



MICA Medical Foundation Pledges Support to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

PHOENIX (July 2016) – The MICA Medical Foundation recently committed a gift of over \$275,000 to St. Joseph's Foundation in support of an additional obstetrics and gynecology resident at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. This gift will support the resident's four year training program.

The recent gift, announced at a special recognition breakfast held on June 8 at St. Joseph's, marks the largest donation from the MICA Medical Foundation in support of a nonprofit residency program in Arizona. The MICA Medical Foundation was founded in 2014 to support physician education and training, medical care delivery, research and improved patient outcomes in the communities they serve.

The obstetrics and gynecology residency program at St. Joseph's is a joint sponsored program with Maricopa County Hospital. The residency is formally called the Phoenix Integrated Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The program currently consists of 34 residents, 16 of which are employed at Dignity Health and St. Joseph's.

Several speakers at the reception included: Patty White, president & CEO, of St. Joseph's; Dr. Jeffrey Sugimoto, vice president of academic affairs at St. Joseph's; and Dr. Amy Silverthorn, chair of the board for the MICA Medical Foundation.

"The MICA Medical Foundation sought a partner to support physician training and to help fill the need of additional physicians in the community. St. Joseph's met our mission and goals. We look forward to working with St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center on this partnership to continue to grow graduate medical education in the Phoenix area," said Dr. Silverthorn.

Dr. Meisje Burton, was also introduced as the resident who will be representative of this gift during her training. Dr. Burton is a recent graduate of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. She is looking forward to beginning her career in obstetrics and gynecology.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center sponsors residency and fellowship programs in various specialties including: family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, neurosurgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pharmacy, neuro radiology, general surgery and cardiovascular disease. The hospital offers an environment that allows residents to excel in the practice of compassionate medicine, while learning from the best clinicians and faculty in the country.

About The MICA Medical Foundation

The MICA Medical Foundation (MMF) is a grant-making organization whose goal is to improve patient outcomes. The MMF pursues its goal principally through financial support of (a) the training and education of physicians and health care professionals, and (b) research to improve the safe, effective and compassionate delivery of medical care for the benefit of the community as a whole.

About Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

Located in the heart of Phoenix, Arizona, Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is a 607 bed, not for profit hospital that provides a wide range of health, social and support services with special advocacy for the poor and underserved. St. Joseph's is a nationally recognized center for quality tertiary care, medical education and research. Founded in 1895 by the Sisters of Mercy, St. Joseph's was the first hospital in the Phoenix area.