Rina Santora, RN Memorial Scholarship for Nursing

When Rina Santora died in June, 2018 after a heroic 5 1/2 year fight with pancreatic cancer, her family did something very typical of Rina’s character – reached out to care for others. Dr. Lawrence Santora, a well-known cardiologist, and his family founded an endowed scholarship in Rina’s memory to help nursing students pursue their education.

The Rina Santora, RN Memorial Scholarship is for professional advancement in nursing, with a primary focus on helping St. Joseph Hospital staff who are in a nursing program (RN or BSN).

Rina’s first love was being a wife, mother and grandmother. Her second love was being a nurse. She received her nursing degree from Cypress College, and bachelor's degree from Chapman University. She had a significant impact on health care in Orange County and affected the lives of thousands of patients. Rina helped develop the first "Heart Center", a new outpatient-testing concept in 1990, and the Women's Heart Center at St. Joseph Hospital. She also worked as a nurse at the Dick Butkus Center for Cardiovascular Wellness at St. Joseph Hospital, counseling patients on cardiac wellness and coronary CT scans.

Rina lived life with compassion, grace and dignity. She never once asked "Why me?", but always asked, "What can I do to help others?" She was forever a nurse and mother to her last breath. Her family continues her legacy with the Rina Santora, RN Memorial Scholarship for Nursing.

Towne Health continues to support St. Joseph Hospital in more ways than one!

Towne Health, a valet operation and supporter of St. Joseph Hospital, continues to generously support the Foundation by being an event sponsor, underwriter and a patient-focused concierge service.

For most who come through the doors of St. Joseph Hospital, a trip is rarely planned. Patients and their families often look to the first person they see to help them navigate through the unknown. Towne Health is not just a valet operation, they are a concierge service that helps put our patients at ease with their compassion, support and willingness to help. We are fortunate also to partner with them at all of our events.

Support like this is made possible by corporate leaders from the community. These donors make an impact in patients’ lives by supporting our Dear Neighbor.
**Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program**

**Grant for Patients with Opioid Use Disorders**

St. Joseph Hospital was recently awarded a $434,000 grant from the Sierra Health Foundation funded through California’s Department of Health Care Services’ MAT Access Points Project.

This grant will support our efforts to effectively treat more patients with opioid and other substance use disorders, helping them achieve improved health and long-term recovery.

St. Joseph Hospital's comprehensive Substance Abuse and Recovery Management Program provides counseling and behavioral therapies coupled with FDA-approved medication treatment a proven strategy for decreasing opioid use and associated deaths. Assisting patients with smooth transitions to appropriate post-treatment medical care and support in the community is an important program component.

We appreciate Sierra Health Foundation and the DHCS for supporting the MAT Access Points Project at St. Joseph Hospital. Thank you!

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**Joan and Harry Hansen**

**$3.4 M Legacy Gift**

It was with the help and consideration of Joan and Harry Hansen’s extraordinary legacy gift to St. Joseph Hospital that the impressive Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment opened in 2008.

In 2007 the Hansens established a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) which provided them with income as grantors/beneficiaries and the remainder of the trust to SJO after their lives. The variable income is based on a percentage of the fair market value of the assets in the trust. A CRUT is usually funded with a valuable asset such as real estate, stocks, bonds and other property.

Mr. Hansen passed in 2014 leaving Mrs. Hansen as the beneficiary of the CRUT until she passed in late 2018. “Joni” — as Mrs. Hansen was more fondly known — was a vibrant women with a sharp mind, quick wit and a ready smile. She loved life and people. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen’s legacy gift was made in memory of their late son, Kirk, who was treated for cancer at St. Joseph Hospital.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

St. Joseph Hospital recently reached $50 million towards our $75 million community campaign. The next $25 million will support a new Cardiac Cath Lab, an expanded Robotics program, a new Cancer IORT, new and expanded Women’s Services, increased Behavioral Health services, Nursing Excellence initiatives, and the build-out of a new critical care unit. [sjoh.org/campaign](http://sjoh.org/campaign).

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**Make an Impact**

To learn how you can make an Impact in your community now and a lasting legacy in the future, please contact the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation.

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