

# Legacy

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## A Legacy of Love Joseph and Stephanie Henelt



This mother and child stone sculpture is one of many donated to Community Hospital by artist Joseph Henelt and his wife Stephanie.

The love story between Joseph and Stephanie Henelt was rooted in their native Poland, actually began when they met in a Polish neighborhood in Detroit, and endured until they both died on the Monterey Peninsula in 2007.

By then, Joseph was 103 and had built a life as an artist — a legacy that will continue through a bequest to Community Hospital.

A graduate of the Academy of Art at Cracow, Joseph taught drawing at Teacher Training College and the School of Arts and Crafts. During the German occupation of Poland, he served in the Polish army, then moved to the United States in 1946. He taught art for the fine art school of the Montclair Art Museum in New Jersey

before moving to Detroit, where he became a successful design sculptor for General Motors until his retirement.

His own classical artistry — sculptural works of animals and birds, nudes and busts, and his signature mother-and-child imagery — best portrayed who he was and what life represented. Much of Joseph's work remains widely exhibited throughout the world. The remainder of his collection he left to Community Hospital.

“Community Hospital acquired Joseph's art collection with the understanding that we would display the art,” says Amy Essick, the hospital's art curator. “Through his work, he was able, in very simple forms, to express a sweetness in life among humans and animals. One can truly feel the essence of his subjects

through a timeless quality informed by a very long life.”

Joseph and Stephanie married in 1970 and spent retirement in Pacific Grove, where they befriended the Lohrs, a young couple who had moved next door with their two sons, now 17 and 20.

“Joseph was kind of a confirmed bachelor when they got married,” says Viveca Lohr. “Stephanie was in her early 30s, and he was 35 years older. I think that's partially why they never had children. Stephanie loved children, loved my two boys. I'm Polish, and Joseph and Stephanie were Polish, so ours was a connection of clans. We welcomed them into our family, and they welcomed us into their lives.”

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*Save the date.*

**Women's Forum for Health luncheon**

November 3, 2009

11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Inn at Spanish Bay  
Pebble Beach



**FROM COMMUNITY  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S  
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICER  
ALBERT J. ALVAREZ**

Community Hospital exists today only because generous families and organizations have helped to ensure the availability of vital programs and services, thus securing high quality healthcare for all residents of the Monterey Peninsula. Throughout our long history, donors have contributed to our annual efforts as well as our capital and endowment funds. In this issue of *Legacy*, you will read stories demonstrating the many ways people from diverse backgrounds have supported our important mission.

Later in 2009, we will begin the year-long celebration of our 75th anniversary, a significant milestone indeed.

I am mindful that it is individuals giving of their time and treasure, in good times and bad, who have created the excellent organization we have grown to cherish as "our hospital." As you read about these generous people, keep in mind the many thousands of families throughout our region who benefit from that generosity.

It is on their behalf that we thank all donors to Community Hospital Foundation.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Alvarez, Chief Development Officer  
Community Hospital Foundation

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**JIM  
GRIGGS**

## Community Contribution

*A conversation with Community Hospital Trustee H. James Griggs*

Born and raised in the Sacramento area, Jim Griggs grew up with a sense of place. An unexpected scholarship sent him to the University of California, Berkeley, where he pursued a degree in engineering, just long enough to realize it wasn't for him. A series of aptitude tests steered him toward real estate or finance. Berkeley was one of only six schools in the country that offered a degree in real estate finance, with which he commenced in 1957. Returning to his roots, he met his wife Gail in Sacramento, where they raised four children and he developed a significant business in mortgage banking and lending.

After years of vacationing on the Peninsula, the couple realized they had developed a new sense of place. So, 35 years ago, they moved to Pebble Beach and became active members of the community. Through experience and observation, Griggs has found Community Hospital the barometer of conscientious community investment, a place whose progressive, compassionate care inspired him to join the Board of Trustees four years ago.

### WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THE PENINSULA?

I just liked it here. We had been coming down here a lot over the years, when I told my wife we just needed to move here. I put in my application to join Monterey Peninsula Country Club and the day I got accepted, we bought a house in Pebble Beach.

### HOW HAVE YOU COME TO KNOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL?

Having lived in the area for 35 years, it is part of our lives to know the hospital is here. We have used it a few times and have always been satisfied. We had friends on the board, so we knew about it. I decided it was time for me to start helping by joining the board and by being an active member.

I had a stroke about five years ago. I guess that's what accelerated my willingness to serve. I received great

treatment and suffered no long-term damage because of the quickness with which they took care of things. The hospital is prepared to take care of everything. We've also had a few family emergencies, which the hospital has taken care of quickly and efficiently. After experiencing, firsthand, what a great job the staff does, I knew I needed to get involved.

### WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST REWARDING PART OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A VOLUNTEER?

Watching the hospital stay up-to-date and being a part of that has been rewarding to me, both as a patient and as a member of the community. This hospital brings all the current and best technology to the Monterey Peninsula. It has a wonderful cardiac facility and just installed new digital cancer detection equipment at the Breast Care Center. They have everything they need to do the job. People of this community need to understand that they can get everything at Community Hospital that they can get any place else, and then some.

The hospital has a cadre of wonderful talent among the doctors and nurses, plus the convenience of being close to home. They just keep up on everything. We're very fortunate to have CEO Dr. Steven Packer heading up the organization. He is a very capable guy.

### WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN LIFE?

Of course, family is number one. We have four children and 11 grandchildren. The eldest grandchild graduates from college this year, and the youngest will go into first grade this fall. One of our children lives in Portland, one in Sacramento, one in Pacific Grove, and another on the Peninsula. So family. And also the ability to share what we have with others. We value learning how to protect our health and helping others to do the same. You don't have much else if you don't have your health. That's where Community Hospital comes in.

Jim Griggs . . . from page 2

**WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR OUTSIDE INTERESTS?**

I came here to play golf, and although I don't play as much anymore, I do play once a week. I've got a group of old guys like me who like to get out there and enjoy the air, play golf, and have lunch. I like to golf, and I like to fish. We have a place in Montana, so we go up there for three or four weeks a year. And we have another place on the North Coast; we spend time there for the salmon and steelhead. Gail and I are fortunate to be able to travel to various places in the world. We don't travel as much as we used to, especially since we got two great little dogs, a pair of Maltese that keep us busy, run our lives for us. My wife also is on the board of directors of the SPCA.

**WHAT DO YOU HOPE AND ENVISION FOR THE HOSPITAL DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?**

I hope that regulations will become such that it will be easier for doctors to practice medicine in the Monterey Bay area. This could happen if the government were to equalize pay under Medicare and Medi-Cal, so Monterey would get its fair allocation of funds. It is difficult to attract good doctors because this area is not inexpensive to live in. Don't misunderstand me; we have wonderful doctors now, but we need to attract more and keep them here. In Community Hospital, we really do have a facility that can last for many, many years. Now we have to keep getting the expertise here. We have a good base, but we have to keep up with that and build from there.

**WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN THE HOSPITAL?**

I would say take the time to do it. Giving to the hospital is a very rewarding experience, particularly when you get to see a successful organization serving its community as well as Community Hospital does. And to know you are a part of that. The hospital will open two primary care centers in the next two years, so people don't have to go up to the hospital for care unless they need to. We also have the expanded facility at Ryan Ranch. But the hospital always needs more people to help manage these efforts. Take the time and interest to look and see what's here; we all want to get involved in a winning effort. If you can't give time, give money, or vice versa. It takes both to make the hospital work. We have a wonderful Auxiliary at Community Hospital that both raises money and gives time. Take a look to see what would fit your life, what would enable you to be part of the community in that way.

# Annual Meeting 2009

How the "age wave" of Baby Boomers is transforming health, healthcare, and our lives was the focus of a talk by Maddy Dychtwald at the 2009 Community Hospital Foundation annual meeting. Dychtwald is a leader in analyzing and forecasting lifestyle and consumer marketing trends pertaining to different generations. Steven Packer, Community Hospital's president and chief executive officer, also reported on Community Hospital's strategic plan.

**Some of the attendees are pictured at right.**

- Top: Dorothy Crosby, Shirley Chapman, and Karen Sonnergren
- Middle left: Sally Bruno, Harmon Brown, and Alice Halbourian
- Middle right: Dr. John Rhodenbaugh
- Bottom left: Rosemary Rhodenbaugh and Michelle Ramirez
- Bottom right: Mary Barker and Paula Arnold



Legacy of Love . . . from front page



Left to right: Zack Lohr, Joseph Henelt, Stephanie Henelt, and Max Lohr, neighbors who became friends.

Lohr recalls Stephanie as kind, caring, and loving. "She was also kind of hip," says Lohr. "She dressed in modern ways. Both she and Joseph were traditional people who had adjusted well to a more progressive American way of life."

Stephanie loved to cook, to garden, to indulge the Lohr children. Joseph loved his art. And both enjoyed strolling the Monterey Bay and absorbing the beauty and fortune that had set the stage for their lives.

"Stephanie was warm, and Joseph was witty," says Lohr. "Their life was a blend of two worlds; one very traditional European and the other forward-thinking in an artist sort of way. We'd have great talks; he was pretty convicted in his politics and way of life. We spent

the holidays together, creating a kind of hybrid of Jewish and Catholic traditions. Joseph would always make funny toasts, which revealed his zest for life."

