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The next regular meeting of the **COMMUNITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** of **SALINAS VALLEY HEALTH**¹ will be held **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025, AT 12:00 P.M., HEART CENTER TELECONFERENCE ROOM, SALINAS VALLEY HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER, 450 E. ROMIE LANE, SALINAS, CALIFORNIA.**

(Visit <https://www.salinasvalleyhealth.com/about-us/healthcare-district-information-reports/board-of-directors/meeting-agendas-packets/board-information-2025/> for Public Access Information).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Radner".

Allen Radner, MD
President/Chief Executive Officer

Committee Voting Members: **Rolando Cabrera, MD**, Chair; **Joel Hernandez Laguna**, Vice-Chair; **Allen Radner, MD**, President/CEO; **Clement Miller**, Chief Operating Officer; **Jaime Gonzalez, MD**, Medical Staff Member.

Advisory Non-Voting Members: Julie Edgcomb, Community Member; Administrative Executive Team.

**COMMUNITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SALINAS VALLEY HEALTH¹**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025, 12:00 P.M.
HEART CENTER TELECONFERENCE ROOM**

**Salinas Valley Health Medical Center
450 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, California**

(Visit SalinasValleyHealth.com/virtualboardmeeting for Public Access Information)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Public Comment

This opportunity is provided for members of the public to make a brief statement, not to exceed three (3) minutes, on issues or concerns within the jurisdiction of this District Board which are not otherwise covered under an item on this agenda.

3. Approve Minutes of the Community Advocacy Committee Meeting of November 13, 2024 (CABRERA)

- Motion/Second
- Public Comment
- Action by Committee/Roll Call Vote

4. SVH Mission / Immigration (DR. RADNER/MILLER/RUSK)

5. Community Pillar Update (DITULLIO)

6. Salinas Valley Health Foundation Update (WARDWELL/GROSS)

7. Closed Session

8. Reconvene Open Session/Report on Closed Session

9. Adjournment

The Community Advocacy Committee meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

¹Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System operating as Salinas Valley Health

This Committee meeting may be attended by Board Members who do not sit on this Committee. In the event that a quorum of the entire Board is present, this Committee shall act as a Committee of the Whole. In either case, any item acted upon by the Committee or the Committee of the Whole will require consideration and action by the full Board of Directors as a prerequisite to its legal enactment.

The Salinas Valley Health (SVH) Board packet is available at the Board Meeting, electronically at <https://www.salinasvalleyhealth.com/about-/healthcare-district-information-reports/board-of-directors/meeting-agendas-packets/2025/>, and in the SVH Human Resources Department located at 611 Abbott Street, Suite 201, Salinas, California, 93901. All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the SVH Board.

Requests for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or Spanish translation services, in order to attend or participate in-person at a meeting, need to be made to the Board Clerk during regular business hours at 831-759-3050 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the posted time for the meeting in order to enable the District to make reasonable accommodations.

**COMMUNITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SALINAS VALLEY HEALTH¹**

AGENDA FOR CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2 and 54954.5, the board agenda may describe closed session agenda items as provided below. No legislative body or elected official shall be in violation of Section 54954.2 or 54956 if the closed session items are described in substantial compliance with Section 54954.5 of the Government Code.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET

(Government Code §37606 & Health and Safety Code § 32106)

Discussion will concern: (Specify whether discussion will concern proposed new service, program, or facility): Trade secrets, strategic planning/proposed new programs and services

Estimated date of public disclosure: (Specify month and year): Unknown

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

(Chair to call the meeting to order)

PUBLIC COMMENT

DRAFT SALINAS VALLEY HEALTH¹
COMMUNITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Committee Attendance:

Voting Members Present: **Rolando Cabrera, MD**, Chair, and **Allen Radner, M.D.** President/CEO, **Jaime Gonzalez, M.D.**, Medical Staff Member, and **Clement Miller**, COO;

Voting Member Absent: **Joel Hernandez Laguna**, Vice-Chair;

Advisory Non-Voting Members Present:

Via Teleconference: Julie Edgcomb, and Michelle Childs, CHRO:

Other Board Members Present, Constituting Committee of the Whole:

Via Teleconference: Juan Cabrera, Catherine Carson, and Victor Rey, Jr.

Dr. Gonzalez arrived at 12:08 p.m.

Juan Cabrera left at 12:24 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A quorum was present and Chair Rolando Cabrera, MD, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Heart Center Teleconference Room.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AUGUST 14, 2024

Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 Community Advocacy Committee meeting. The information was included in the Committee packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MOTION:

Upon motion by Committee member Miller and second by Committee member Dr. Radner, the minutes of August 14, 2024 Community Advocacy Committee were approved as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Chair Dr. Cabrera, Dr. Radner, and Miller

Nays: None;

Abstentions: None;

Absent: Vice-Chair Hernandez Laguna and Dr. Gonzalez.

Motion Carried

4. BLUE ZONES PROJECT TRANSITION

Dr. Radner provided a background on our involvement and original long-range goals with the Blue Zones Project (BZP); the information provided today is for discussion purposes and will be discussed further in the November Board meeting. Tiffany DiTullio, CAO Community Wellness, reported on the following:

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- August 2018 through September 2025 Partnerships timeline.
- People, places and policy focus
- Criteria for certification
- Progress to certification goals 2019-2024
- Community metrics on smoking, diabetes rates/education/screening/awareness, high blood pressure, access to healthy food, high cholesterol, 5+ vegetable servings, exercise and engagement.
- Community well-being and metrics
- Current services & expenses
- Sustainability options with cost comparisons and recommendations including transition plan options and maintaining integrity of the program

A full report was provided in the packet.

COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION: Julie Edgcomb endorsed considering a long-term program. Dr. Gonzalez asked about environmental assessment, specifically related to pesticides. It was noted that environmental assessment is a part of BZP but not this specific factor. Victor Rey endorsed exploring options. There are currently two BZP offices; the intent is to reduce to one location. Financial sponsors include SVH, CHOMP and Taylor Farms; planning has been transparent and they are aware options are being considered.

5. COMMUNITY FUNDING UPDATE

Informational only. A full report was provided in the packet.

COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION: Lynette and Mobile Clinic team made the BZP flu clinic possible; 173 vaccinations were provided. Celina Medina, FNP, is doing amazing with the Mobile Clinic. Mobile Clinic metrics are now part of the dashboard.

6. SALINAS VALLEY HEALTH FOUNDATION REPORT

Melissa Gross, Director Strategic Development, and Jeff Wardwell, Chief Philanthropy Officer, reported on the following:

- FY25 YTD Released Funds
- Funds Granted FY20-FYF25
- Partners in Excellence Program: Guidelines which include eligibility, the process for application, executive leader involvement, budget/cost estimate. application review, and Board of Governors review. Once funded, progress reports are required. Grants are reviewed twice per year (current cycle ends November), Examples of approved projects were provided.

COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION: None

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m. The Community Advocacy Committee Meeting meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled for 2025, date and time to be determined.

Rolando Cabrera, MD, Chair
Community Advocacy Committee

Immigration Policy

ICE enforcement

Clement Miller



Memorandum

To: Salinas Valley Health Staff and Medical Staff
From: Allen Radner, MD, President/CEO
Salinas Valley Health Board of Directors
Date: January 24, 2025

Salinas Valley Health has a firm, seven decades long commitment to serve our diverse community with every individual and each family deserving of respect and access to quality medical care, regardless of immigration status.

We understand that many in our community have concerns about accessing healthcare services due to the current climate surrounding immigration enforcement. We want to reassure our patients that their health and well-being remain our top priorities. We strictly adhere to laws governing privacy practices and are committed to protecting patient confidentiality.

We stand strong and united with other organizations advocating for the rights and dignity of all individuals, and we will closely monitor federal developments that may impact our local community. Our doors are open, and we encourage anyone in need of medical care to seek it without fear. Together, we can foster a healthier community, ensuring that everyone has access to the care they deserve.

Immigration Policy – ICE enforcement

1. Respond Courteously and Professionally

- Politely inform the officer that you are not authorized to assist but will immediately contact your supervisor.
- Ask the officer to wait while you call the nursing supervisor.

2. Contact the Nursing Supervisor at Extension 5771

The Nursing Supervisor will gather as much information as possible, including:

- Date, time, and location of the officer's arrival
- Document name of the ICE agent with identification information (Badge Number) if available
- Nature of the investigation
- Whether ICE has legal documentation to inquire about a specific individual
- Whether Salinas Valley Health Legal Counsel or the Administrator on Call needs to be contacted
- Interactions with ICE agents must be documented in the facilities incident management system.

Immigration Policy – ICE enforcement (cont.)

3. For Administrators – ICE Protocol

California and federal health information privacy laws prohibit hospitals, physicians, and other healthcare providers from disclosing patient information to ICE officers **unless**:

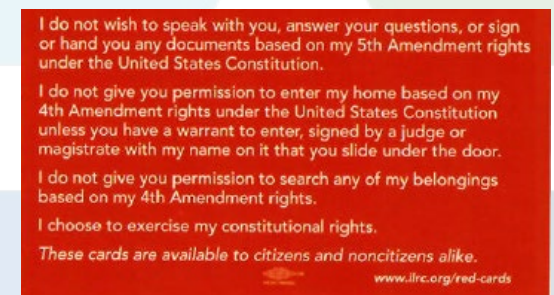
- The patient signs a legally compliant **authorization for the release of information** form.
- For medical information requests, the officer provides a **subpoena, search warrant, or court order** issued to ICE.
- For physical access requests, the officer provides a **judicial warrant** signed by a U.S. District Court judge or magistrate.
- **For critically ill patients** – The ICE agent shall be asked to confer with the attending physician to ensure the patient meets their criteria for safe release.
- In the event a patient is removed from the facility, the facts associated with the patients removal must be documented in the patient's medical record

Staff are asked to refrain from engaging with ICE officials except as outlined above.

We recognize that guidance may continue to evolve, and our response may be updated accordingly.

Staff Guidance – ICE enforcement

- Staff are not asked to determine validity of warrant/court order
- Any enforcement actions regarding employee's is to be referred to HR
- Always attempt to negotiate the safest disposition for patients
 - Involve attending physician in discussion with ICE Agent
- Do not hinder access if agents are insistent
- Clearly document events in patients record and incident occurrence system
- Notify risk management
- Keep “Red Cards” available at all entrances
- Clinic Process aligns with hospital policy



Questions?

Community Pillar Update

Community FY 2025 Goals

Organizational Goals by Pillar						Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	FY 2025 Act/Proj	TARGET	Var %	FY 2024 Baseline
VI. Community															
*	Increase community engagement through individual district zone specific events					0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	-60.0%	-
**	Allocation of Community Benefit funding in South County Measured by: % Over Baseline (\$3,000)					-	-	-	-	-	6.0%	6.0%	4.0%	50.0%	-
**	Allocation of Community Benefit funding in North County Measured by: % Over Baseline (\$0)					-	-	6.0%	-	-	-	6.0%	4.0%	50.0%	-

Community Pillar (Total 5%) – Increase diversified impact throughout the hospital District through community engagement and program support.

