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A Pioneer in his Field
GOOD NEWS

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Dr. George and Mrs. Laurie Stoneman have spent their lives actively serving others and the causes near and dear to their hearts. As fourth-generation Californians, their paths to Good Samaritan Hospital began early on and have stayed strong for decades.

Dr. Stoneman is the great grandson of George Stoneman, the Governor of California when Good Samaritan Hospital was founded in 1885 and had just nine beds. Three generations later, Dr. Stoneman was born at Good Samaritan. Little did he know, his birthplace would also be his first internship experience and, later, his home as an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) doctor for 35 years.

Through Partners In Health and numerous fundraising efforts, Dr. George and Mrs. Laurie Stoneman have created a lasting legacy.
Laurie began her volunteer relationship with Good Samaritan Hospital at ten years of age. Her grandmother helped run the hospital gift shop and invited her to help go through the inventory and keep things neat during the holidays.

The Stonemans have two adult children, a son Josh who was also born at Good Sam, and a daughter Heather.

With roots running deep throughout California and Good Samaritan, it was only natural that the Stonemans’ paths would continue to lead them back.

Dr. Stoneman landed his first summer internship as an assistant to the orderlies at Good Samaritan when he was in high school. “Good Sam was the hospital to the stars,” he recalls. But more than just a thrill of celebrity sightings, the experience sparked his interest in medicine. He would pursue this interest as a pre-med student at Stanford and would come back home during the summers. “Home” included interning at Good Samaritan. “My medical career began at Good Sam,” Dr. Stoneman said proudly.

Dr. Stoneman went on to earn his medical degree from USC in 1965. He lived at Good Samaritan Hospital his last two years of medical school, working as an extern, performing histories and physicals on patients. After a rotating internship at LAC-USC Medical Center, he volunteered for the U.S. Air Force where he served as a flight surgeon stationed in Thailand for a squadron of F-105 pilots.

“I lived with the pilots; I took care of them. It was really a great experience and that’s how I got interested in ENT because the pilots would get ear problems and spatial disorientation,” he said.

After the Air Force and a residency in Otolaryngology, Dr. Stoneman applied to Good Samaritan for a full-time member of the medical staff. He was accepted in 1972. He served as chair of the Ear, Nose and Throat section for many years, chaired the Credentials Committee, and was a member of the Medical Executive Committee for several years.

“I could go anywhere in the world and I chose Good Sam. The quality of the staff, the physicians, and everybody you work with at Good Sam has always been excellent and the reputation has maintained itself.”

George and Laurie Stoneman in the stairwell of their home where framed historical family documents align their hallway. Far left, a signed framed letter to Dr. Stoneman’s great grandfather George Stoneman by President Abraham Lincoln. At right, a book published about Dr. Stoneman’s great grandfather—a civil war hero and former governor of California.
With Dr. Stoneman’s career launching at Good Samaritan, Laurie became an active supporter of the hospital. She joined the Auxiliary, a volunteer support group with annual proceeds supporting vital programs and services at Good Sam. In the 30 plus years that she has been an Auxiliary board member, she served as president for a double term from 2000 to 2004 and co-chaired two very successful benefits. Currently she is the Auxiliary’s computer “guru”, publishing the newsletters, annual roster and designing the meeting invitations. She has been a longtime member of the Fund Development Committee, an advisory group which oversees fundraising efforts for the hospital.

Dr. Stoneman has been a member of Partners in Health (PIH), Good Samaritan’s physician donor group, since its inception. “Through Partners in Health, Laurie and I have supported cardiology, the Palliative Care Program, the restoration of the church organ, the Cancer Fund, the library, the Good Sam history book, and the development of the new OR,” he said.

“I’ve always believed you should support where you work.”

Dr. Stoneman would gain experience leading a fundraising campaign over a decade ago while serving as the ENT chair. By working closely with Good Samaritan’s development team, he raised $225,000, more than was needed to purchase an image guidance machine for sinus surgery that is still used today. The Stonemans hosted a party at their home in Hancock Park for donors and supporters of the hospital to celebrate. Dr. Stoneman followed up by handwriting 90 thank you notes. “It makes you feel proud,” he said. The balance of the sinus fund, along with the generosity of grateful patients and friends, was used to fund an operating room in the new and soon to be opened Ambulatory Surgery Center.

While Dr. Stoneman retired from Good Samaritan in 2010, he remains an avid supporter of the hospital and his and Laurie’s legacy of support to the hospital continues to grow. When discussing their impact, the Stonemans remain humble. “You know that you’re doing something good and having a good time doing it,” Laurie said.

She adds thoughtfully, “We would like to see more of an impact because we’d like to give more to Good Sam.”

Partners In Health is Good Samaritan’s physician donor group. With the support of physician partners, the program has raised more than $3.5 million toward the hospital’s programs, services, specialized departments and critical needs. Physicians participate by making annual contributions of $1,000 or more and serve an integral role in the growth and success of the hospital. To join, please contact Kim Cabral, Annual Giving Manager, Fund Development Department at (213) 977-2935 or email kcabral@goodsam.org.
For the past forty years, David S. Boyer, M.D., a world-renowned clinician, surgeon and researcher, has called Good Samaritan Hospital his home for the surgical aspect of his retinal practice. As a senior partner with Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group in Los Angeles, Dr. Boyer works with ten talented specialists who focus their practice on the treatment of diseases affecting the retina, the vitreous and the macula, including macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachment, retinitis, uveitis, ocular tumors and pediatric retinal diseases.
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Every day, 50 children from three-months-old to five years of age spend their day at the Good Samaritan Hospital Child Care Center. Serving children of Good Samaritan Hospital staff and children of the local community, the Center has been a staple of Good Samaritan for thirty years.
Child Care Center Director Kimberly Kenner does not take her responsibility lightly. With 20 years of experience in childhood development, she leads the Center with 14 teachers and assistants and believes childhood development is her vocational “calling.”

