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St. Joseph's receives \$500,000 from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust to support hospital's emergency response to battle the COVID-19 pandemic

PHOENIX (May 12, 2019) – Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, the first and longest operating medical facility in the Valley, has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. The donation is designated to St. Joseph's Foundation to support the costs incurred at St. Joseph's Hospital due to the extraordinary events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

St. Joseph's will utilize these funds to maintain the safety and well-being of caregivers on the frontlines treating patients afflicted with this very challenging disease as well as supporting all the researchers, program managers and staff at the hospital doing the critical work to fight this unprecedented fast-moving virus.

"The two organizations have built a legacy of serving the needs of this community, and we are grateful for Piper Trust's philanthropic support in the past, but we are especially grateful to have this much needed additional funding as we combat the biggest pandemic of our time," says Terri Hoffman, President of St. Joseph's Foundation.

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust supports organizations that enrich health, well-being, and opportunity for the people of Maricopa County. Since it began awarding grants in 2000, Piper Trust has invested more than \$475 million in local nonprofits and programs. Piper Trust grantmaking areas are healthcare and medical research, children, older adults, arts and culture, education, and religious organizations.

St. Joseph's was founded in 1895 by the Sisters of Mercy amidst a raging tuberculosis epidemic. The Sisters' commitment to providing high quality, compassionate care to all patients regardless of ability to pay continues to this day. Through generous community support, the hospital has evolved into an advanced medical epicenter that provides a wide range of health, social and support services, while still remaining fully dedicated to providing special advocacy for the poor and underserved. It is home to the internationally renowned Norton Thoracic Institute and Barrow Neurological Institute, as well as the Center for Women's Health, St. Joseph's Cancer Center, a Level 1 Trauma Center and St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center. More info: [SupportStJosephs.org](https://www.SupportStJosephs.org)

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