Increase community engagement through individual district zone specific events (2.5%)

- Achieved by:
 - Diversified community outreach events in each of the five District zones
 - Community health and service line promotion prioritized
 - Measured by event hosting or participation
- Threshold 3 | Target 5 | Max 6 (one in each zone to achieve max)

➤ Community Engagement Status:	Zone 1	Zone 2 ✓	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5 ✓
	Confirmed event on April 27 th	COMPLETED on Oct 14 th : Flu Clinic and hospital resource fair at Boys & Girls Club	Confirmed event on March 6 th	March 30, 2025 Marina Farmers' Market event	COMPLETED on Oct 12 th : Gonzales Family Fun Day

Allocation of Community Benefit funding (2.5%)

- Diversify distribution of Community Benefit Funding to increase grants in North County and South County regions.
- Measurement is based on % increase of total funds allocated in identified areas, baseline FY24 number and development of dashboard
- Achieved by:
 - Development of a Community Funding dashboard
 - Include District funding distribution
 - Outreach to underrepresented communities to encourage aligned funding request
- Threshold: 2% increase | Target: 4% increase | Max: 6% increase

**** Allocation of Community Benefit funding: South County community benefit was funded \$2,500 on 9/23/24 and \$5,000 on 12/30/24 which has exceeded the maximum of 6% over the baseline (baseline is \$3,000). North County community benefit was funded \$5,000 on 9/23/24 which has exceeded the maximum of 6% over the baseline (baseline is \$0).**

Upcoming Community Health Days

- Thursday, March 6th Noon – 3pm
MLK Family Resource Center
- Sunday, March 30th 10am – 2pm
Marina Farmers' Market
- Sunday, April 27th 1pm-5pm
Castroville Day of the Child



Rising with Gratitude

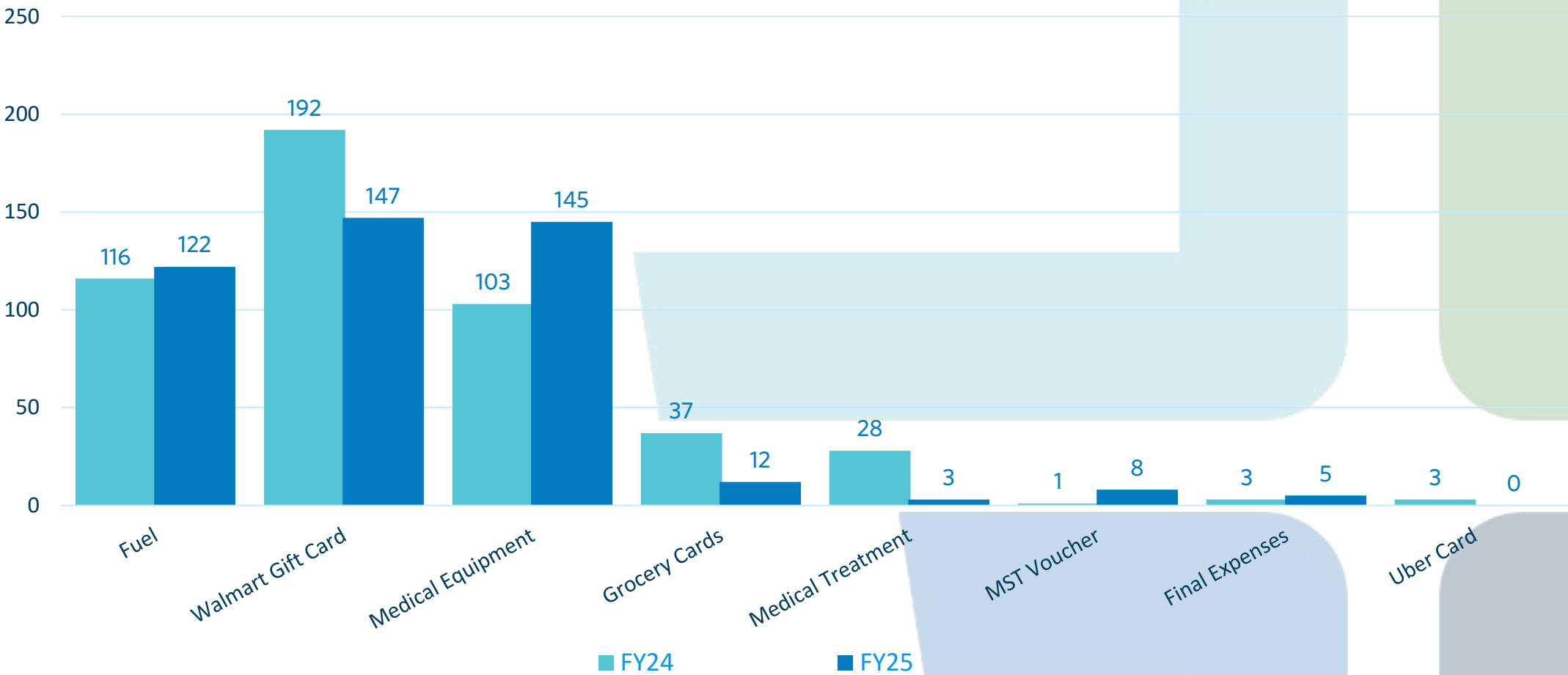
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Patient Assistance

