

Giving Forward

Newsletter of the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation - June 2025



A MESSAGE FROM
MARCOS ZUBIA
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Dear Friends,

What an incredible day it was! On Saturday, June 7, our community came together in the most beautiful way at Villa Linda Park for the Trails and Tales 5K Walk – In Support of Children’s Literacy. The love, care, and enthusiasm that was brought to the event filled the park with a spirit of joy and generosity that was truly unforgettable.

Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing \$49,000 for the CHRISTUS St. Vincent’s Reach Out and Read Program. These funds will directly support the vital mission of providing books and literacy guidance at every wellness visit in our pediatric clinics—nurturing a lifelong love of reading for children across Northern New Mexico.

The photo below captures just a glimpse of the fun and heartfelt commitment that defined the day. Behind every smile and every step taken was a shared purpose: to lift up our children through literacy and empower families with the tools to grow and learn together.

To each sponsor, volunteer, donor, participant, and cheerleader—thank you. Your time, energy, and generosity made this event a heartfelt success. We are deeply grateful to walk this journey with you and to invest in the bright futures of children in our community.

From the bottom of our hearts—thank you. We can’t wait to see you at next year’s walk!

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Zubia'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Marcos Zubia
VP & Chief Development Officer

Thank You For Every Step, Smile, and Story Shared!

TRAILS & TALES

5K RUN/WALK FOR CHILDREN'S LITERACY

BECAUSE OF YOU..



THANK YOU EVERYONE!



This year's Trails and Tales 5K was bigger and better than ever—we doubled our participants, doubled our sponsors, and raised an incredible \$49,000 for early childhood literacy!

Thanks to your support, more families will receive books and literacy guidance at wellness visits through the **Reach Out and Read** Program at **CHRISTUS St. Vincent**.

We're so grateful for this amazing community—and we're already planning for an even bigger 5K next year.

Save the date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Let's keep growing, together!

We are incredibly grateful to all the generous sponsors who supported this year's Trails & Tales 5K Walk/Run for Children's Literacy!

THANK YOU!

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME, MONEY, THOUGHTS, AND HEARTS TO HELPING MAKE THE TALES AND TRAILS 5K A SUCCESS.

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Bringing Heart to Giving: Kimmy Will Joins our Foundation Team!

— WELCOME — TO THE TEAM!



KIMMY WILL

*Annual & Corporate Giving Program
Manager*



We're excited to welcome and introduce our new and dynamic teammate, **Kimmy Will**, as she steps into the role of **Annual & Corporate Giving Program Manager**. A proud native of Santa Fe, Kimmy brings a deep love for her community along with a strong academic and professional background. She graduated from St. Michael's High School before earning her undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and later completed her MBA at the University of New Mexico. Kimmy has spent over a decade working in the banking world, where she developed many meaningful relationships and expanded her network throughout the Santa Fe community.

With a passion for building connections and supporting causes that make a difference, Kimmy is eager to contribute to the mission of our foundation. She lives in Santa Fe with her husband, Anthony, who serves as an event manager at the Drury Hotel, and their 9-year-old son, Oliver, a student at EJ Martinez. Kimmy's thoughtful approach and dedication to community-driven impact make her a valuable addition to our team.



**CHRISTUS
ST. VINCENT**
ASSOCIATE
Spotlight

ANGELO R. VALENCIA
Director of Operations (Human Resources)

“Truly caring for my colleagues gives me comfort, knowing their stories provides inspiration and seeing their growth provides me with pride...”



Angelo R. Valencia's journey with **CHRISTUS St. Vincent** began more than three decades ago starting in food services during high school and later spending over 26 years in Information Technology. Now serving as Director of Operations in Human Resources, Angelo's passion for service and leadership shines through in everything he does.

Raised around the hospital, Angelo was inspired by his mother's example and the powerful impact of every associate—regardless of their role—in caring for patients. He's known for mentoring colleagues, supporting others through the Associate Assistance and Recognition Fund, and building meaningful connections that last a lifetime.

His dedication to giving back stems from his belief in the mission and a deep commitment to helping both associates and patients thrive.

What do you enjoy most about working at CHRISTUS St. Vincent?

I enjoy guiding and mentoring team members. I have had some team members reach out to me years later, thanking me for our time together and how it impacted their life/career. For a few years, as a leader in the organization, I was able to “round” on patient's and, even years after patients were discharged, when they returned, they would reach out to me for me to come and

visit with them and their family; the fact that these patients continually entrusted us with their care just gave me a sense of pride and meaning.

What inspires you to give back to the hospital?

I have always believed in the mission. Many team members will come and go, but we are here to take care of the patient; I will always be inspired and open to new ways of meeting and exceeding our team members' expectations within their careers so they can provide the utmost care to our patients.

What inspired you to give biweekly to our Associate Assistance & Recognition Fund?

I started in Human Resources right at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020; this happened to be the "start," if you will, for the Associate Fund as we know it today. I could see the meaningful differences we made in our Associates' lives during a challenging time. My donations and how the community came together to support those challenges will remain with me forever—this human connection drives me daily. I am so fortunate to assist and continue to assist our team through the Associate Fund.

