The Wright Family Business
MISSION STATEMENT

Good Samaritan Hospital is a progressive, tertiary, nonprofit hospital. Our Mission is to provide accessible, quality, cost-effective and compassionate healthcare services that meet the needs of our patients and their families, the community and physicians.

Good Samaritan Hospital’s centers of excellence focus on advancing the science of medicine and providing outstanding healthcare.

We will manage our resources responsibly, maintaining the financial viability necessary for success.

On the cover: Linda Wright, Department Supervisor for Post-Partum and daughter Cassie, a member of the nursing staff.
Mr. Andrew B. Leeka, GSH President and Chief Executive Officer

As we celebrate Mother’s Day this year, we cannot help but be reminded of the extraordinary women in our lives. We would like to recognize and honor the outstanding contributions of our first female Chief of Staff, Margaret Bates, M.D. We know that Dr. Bates’ leadership will take Good Samaritan Hospital to new heights of recognition and prestige.

This issue of Good News also introduces you to two other remarkable women – a mother and daughter who are both members of our nursing staff. Linda Wright is the Department Supervisor for Postpartum Care, and her daughter, Cassie, is a new nurse who has recently come on board. We are so happy to have both of them as a part of our team.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our supporters, donors and especially those employees who participated in the 2015 Good Company Employee Campaign. Your generosity has exceeded all of our expectations — Good Company’s 2015 campaign raised over $200,000 for Good Samaritan Hospital. We are truly in awe of your support, and we celebrate your dedication to the Hospital.

Thank you all for your support.

Charles T. Munger
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Andrew B. Leeka
President and Chief Executive Officer
On February 19, 2015, the Good Company Awards Luncheon was held in the Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center to recognize all of our employees who contributed $100 or more to the 2015 campaign.

We are so grateful for the teamwork and support our employees show to each other and to the hospital each day. This year, our Good Company Campaign exceeded all of our expectations! For the first time ever, our employee donors raised more than $200,000 to support many of the hospital programs, including the Cancer Program, Child Care Center, Campaign for Cardiology, Mother and Baby Care Campaign, and the Sperry Nursing Education Fund.

We would also like to thank all of our employees who joined us for the Good Company Campaign events, including the Campaign Kick-Off with catering from MeSoHungry Food Company, our Ice Cream Socials, Root Beer Float Day, and Midnight Run Ice Cream Social! It was great to see so many employees joining in the fun.

The Good Company team was honored to stand by one of our employees, Urania Solis, and awarded her a grant from Employee Emergency Assistance Fund after the sudden loss of her husband. At the Good Company Awards Luncheon, Urania spoke movingly about the assistance she received from Good Company, “A few months ago my husband was laid-off and after that he suffered a stroke...he passed away four days after the stroke...I am very grateful and thankful for everything Good Company has done.” Good Sam thanks everyone on the Good Company team for contributing to our employee giving campaign and providing us with the resources to assist Urania and her family during this very difficult time.

We would like to recognize the President’s Award recipient for 2015, Ms. Lexie Schuster, for contributing $15,000 or more to Good Sam cumulatively. In addition, the Chairman’s Award recipients include members from our distinguished medical staff, who joined us at the awards luncheon. They are Philip J. Fagan, Jr., M.D.; Rangasamy Ramanathan, M.D.; J. Carroll Ramseyer, M.D.; Bijan Siassi, M.D.; and George B. Stoneman, M.D. for their individual contributions of $50,000 or more to Good Samaritan Hospital over the years.

If you haven’t already started contributing to our Good Company Campaign, we hope you will consider supporting the hospital and the many programs that provide vital services to our patients and members of our Good Samaritan Hospital family.
Good Company check presentation! Pictured from left to right: Victoria Seaver Dean, Trustee; Marilyn Babcock; Joel Tooley; Anne-Marie Hughes; Mavis Swann; Susan Blumenthal, Trustee; Maribeth Borthwick, Trustee; Stephen Smith, Trustee; Edvin Cordon.