FY25 Q2 YTD

349 Unique Lives, 442 Encounters, \$63,108 in Support

Type of Assistance



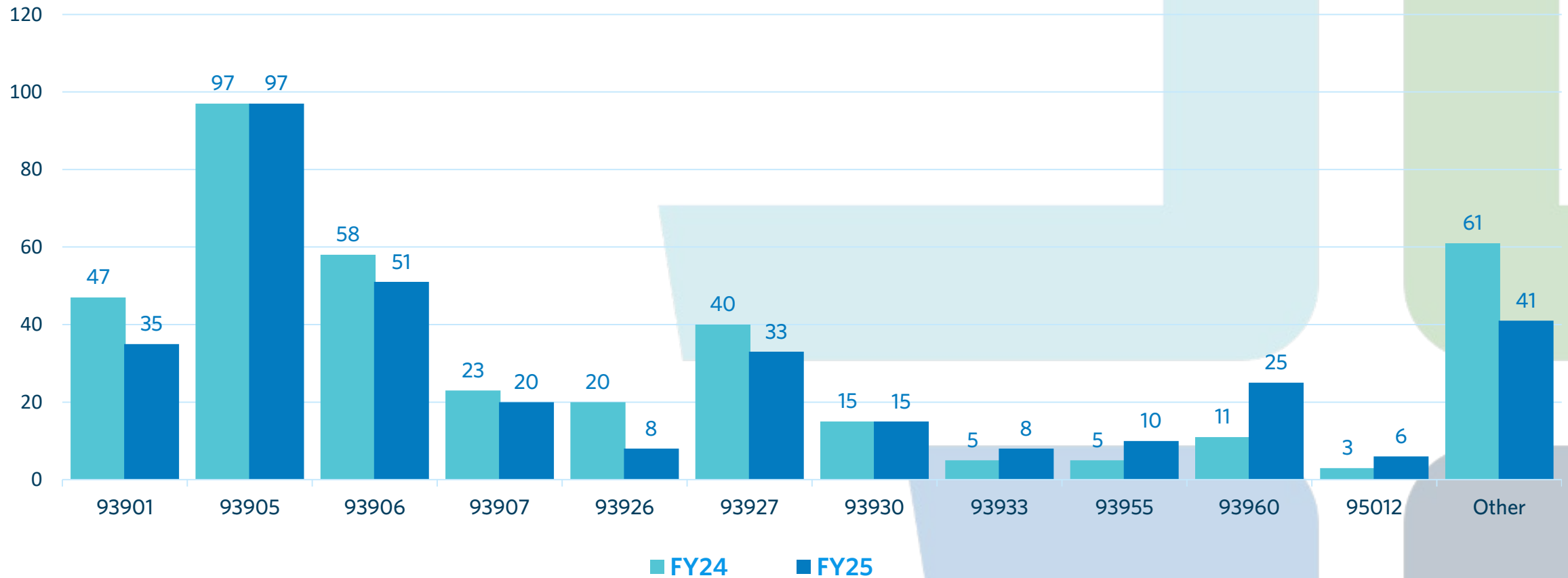
*Note some patients receive different types of assistance and/or repeated support depending on their individual needs

