

St. Joseph's Foundation of San Joaquin Welcomes New Chair

(STOCKTON, CA) August 25, 2023 - St. Joseph's Foundation of San Joaquin's Board of Directors is excited to announce their new slate of officers for the 2023-2024 term.

With more than 10 years serving on the Foundation's Board, Patrick Velasquez assumes the role as Chair. His leadership on the Board was instrumental through the Emergency Room expansion in 2017, obtaining philanthropic investments to launch St. Joseph's Graduate Medical Education program in 2016 and helping to fund a new TrueBeam Linear Accelerator in 2022.

Over the course of the upcoming year, Patrick looks forward to laying the groundwork for the hospital expansion saying, "This is so important to the future of healthcare in Stockton and the surrounding communities." Supporting a faith-based hospital that provides care for everyone aligned with Patrick's personal values and beliefs.

Patrick is a Corporate Secretary at Chase Chevrolet and has been with the company since 1997. His reputation is preceded only by his active involvement in the community – both of which made him the perfect candidate to lead the Foundation's Board this year.

Julie Eckardt-Cantrall, Chief Philanthropy Officer of the Foundation said "Patrick's vigor and enthusiasm for the Foundation's impact is contagious – his influence will benefit the Board, the hospital and the greater Stockton community."

Joining Patrick on the Executive Board is Mark Rishwain as Vice Chair and Anthony Bott as Secretary. Mark, who has been a Board Member since 2015, is an Attorney/Owner at Rishwain & Rishwain, while Anthony is a Certified Financial Planner and Branch Manager for Morgan Stanley and has just completed his first year serving on the Foundation's Board.

For media inquiries or interview opportunities, please contact Morgan Gace at morgan.gace@commonspirit.org or 209.461.5362.

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About St. Joseph's Foundation of San Joaquin: St. Joseph's Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to raise and administer philanthropic funds to support the needs of St. Joseph's Medical Center and St. Joseph's Behavioral Health Center. Together with our board of directors, physicians and other community leaders, the foundation works to encourage public interest and support of St. Joseph's Medical Center and our many worthy programs, services, and outreach activities in a manner consistent with our values and goals. Learn more at www.supportstjosephshospital.org.

About St. Joseph's Medical Center Dignity Health: St. Joseph's Medical Center is a not-for-profit, fully accredited, regional hospital with 355 beds, a physician staff of over 700, and more than 2,700 employees. Specializing in cardiovascular care, comprehensive cancer services, and women and

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children's services, St. Joseph's is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. As a Sponsoring Institution for Graduate Medical Education, St. Joseph's supports rapidly growing

educational programs for both resident physicians and medical students. In addition to being nationally recognized as a quality leader, St. Joseph's is consistently chosen as the "most preferred hospital" by local consumers. St. Joseph's is the largest hospital, as well as one of the largest private employers in San Joaquin County. Founded in 1899 by Fr. William O'Connor and administered by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, St. Joseph's continues to lead the region in medical innovation. St. Joseph's Medical Center is a member of Dignity Health/CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit Catholic health system with care sites across 21 states dedicated to advancing health for all people. For more information, please visit DignityHealth.org/Stockton.

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