Dr. George B. Stoneman; Dr. Philip J. Fagan; Mrs. Susan Blumenthal, Trustee; Dr. J. Carroll Ramseyer and Dr. Bijan Siassi

2015 Good Company Co-Chairs – Annie-Marie Hughes and Edvin Cordon with Andrew B. Leeka.
Linda Wright, R.N., now the Department Supervisor for Postpartum Care, has been a nurse for 15 years and is pursuing a master’s degree because she is so devoted to her profession. She inspires Cassie, her daughter and new member of the nursing staff, so much so that Cassie also plans to get an advanced degree. What makes them special? Each has known she wanted to be a nurse most of her life. A commitment to public service seems to come naturally to Linda and Cassie, whose other family members have careers in the fire and police departments.

Linda couldn’t be more proud. “I love it!” she said. Daughter Cassie Wright graduated from nursing school last June and will complete her labor and delivery nursing training this spring. And Cassie’s little sister, Becca, is set to begin her nursing education with an eye toward working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Cassie was eight years old when her mother invited both her daughters to Bring Your Daughter to Work Day. That day, Cassie and her little sister witnessed the birth of a baby for the first time. They stood at the new mother’s ankles as the doctor explained the birthing process and anatomy to them. Cassie knew immediately, “this job is for me!” Later, while in high school, Cassie attended a family friend’s c-section.
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Cassie Wright with her mother Linda Wright
Cassie and Linda caring for a patient and her newborn.
There was no turning back. She is now a nurse on staff working daily near her mom in Good Samaritan Hospital’s Labor and Delivery Department. On Valentine’s Day she delivered her first baby, experiencing that particular thrill known to many nurses when a patient’s baby can’t wait for the doctor to arrive. “It was a beautiful delivery,” she recalled.

Nurses provide the day-by-day and hour-by-hour patient care. “We are the advocates for our patients,” Linda explains. “On the best days, I like seeing new moms when they are going home, exclusively breastfeeding and happy. But when stuff goes wrong, it can go wrong fast.”

She remembers a new mother who was pale after her baby was delivered. The baby was breathing very fast, and Linda knew the baby needed to be transferred to the NICU immediately. When Linda returned a short time later, the new mother’s blood pressure was dropping and she told Linda, “I can’t see.” Linda knew the mom was in trouble and immediately called the Rapid Response Team, advocating for her patient to be taken to the operating room because every sign indicated the mother was bleeding internally. She worried that both lives might be lost. Three days later, however, the family was ready to go home and both mother and child were discharged, thanks in no small part to Linda’s skill and experience. The new father personally thanked her for saving the lives of his wife and new baby. “Okay great! We did our job. We saved both of them,” Linda remembers.

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The Baby Friendly Initiative combined with our Mother and Baby Care Campaign to raise $3.3 million for state-of-the-art equipment and renovations, will enhance the ability of our physicians and nurses to provide the highest standard of care in the Davajan-Cabal Center for Perinatal Medicine.

We are honored to have Linda and Cassie Wright as members of our nursing team and to have their support in our employee giving campaign, Good Company. In 2015, our Good Company Employee Campaign raised over $200,000 because of the very generous contributions from our nurses and many other employees of the Good Samaritan Hospital team. Good Company contributions are used to support many areas of care including the Mother and Baby Campaign, Obstetrics Unit and NICU.
Good Samaritan Hospital’s 11th Golf Classic was held on April 27, 2015, at the beautiful Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles. Many of our physicians, administrators, business community leaders, executives, friends and supporters enjoyed a wonderful game of golf and dinner. We were especially pleased to honor our former Chief of Medical Staff, Andrew J. Fishmann, M.D., for his many years of outstanding service to Good Samaritan Hospital. Dr. Fishmann is an avid golfer, true sportsman and valued friend and colleague.

The awards dinner was emceed by Don Feison, an outstanding comedian with special tributes to Dr. Fishmann from his friends, Michael Keaton and Kevin Burke along with Dr. Margaret Bates, Chief of Medical Staff. The evening was sensational and enjoyed by all!

The proceeds for the 11th Golf Classic, along with funds raised in the last five tournaments, will provide added funding for the remodeling of the Hospital’s lobby. Construction is presently under way and expected to be completed late summer of 2015.
We Would Like to Take This Opportunity to Thank the Following:

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In August of 2015, Good Samaritan Hospital will unveil its spectacular new hospital lobby. The new lobby along with the new cardiac cath and EP labs, medical pavilion and FEMA Seismic Retrofit project are a part of a larger plan to provide GSH patients and staff with the best physical plant possible. The lobby, which was originally built in 1976 as a part of the “new hospital,” was in need of an update. The renovation, which began last October, was paid for with the proceeds from the last five Golf Classics and generous contributions from the Good Samaritan Medical Practice Association, Inc., and the Louis L. and Sylvia B. Meitus Annuity Trust. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made the reconstruction of our hospital lobby possible!

