) requires universities to report all inventions arising from federally supported research, and to diligently pursue patent protection and commercialization for new technologies that are commercially promising.

Industry-sponsored research and foundation grants may also have requirements for disclosure, as well as expectations regarding licensing of inventions under these research awards.

DARRT is a product of medical research and innovation by urologist Duane Baldwin, MD, and radiologist Steve Redenbaugh, MD, at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Baldwin is also a professor of surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

DARRT, LLC, is partially owned by Loma Linda University.

Children’s Hospital patients receive donation from Subaru San Bernardino and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

By Briana Pastorino

Despite the heat, kids receiving treatment at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital hematology/oncology clinic still have a need for blankets in the summer, and they won’t be falling short any time soon.

Members from the Orange County Inland Empire Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) stopped by the clinic Tuesday, June 28, to brighten the kids’ day delivering 60 blankets.

The patients find comfort in the blankets and use them while receiving treatment. Aiden Garcia, 5, was the first patient at the LLUCH clinic to receive a blanket from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Subaru San Bernardino. His family—who travels from their home in Lone Pine (roughly 200 miles from San Bernardino) so their son can get the care he needs—was very appreciative of the gift.

The blanket donation is part of the LLS of Orange County Inland Empire Chapter and Subaru of San Bernardo’s participation in the national Subaru Loves Promise Campaign.

Through the campaign, LLS and Subaru intend to spread hope, love, and warmth to cancer patients through small gestures by donating more than 30,000 blankets across the country.

The Blankets are enclosed in a box that also contains a message of hope written by Subaru customers. A brochure for parents offering support and resources is also included in the gift.

The Children’s Hospital hematology/oncology clinic—which cares for patients with childhood cancers and blood disorders such as aplastic anemia—is the only clinic or hospital in Orange County and the Inland Empire that has received such a donation from the campaign.

A prototype of the new DARRT medical device, invented by urologist Duane Baldwin, MD, is demonstrated above.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of the Orange County Inland Empire Chapter campaign manager Angelica Simmons (right) gifts a blanket to Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital patient Aiden Garcia, age 5, on Tuesday, June 28.