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Patient Zip Codes

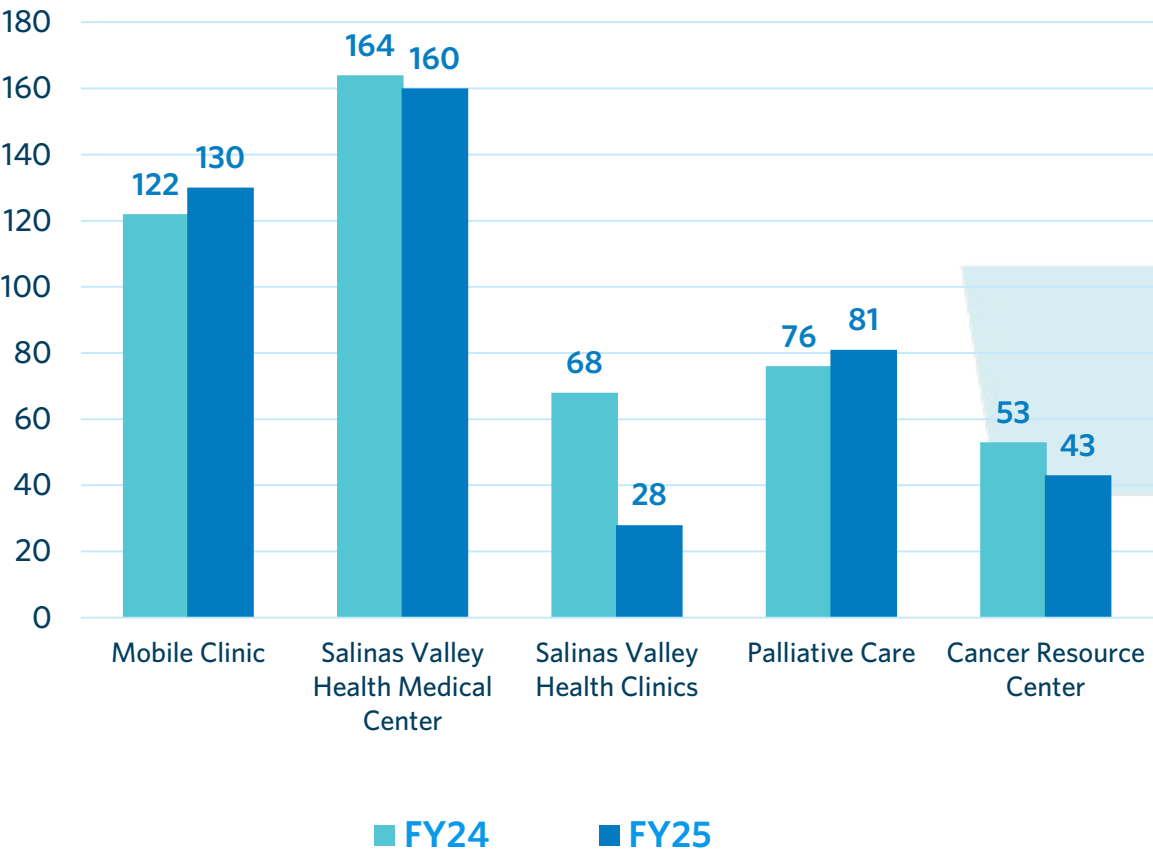


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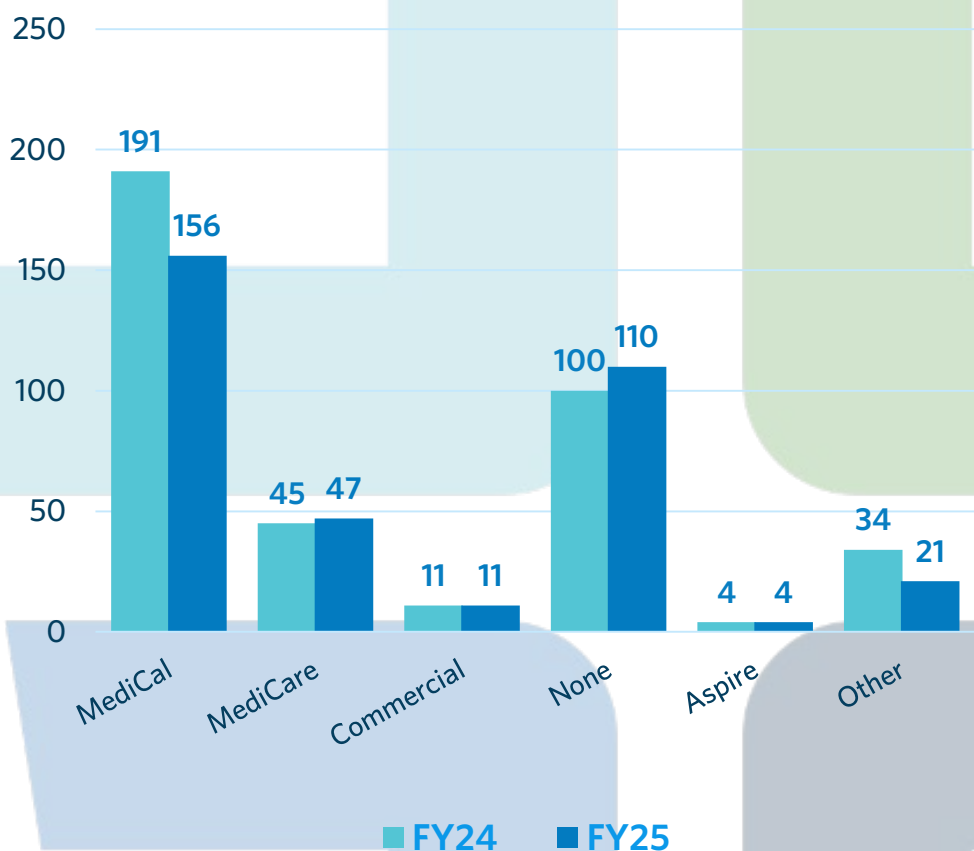
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Access Point



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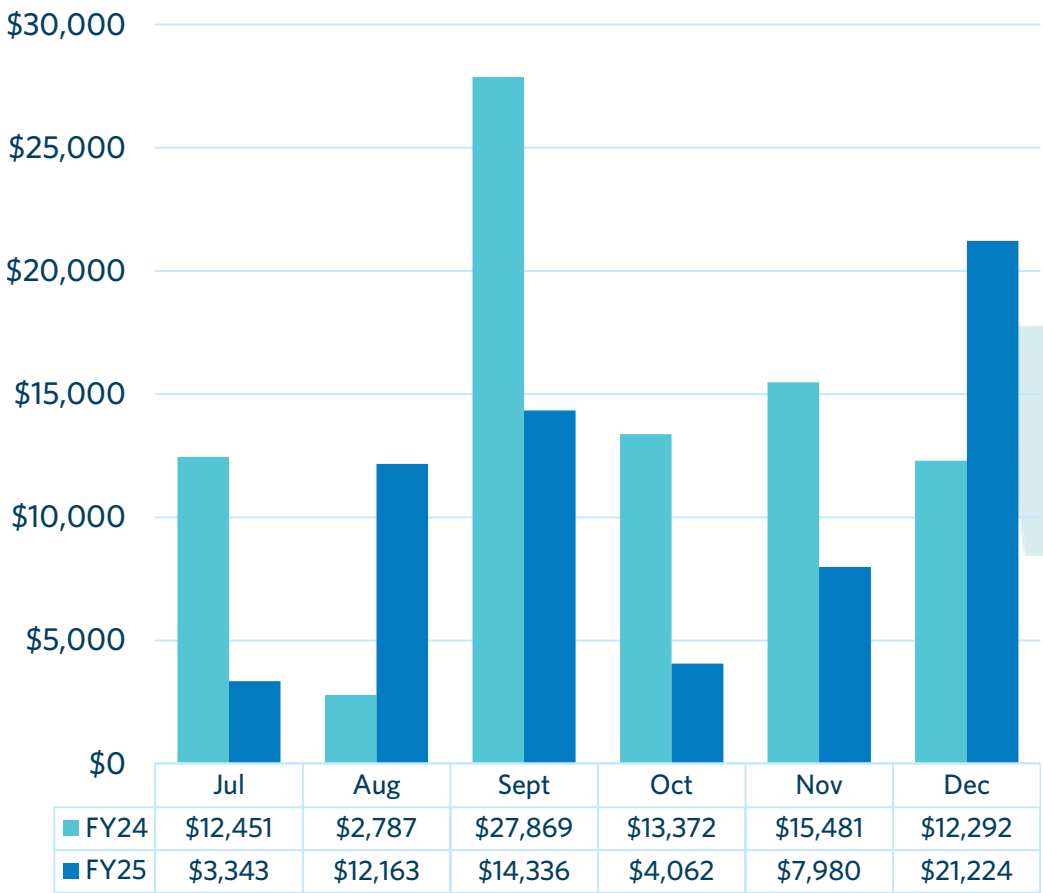