When Stephanie was diagnosed with leukemia, her greatest concern was her beloved Joseph, who she had always been certain would predecease her. She passed away on April 26, 2007 at Community Hospital. Joseph died seven months later, on his 103rd birthday.

During the last years of their lives, the Henelts began working with Community Hospital to structure the gift of their estate on behalf of the hospital.

At the initial meeting Stephanie was very organized. She opened up a folder and in it were two or three years of

Visions, Community Hospital's quarterly newsletter on planned-giving. She had been looking at these and saving them as part of her planning process.

"Because the Henelts made their gift while they were still alive, and had their conversations with me while both were still here, they were able to make sure I understood exactly what they wanted to accomplish," says Debbie Howitt, Community Hospital Foundation senior development officer. "And because of Joseph's art, it was important to bring curator Amy Essick into the conversation."

When Essick went to the Henelt home to look at Joseph's sculptural body of work, she encountered in the kitchen a lifetime collection of bells from all over the world.

"I asked for the bells," says Essick, "so I could put them in an acrylic box, arranged exactly as they were in Stephanie's kitchen, and display them in the Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center. When our cancer patients complete their treatment, they always ring a bell, so it was a perfect fit."



# Architecturally inspired

## Elaine and Bob Ewen give through the Bill Hannon Foundation

He is retired from the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation in Los Angeles; she is an attorney actively engaged in estate planning. He loves the mountains; she loves the ocean. Mostly, they love each other. So 20 years ago, Bob and Elaine Ewen merged interests and moved to Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Elaine, who practices estate law, divides her time and her interests between her Carmel office and her clients in Southern California.

"It is so gratifying to help enable people to look after their family or favorite charities, so they can conclude their lives peacefully, knowing they are taking care of themselves and their interests," she says.

Of particular interest to Elaine is the Bill Hannon Foundation. As trustee of the Hannon trust, she funded the foundation when he passed away in 1999. Hannon, a southern California real estate developer, demonstrated devotion to the Catholic community by supporting education and health-care organizations in southern California and other parts of the state.

The local connection came when the Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance drew its inspiration for the

design of its Hannon Tower, the first major project funded by the foundation, from the architecture and ambiance of Community Hospital.

"The Hannon Tower was designed after the structure, the décor, the atriums and plantings, the open feeling and ambiance of Community Hospital," Elaine says. "This is one way the Hannon Foundation became aware of Community Hospital. The other is a more personal interest of mine. Bob and I, who have both been patients there, truly appreciated our care."

The Bill Hannon Foundation, in a provision established by Elaine, enables its directors to give a specific allocation to the charities of their choice. For the past six years, Elaine has been awarding a significant portion of her annual allocation to Community Hospital, resulting in a \$60,000 contribution to date.

"Community Hospital makes such an investment in the local community through health lectures and support groups, plus really outstanding healthcare," Elaine says. "This kind of community support was so important to Bill. If I had more money to give, I certainly would."



Bob and Elaine Ewen appreciate the care they have received at Community Hospital.

## John Andrews: Investing in Community Hospital



John Andrews

An intricately carved wood screen covers the expanse of John Andrews' living room wall, serving as the focal point for the space and the conversation. His parents brought the screen from Tianjin, China, during a military assignment in the 1930s, when he was 9 or 10. It is complemented by a collection of Chinese artistry, including furniture, painted scrolls, and period pieces on a display shelf.

China has remained a central focus throughout his life, starting with his early years in Tianjin, a city in Northern China, some 70 miles south of Beijing. Later, during his student tenure at University of California, Berkeley, he was inducted into the Army and selected from among his peers to study Chinese language,

geography, political science, and forms of government. He graduated from officer training school on D-Day, and his Chinese studies fell into disuse.

Ultimately, Andrews commenced from Georgetown University. His interest in China persisted, and he and his wife, the late Gene Andrews, continued to travel and collect Chinese artifacts.

Andrews spent most of his career as a Merrill Lynch stockbroker for 39 years, five of which he teamed up, quite successfully, with daughter Karol Andrews. By the time the company created a program to match its employees' charitable contributions, the Andrews family had already established a record of giving to Community Hospital. From then on, John and Gene increased their annual donations to the hospital, while

doubling their contributions through Merrill Lynch's matching program.

"Gene and I were always interested in the hospital," says Andrews, "and everything we did with our investments was a partnership, a joint operation. When couples and families work closely together, when they understand what they are doing and invest together, it's always an easier process.

"For the first 47 years of our marriage, we never had a sick day. But in the last five years, we were both in and out of the hospital a number of times. Gene died in 2007. I had a big operation in January 2008 and spent time in CHOMP and at Westland House. Every time we went into the hospital, we were treated like royalty; the care was always very good."