

FISCAL YEAR 2010 REPORT TO OUR DISTRICT



Mark Twain Health Care District

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To the Residents of Calaveras County,

It certainly has been a while since we prepared a Fiscal Year Report for our District residents. This past year has been very busy with community collaborations and we wanted to share the results with all of you.

As you know, we are in a partnership with Catholic Healthcare West for the provision of health care services in Calaveras County. This affiliation has been very successful for our communities, providing resources that would never have been attainable otherwise. Your District's Board of Directors is still an active participant in the provision of care and we identified several projects last year that improved access to health care, provided health information to our residents, addressed chronic disease issues and secured our future with the purchase of land for future growth.

That's what this Fiscal Report is about; to inform you of how we return your tax dollars back to the community. Please take time to read about our accomplishments and how you benefitted. It has been a very special year and there is more to come in FY2011.

Sincerely,

Colleen Smart, Chairman
Mark Twain Health Care District Board



Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital

A member of CHW

Dear District Residents,

The Mark Twain Health Care District is just one of the 42 special districts in Calaveras County who receive an allocation of revenues from property taxes. It is always important to know how this money is spent and how our residents receive a benefit in return. After all, this is your tax money.

Because of our affiliation with Catholic Healthcare West, who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital, the District spends the tax revenue in specific areas such as utility payments and insurance. But we also use this tax revenue to support projects that provide value and benefit back to your community.

This past year the District financially supported many community benefit activities, as mentioned in this FY2010 Annual Community Report. The most exciting activity for the District and the community was the purchase of land in Angels Camp to support the relocation and enhancement of the Family Medical Center that has been a part of your community since 1987. Interestingly, this Family Medical Center was the first of its kind in Calaveras County and was a strategic effort by the District that brought it here! There are now five Family Medical Centers located in the District, and your neighborhoods.

Please take the time to review this community report and take pride in what your hard earned property taxes have accomplished.

Sincerely,

Feliciano Jiron, President

Our History

Mark Twain District Hospital was built in 1951 with funding from the newly enacted Hill-Burton Act. In 1989 the District Board voted to align with St. Joseph's Hospital in Stockton and this partnership affiliated with Catholic Healthcare West in 1996. The new hospital opened in 1997. Mark Twain Health District retains 50% ownership in all of the facility assets while the day-to-day operations of the hospital are the responsibility of the Mark Twain St. Joseph's Health Care Corporation. The District receives a property tax allocation each year from the County, is responsible for all hospital utilities and provides funding to support health care projects through the partnership with the hospital.

Our Present

Support of the hospital's Nurse Call Center continues. The center provides a toll-free number 24 hours a day, seven days a week to a registered nurse who can answer questions about any injuries or illnesses your family members may have. She can refer you to a physician. Or you can use the audio library to inquire about anything dealing with health. This year the Center had 4,023 calls from our community, all at no charge!

There was a renewed focus this year on chronic disease management; the District Board does everything possible to work with diabetic residents who had to be admitted for treatment or were at-risk for complications. The District provides the necessary funding for education and tips on nutrition and exercise, and none of these patients had to be readmitted! Funding was also provided for Diabetes Education for residents who were referred to us by their physicians.



Our new Family Medical Center in Angels Camp will open in 2012.



A "Let's Talk Health" luncheon featured Peggy Fleming.

forward to assist with the funding of this new Family Medical Center, Women's Health Resource Center and Imaging Center. The new facility is slated to open in 2012.

For many years we have felt the Highway 4 corridor lacked access to health screenings and information. Yes, the hospital has their Annual Health Fair in the Fall. But for many residents from Copperopolis on up the hill to Arnold and beyond, the health fair was inconvenient. This year we partnered with Ironstone Vineyards to have a Spring Health Fair. And it was a great fair, even if the rains came and kept some residents home. Free flu shots, health education from community organizations, and health screenings were provided. We also funded four "Let's Talk Health" luncheons with speakers Peggy Fleming, Dr. Ryan Thompson, Dan Savage and Dr. Rhoda Nussbaum. We also supported the 5K Fun Run/Walk to support Lupus research and treatment, which ended the month of activities at Ironstone.

The Mark Twain Health Care District funded the "2nd Annual Pink in the Night" project that lit up Copperopolis, Angels Camp and Arnold on October 1st with pink lights to increase breast cancer awareness. It was literally breathtaking to flip the switch and see our community in pink! For this project we partnered with the Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation.

We have been working for many months with Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital to identify a new location for an expanded Family Medical Center in Angels Camp. An excellent 4.2 acre parcel was located on Stanislaus Avenue and was purchased in April by the District. Besides partnering with the hospital, the Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation has also stepped



Our Spring Health Fair at Ironstone welcomed the community.



5K Fun Run/Walk heads out of the Ironstone gate.

Our Future

We already know FY2011 is going to be difficult as our tax revenues are forecast to decline by 10% due to the declining economy. We have committed to provide the necessary funding for the Diabetes and "Pink in the Night" projects. And we look forward to the 2nd Annual Spring Health Fair at Ironstone Vineyards, especially important during these hard economic times. As the year progresses and priorities are identified, we will continue to work hard to improve the health of our residents. *This is all in support of your taxpayer dollars.*

GOOD HEALTH

Make the most of living in our region. Get the answers you need to stay healthy from a health care professional. Our Nurse Call Center is available 24 hours a day, every day – 1-800-500-5601.