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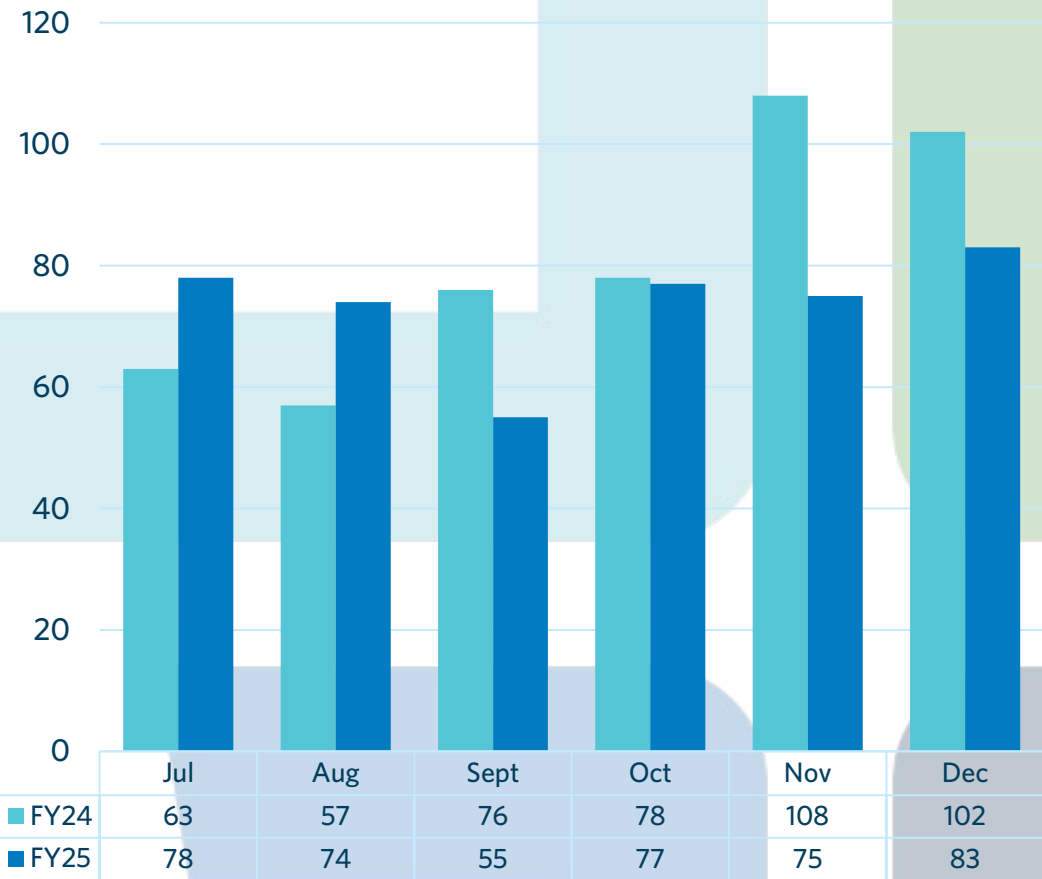
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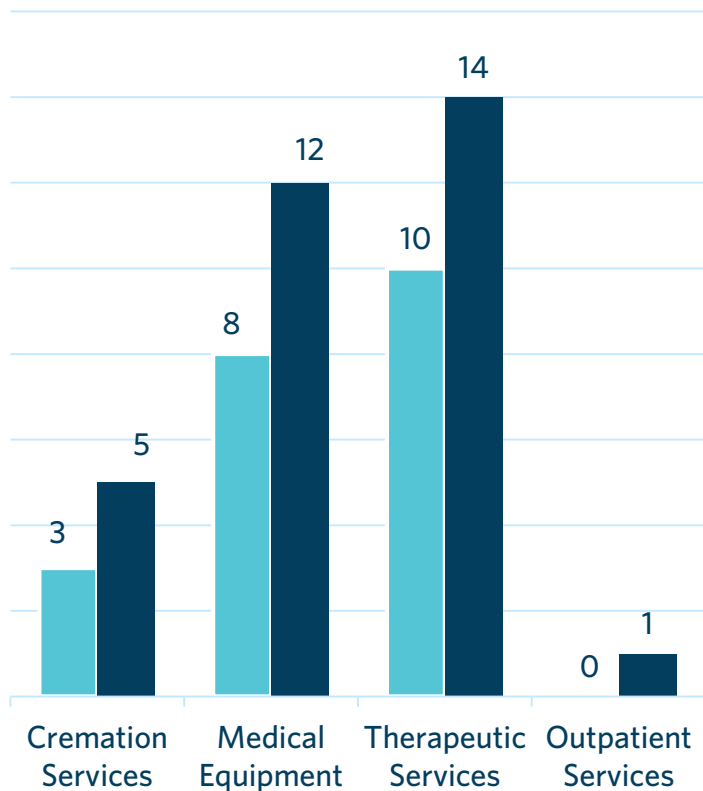
Patient Assistance Expenses Month over Month