1. Group of Serious Golfers
2. Putt for Clubs Contest
3. Stephen Ascher, Sr. and Henry Yost
4. LA Cardiology: Drs. Ivan Ho, Steven Burstein, Rex Winters and Anil Bhandari
5. Cooperative Physicians: Drs. Marc Ginsky, Faye Lee, Leon Liang and Orthella T. Owens
6. Andy Dobrzynski, President – Practice Administrative Consultants, our Presenting Sponsor.
7. Concentrating on the golf ball
hen Tiana is asked how she was able to beat the odds she instantly replies, “God.” Her mother agrees, “God brought these wonderful doctors into our lives.”

In 1994, just six months into her pregnancy, Charla Moultrie was preparing for the birth of her fourth child when she went into pre-term labor. A resident of West Los Angeles, Charla was surprised when her doctors insisted she go downtown to Good Samaritan Hospital for immediate treatment. Charla had no idea how grateful she would be for their insistence. Her daughter, Tiana, was born three months early and had a hole in her heart. She was immediately placed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Budding dietician Tiana Moultrie is a college honors student and member of Phi Theta Kappa. “I want to help others and give back in some way.” One would never guess that 20 years ago Tiana was born 15 weeks premature and spent months at Good Samaritan Hospital fighting for her life.
Tiana, weighing just 759 grams (1.5 lbs), needed the highest available level of medical care to ensure her survival. Good Samaritan Hospital’s team of NICU neonatologists and nurses fought to save Tiana’s life and ensure the best possible outcome. Her neonatologists, Drs. Bijan Siassi, Rangasamy Ramanathan and Smeeta Sardesai, each provided unique and essential care for Tiana’s survival. Dr. Siassi was Tiana’s cardiologist, while Drs. Ramanthan and Sardesai each provided respiratory care and worked to bring her weight up. Together their skill and expertise resulted in a healthy baby.

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When Charla thinks about Tiana’s early days she says, “Good Sam will always be close to my heart. There is not a day that goes by that I don’t think about Good Sam and all that the doctors and nurses did for us.”

The Good Samaritan Hospital NICU recently celebrated its 25-year anniversary. Our NICU is a Level III unit, providing a higher level of care for babies born at 32 weeks gestation, or with critical illnesses. We offer prompt and available access to a full range of pediatric subspecialties and respiratory support. Our neonatology group, USC Neonatology, is among the most respected physician groups anywhere.

The physicians and staff of Good Samaritan Hospital strive daily to bring the highest quality care to all babies born here. Our current Mother and Baby Care Campaign is raising the funds needed to provide the Davajan-Cabal Center for Perinatal Medicine with the most advanced equipment available, including new Perinatal Electronic Medical Record Software, Fetal Monitors, Maternal EKG Monitors, NICU Monitors, and Giraffe Omnibeds. These state-of-the-art improvements will allow us to continue providing the best and most advanced care to newborn babies and their mothers in the Perinatal Center.

Almost twenty years ago, Charla and Tiana Moultrie were featured as the cover story of Good Samaritan Hospital’s To Our Health magazine, the predecessor of Good News. The article featured a vibrant and healthy Tiana at seventeen months old and told the story of her struggle to survive and miraculous recovery. Born weighing just 1.5 lbs, Tiana is a testament to the medical expertise and dedication of her doctors and nurses and to Good Samaritan Hospital’s commitment to providing all of our patients the highest quality of care.
This past January, Good Samaritan Hospital recognized and honored the outstanding service and care our physicians provide to all of our patients at our Physicians’ Gala. In addition, it was an opportunity to celebrate the appointment of Margaret Bates, M.D., the first female Chief of Medical Staff in the history of Good Samaritan Hospital. Her leadership and track record of excellence in patient care made her the natural choice.