To learn more about the Associate Assistance and Recognition Fund and other funds or initiatives we support, please visit our [website](#).

***Tickets and Sponsorships Now Available for the
2025 Gala – Puttin' On The Glitz!***

St. Vincent Hospital Foundation's

Black & White Gala

Puttin' On The Glitz

TICKET SALES OPEN!

Early Bird Pricing (\$375/ticket)

June 1 – June 30th

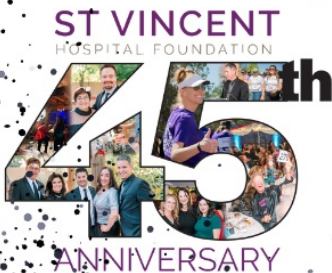
Regular Pricing: (\$400/ticket)

July 1st until we sell out

Purchase Your Tickets

Today!

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Tickets are officially on sale for the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation's highly anticipated 2025 **Black & White Gala: Puttin' On The Glitz**—and this year promises to be one to remember!

Scheduled for **Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Santa Fe Jet Center**, the gala will celebrate two remarkable milestones: 45 years of the Foundation's impact in our region and 160 years of compassionate care at **CHRISTUS St. Vincent**.

Guests will enjoy an elegant black-tie evening filled with great food, lively entertainment, and meaningful moments—all in support of advancing local healthcare right here in Santa Fe. Tickets for this special event tend to go quickly, so early purchase is encouraged. As a thank-you to our community, all tickets purchased during the month of June will receive a \$25 discount.

To purchase your 2025 Gala tickets: **[CLICK HERE!](#)**

To learn more about how the Foundation supports CHRISTUS St. Vincent and the many ways you can get involved, visit **stvinfoundation.org**.

Physician Spotlight

Dr. Philip Smucker
Neurological Surgeon



"I continue to enjoy the opportunity to spend time educating patients and give care that is not biased by finances. I appreciate the excellence of so many colleagues in the hospital and clinic environment."



Dr. Philip Smucker is a board-certified neurosurgeon with nearly two decades of experience providing expert care to patients in Northern New Mexico. A lifelong student of science, Dr. Smucker majored in chemistry and biology at Goshen College before earning his Doctor of Medicine from the Indiana University School of Medicine, graduating with honors and membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

He completed both his surgical internship and neurosurgical residency at Indiana University, and his work has been featured in numerous peer-reviewed medical journals. Dr. Smucker joined **CHRISTUS St. Vincent** in 2008 and will celebrate **17 years** of dedicated service this August. He sees patients at St. Vincent Neurosurgical Associates, located in the CHRISTUS St. Vincent Medical Professional Building, and remains active in the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Why did you choose your particular specialty/area?

After realizing that a procedural area of medicine suited me best, I looked into multiple such specialties. I ultimately chose neurosurgery as I had incredible mentors during early medical school years, and also enjoyed neuroanatomy and neurophysiology.

Why did you choose to work at CHRISTUS St. Vincent?

I investigated many positions in my specialty but chose CSV as I enjoyed many aspects of Santa Fe: the weather and geography, the people and culture, the music and arts scene, and the incredible food. Moreover, the employment model allowed me to spend time with patients

beyond just performing surgery, and allows for the ethical application of surgical options regardless of direct insurance and reimbursement influences. Finally, my partners in neurosurgery were outstanding mentors: Dr Shields, Hankinson, and Feldman; and my work colleagues including Vicki Chavez and Evelyn Anaya have been dedicated and supportive from my first day until now.

What inspires you to give back to the hospital?

Despite CSV's efforts we continue to have pervasive community and state-wide challenges in navigating local and federal healthcare barriers, and I hope to support our hospital's efforts both as a physician and a leader when given the opportunity.

What do you enjoy most about being a physician?

While my career choice has ingrained stress, the chance to improve another person's quality of life with surgery and education is a humbling yet rewarding privilege.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame – and Support a Great Cause!



FRIDAY - JULY 18TH - 6 PM - FORT MARCY BALLPARK

TRINIDAD TRIGGERS



SANTA FE FUEGO



SWING FOR A CAUSE! SECURE YOUR TICKETS FOR THE JULY 18TH GAME AND HELP US HIT A HOME RUN IN SUPPORT OF ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION.



Join Us for **CHRISTUS St. Vincent Night** at the Ballpark! ☐☐

Get ready for a fun-filled summer evening at Fort Marcy Ballpark as the **Santa Fe Fuego** take on the **Trinidad Triggers** — all in support of the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation!

- ☐ Friday, July 18, 2025
- ☐ 6:00 PM
- ☐ Fort Marcy Ballpark, Santa Fe

A portion of ticket sales will benefit the **St. Vincent Hospital Foundation** when purchased through our special link — just scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to grab your tickets!

Bring your friends, your family, and your team spirit, and help us cheer for a great cause. Let's fill the stands with community pride and support health and healing across Northern New Mexico!

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