Patient Assistance Encounters Month over Month

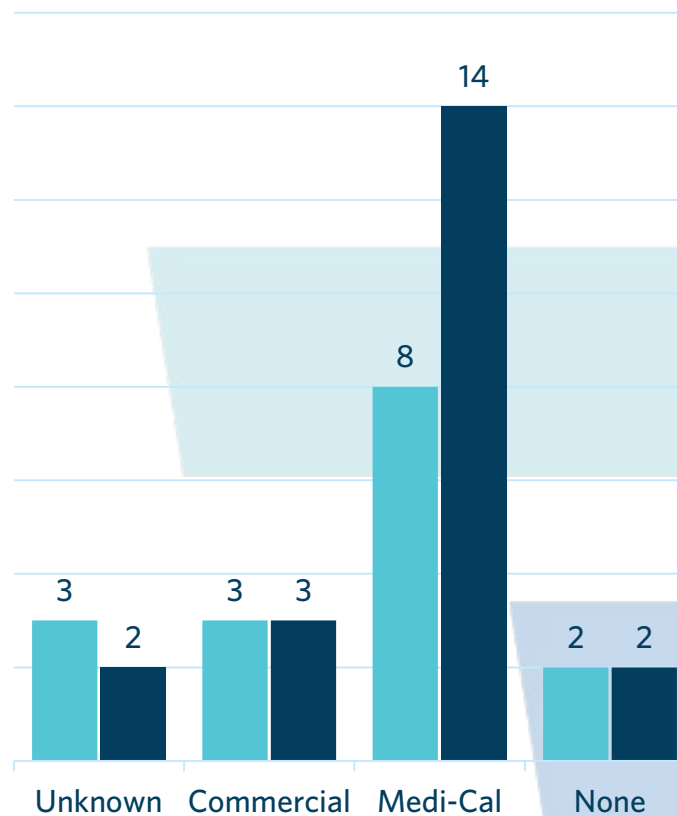


Type of Assistance



■ FY24 YTD ■ FY25 YTD

Unique Patients, Payor Source

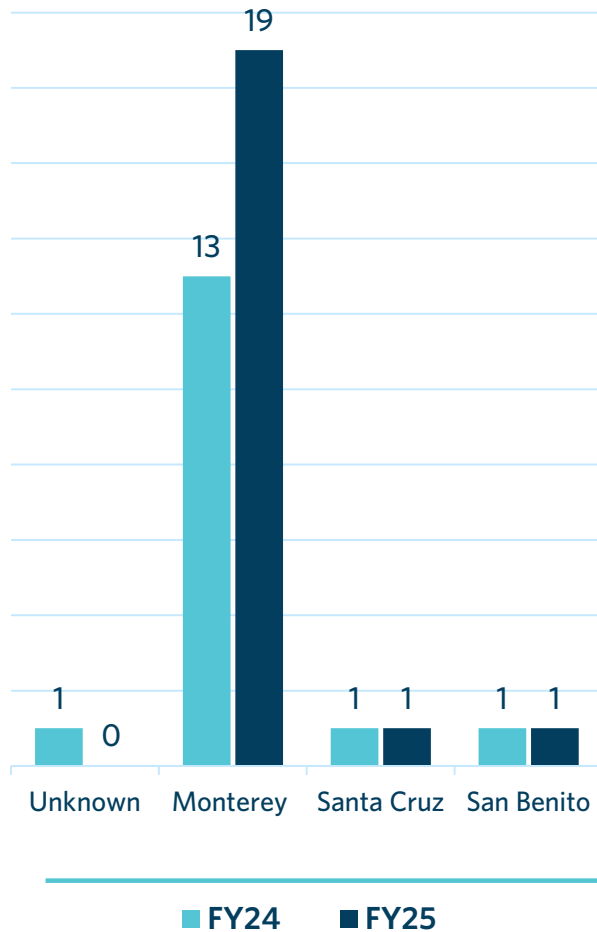


■ FY24 YTD ■ FY25 YTD

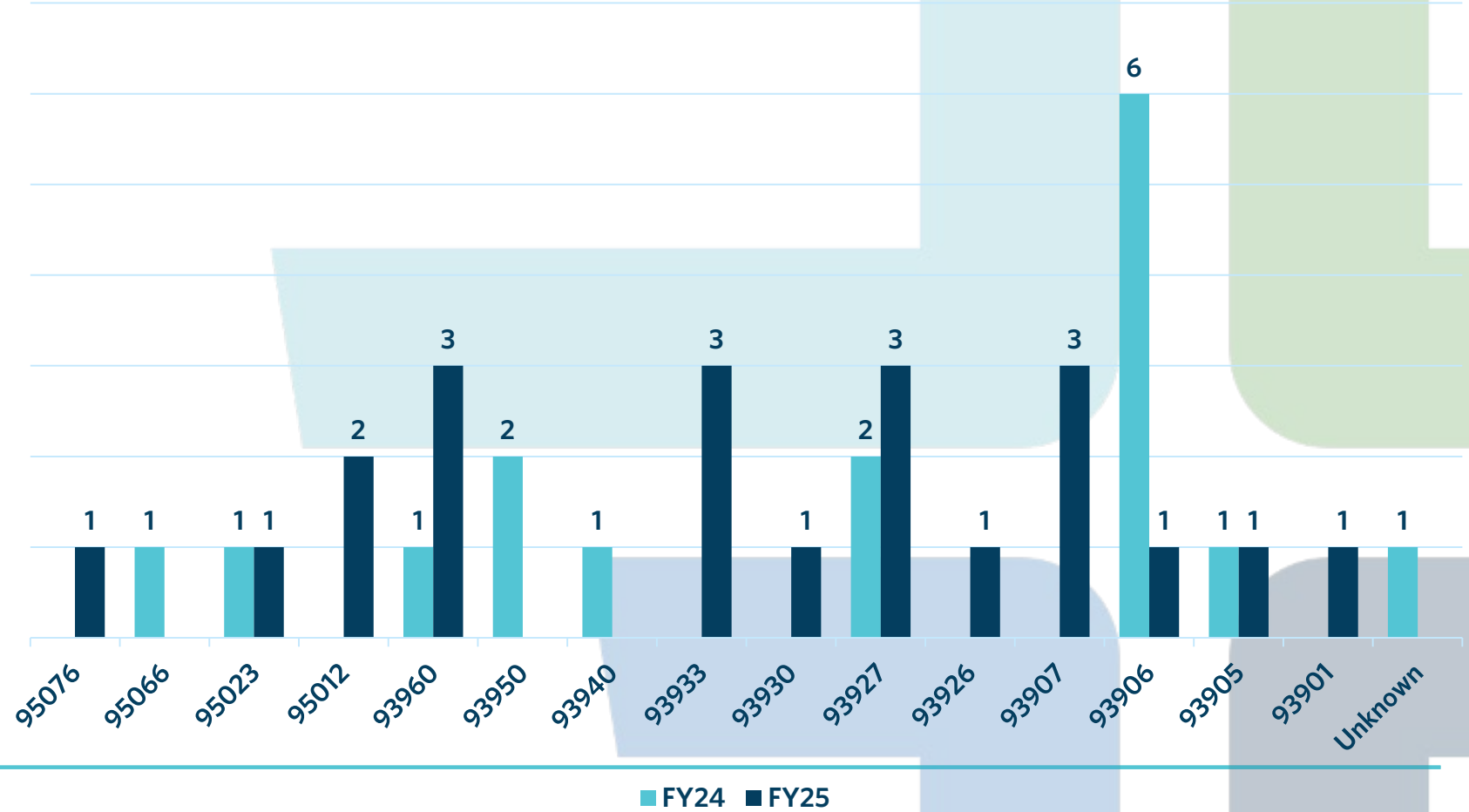
Recently Funded

- Equestrian Therapy
- Aquatic Therapy
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices
- Portable Generator
- Air Purifier
- Medical Equipment Cart
- Therapeutic Massage
- Adaptive Orthotic Shoes
- Perinatal Loss Cremation

Unique Patients, Recipient County



Unique Patients, ZIP Code



Adopt a Patient Family

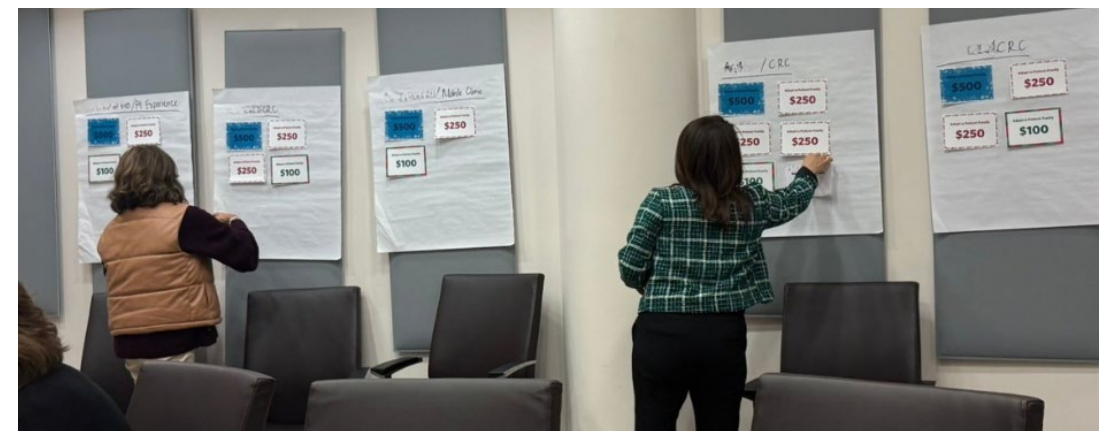
Over \$11,000 was collected for the 2024 Adopt a Patient Family Program

Donations were received from 63 individual Salinas Valley Health staff members and 1 department, with in-kind support from the Foundation.

9 Patient families received support (42 family members)

Nominating Departments:

- Patient Experience
- Cancer Resource Center
- Mobile Clinic
- Cardiac Wellness
- Case Management
- PACU
- Oncology



Patient Assistance - Impact in Action

"Thank you for helping my family. I didn't have diapers at home for my baby and everything is so expensive. My husband can't work because of his treatment. You are angels."

Patient was unable to afford her co-pay for a wound vacuum that was ordered after a surgical procedure, and had planned to "just not pick it up" in order to avoid the expense. Instead, her social worker utilized the Patient Assistance Program and the co-pay of nearly \$400 was paid directly to the equipment vendor.