Also, we took this opportunity to recognize and thank our outgoing Chief of Medical Staff, Andrew J. Fishmann, M.D., for his outstanding leadership of Good Samaritan Hospital over the last four years.
Mr. Andrew B. Leeka, Good Samaritan Hospital President and CEO, and the Board of Trustees hosted the gala at the California Club in downtown Los Angeles. Over 200 of our physicians and their guests enjoyed an elegant evening of dinner and dancing. Mr. Leeka and Dr. Bates warmly welcomed attendees and thanked them for another year of outstanding service. Good Samaritan Hospital’s elite team of physicians care for our patients through our Heart & Vascular Center, Samaritan Comprehensive Orthopaedic Center, Pancreatico-Biliary Program, Davajan-Cabal Center for Perinatal Medicine, Tertiary Retinal Surgery, Transfusion-Free Medicine and Surgery, Peter D. Fugelso, M.D., Urology Center, and Emergency Department.
Last fall, Good Samaritan Hospital recognized and celebrated the confidence our major donors have placed in us at our annual Major Donor Dinner. Our Chairman, Charles T. Munger, and the Board of Trustees hosted the dinner at the California Club to personally thank our outstanding major donors for the support they have shown Good Samaritan Hospital throughout the year. In 2014, our major donors gave more than $8 million to help the Hospital remain one of the nation’s top hospitals. Mr. Munger and Andrew B. Leeka, President and CEO, both expressed their gratitude for the enormous contribution these donors make to Good Samaritan Hospital each year.
The Major Donor Dinner is a stewardship event to show our appreciation to donors who support Good Samaritan Hospital and ensure that we stay at the forefront of medical care. In addition, our Ambassadors, Legacy Society, Partners in Health and representatives from our corporate and foundation gifts were also invited to the dinner. Their generous support enables Good Samaritan Hospital's physicians and staff to utilize state-of-the-art equipment.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to two members of our Board of Trustees, Mrs. Susan Blumenthal and Mrs. Maribeth Borthwick along with Mrs. Laura Stoneman, Fund Development Committee member, for organizing this very special dinner.
In April 2015, Good Samaritan Hospital – partnering with the California Energy Commission – installed twenty-four new electric car charging stations, which are available to physicians, employees, patients and visitors.

Good Samaritan Hospital is a leader in supporting California’s efforts to reduce our dependence on petroleum and thus reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In April 2015, Good Samaritan Hospital – partnering with the California Energy Commission – installed twenty-four new electric car charging stations, which are available to physicians, employees, patients and visitors. The charging stations are housed in two separate hospital parking structures to provide easy access to all.

It is our goal to reduce the barriers to the use of alternative energy by providing our employees and visitors with this important option for their vehicles. Andrew B. Leeka, Good Samaritan Hospital President and CEO, expressed his support for installing additional electric car charging stations as the demand increases. Good Sam is proud to be on the forefront of providing new and innovative ways to protect the health of our patients, community and environment.

Ali Gheissari, M.D uses the newly installed electric car charging station at Good Samaritan Hospital.
Regardless of your life circumstances or estate size, your will is perhaps the most important document you will create. It expresses your values and also effectively provides for the people and charitable causes important to you. If you’ve been putting it off, here are eight important reminders why you need a will.

1. Without a will, your state’s laws—not you—determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed.

2. You can reduce (or maybe even eliminate) future estate taxes.

3. You can name your executor (a person, bank or trust company you choose to personally represent you) to manage and settle your estate.

4. You can designate beneficiaries for items such as heirlooms, art, jewelry or real estate.

5. You may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children and others.

6. Through a “pour-over” will, you can transfer leftover assets to your living trust.

7. You can support Good Samaritan Hospital through a gift in your will, which is simple, flexible and revocable at any time.

8. You can designate the guardian for dependents under your care.

We can help provide gift planning information to you and your professional advisors at no cost or obligation. Simply contact Andrea Morseburg at 213.977.2902 or amorseburg@goodsam.org. Please let us know if you would like to receive our “Wills Planning Guide.”

Important Reminder
If you already have a will, make sure it’s up-to-date. Life changes such as grown kids, births, deaths or marriages, increased estate value, or a move to another state should be a trigger to meet with your estate planning attorney to review your will.

Step by Step: How to Create Your Will
• List all of your major assets.
• Decide which individuals or organizations you want to receive specific possessions or a share of your assets.
• Contact an attorney who specializes in estate planning.
• Determine who will be your executor.
• Have your attorney draft your will.
• Sign and date it before witnesses. (In some states, it must be notarized to be valid.)
• Keep it in a safe place and make sure others know where it is and have access to it.