Recently, the Center received an outdoor discovery set for the infant play yard, donated by the Good Samaritan Auxiliary. The structure’s age-appropriate activities aid in children’s large motor skill development and provide an opportunity for children to engage in outdoor play.

“The Center has been here for three decades and this is the first time that the infant play yard has had a structure this size that facilitates outdoor activities for infants as young as 6 months old,” said Kenner of the gift.

“We are extremely grateful to the Auxiliary and hope to continue to equip our outdoor spaces in an intentional manner so that children can enjoy a full range of activities as a natural extension of our indoor learning spaces.”

Led by dedicated members since 1951, the Good Samaritan Auxiliary has supported the growth and development of the hospital, its programs and services through fundraising events, volunteer work and the operation of the gift shop. The Auxiliary has consistently focused on the Child Care Center since the 1980s.

“Every year we do something for the Child Care Center,” said Mahlon Lawton, president of the Auxiliary.

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“Our main goal is to make it easier for hospital employees who have newborns to continue their work at Good Sam by having their childcare right there at the hospital.”

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“Good Samaritan Hospital is such a worthwhile community hospital,” said Lawton. “It does an amazing amount of good just being there in the neighborhood, so I feel very invested in continuing to support the hospital through the Auxiliary.”

Marylin Stephens, the Auxiliary’s liaison to the Center couldn’t agree more. “I just love everything that the Center does for the children. It is wonderful to see the great things the Center is doing.”

The Childcare Center and its staff are dedicated to providing nurturing care while providing age-appropriate activities that foster the emotional, physical, social and cognitive development of each individual child. With generous donations from the Auxiliary and individual donors, the Center is poised to continue in its dedication to the community’s children.

“We feel that it is important as early childhood educators to prepare the next generation to be better stewards of our planet. We want children to perceive outdoors as a safe place to play and to develop an understanding and appreciation of nature, especially as children growing up in the heart of downtown Los Angeles,” said Kenner.
The Bishop Johnson College of Nursing (BJCN) Alumnae Association awarded 2017 scholarships to Good Samaritan Hospital nursing employees who are furthering their studies in a nursing field.

Since 1989, the BJCN Alumnae Association has been awarding thousands of dollars every year to qualified nurses who go through the process of submitting an application, official transcripts, a letter of recommendation along with a personal essay as to why he/she deserves the scholarship.

This year the BJCN scholarship committee awarded five $2,000 scholarships for a total of $10,000 at the annual Bishop Johnson College of Nursing Scholarship Luncheon held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Maseley-Salvatori Conference Center.

THE 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE:

Harry Avellona – Nursing Education
Kelley Centeno – Emergency Department
Simy Hei – Oncology/Respiratory
Jiae Vicky Kwak – Orthopedic/Medical-Surgical Unit
Blanca Martinez – Emergency Department

We congratulate all the award recipients, and wish them success in their academic endeavors.

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Good Samaritan Hospital is pleased to welcome Mr. Phillip Wolfe as our new Vice President of Professional Operations. Phillip joined Good Sam in August 2017 from Kindred Healthcare where he served as CEO for five years. Prior to his role with Kindred Healthcare, he served as Executive Director for Catholic Healthcare West.

“I am thrilled to join Good Samaritan Hospital and excited for the opportunity to help a great facility grow even more and to be part of a great team with a great reputation,” said Phillip. “I think that with Good Sam’s team, we can accomplish anything. They have such smart, engaged and willing people all the way from the top to the bottom.”

Phillip brings a wealth of experience and success in hospital operations, practice management and healthcare strategic planning to Good Sam. He has spent his career at some of the nation’s most reputable hospitals, including New York Presbyterian and Cedars Sinai Medical Center.

Phillip earned his master’s in Public Health from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and his master’s in Public Administration from New York University.

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Gina Adams brings a unique combination of experience and skills in nonprofit fundraising, management and corporate philanthropy to Good Samaritan. She has a passion for work that stimulates thought, dialogue and meaningful change on issues related to diversity, health, education, workforce and community development and the arts. As Director of Major Gifts, Gina will partner with our physicians, volunteer leadership and others to raise funds in support of hospital priorities.

**NATALIE KAST**

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Natalie Kast has a professional background in the healthcare, nurse recruitment and social service sectors. She’s worked in the advertising and marketing for several years and represented the Office of the General Manager for a worldwide advertising agency. She puts this experience to work in her current role as VIP and Donor Relations Coordinator. Natalie also supports the V.P. of Fund Development, Brian Thorne, as his Administrative Assistant. Natalie holds an MBA and Bachelor’s degree in Psychology/Sociology.

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LaShawnda Woods, Donor Funds Manager, comes to Good Samaritan Hospital with 14 year’s experience in Development. LaShawnda’s experience includes donor stewardship, annual fund, prospect research, and database administration. As a certified Raiser’s Edge user, LaShawnda is very passionate about data integrity and all things analytical. LaShawnda’s primary responsibilities include managing the Temporarily Restricted Funds (TRF) and managing Raiser’s Edge, including gift entry.
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