A 5-month-old pediatrics patient needed home nebulizer treatments in order to be safely discharged, but the mother wasn't able to afford the out-of-pocket costs for the device. Her Case Manager applied for Patient Assistance, and the baby was able to be discharged as planned.

Gas and grocery support was provided to a 40 year old mother of 2 with metastatic cancer. The patient doesn't qualify to receive disability benefits, has no source of income, and her 19 year old daughter isn't able to work because she is her mother's caregiver.

2025 Local Champion

Meet Niko, our 2025 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Local Champion!

Niko's early years were filled with hospital visits to treat his asthma, dysphagia, and epilepsy. Today, his conditions are controlled, and he is thriving! Niko will represent our local CMN Hospitals Program this year, sharing the many ways that local donations make a difference for kids like him.

Niko, age 12
Asthma and Epilepsy



**Thank you for donating to
help local kids like Niko!**



Niko is a lifelong patient of Salinas Valley Health, and an experienced Asthma Camper. His family credits Salinas Valley Health with not only helping to diagnose and treat Niko's medical conditions, but also with educating and empowering him to manage his health and live a full, active life.

Rising with Gratitude

Salinas Valley Health Foundation

CLOSED SESSION

*(Report on Items to be
Discussed in Closed Session)*

*RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/
CLOSED SESSION REPORT*

(Meeting Chair)

ADJOURNMENT