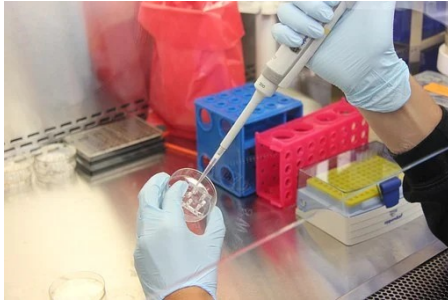




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DEEP INVESTMENT IN COVID-19 TESTING AND TREATMENT

Twenty years ago, the then Laboratory director, Dr. Frank Bavuso, wanted to see 2 specific improvements in the hospital laboratory: improved transfusion service and automation to help transform our Microbiology lab.

At critical times when capital funds were scarce, MCHF provided financial support that allowed those improvements to be fully realized...this could not have been achieved without the generosity of those involved with these ongoing efforts.

These funds established a leading-edge molecular diagnostics lab on our coast. This new technology has proved to be vital in our battle with old, new and emerging pathogens, including Clostridium difficile, MRSA, multi-drug resistant organisms and now COVID19.

With the Foundation's support, the Hospital procured a Cepheid table-top PCR analyzer that will greatly speed up the ability to diagnose COVID19 disease, and other types of infections.

MCHF has established a **COVID-19 Response Fund** to rapidly respond to the increasing needs in our coastal community for critical equipment, supplies and personal protective equipment (PPEs). Already we have seen how generous our community can be - but we need your support, now more than ever.

WINESONG! 2020 – UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

The Virtual Tastings, the Online Auction, the Pop-Ups and Public Broadcast are all over. Once again, Winesong and Foundation supporters stepped up and stepped in to our virtual experience and what a time it was! Your generosity of both gifts and participation meant **an astonishing \$250,000 was generated** for the healthcare community along our beautiful Mendocino Coast.

Our Fund-A-Need continues – our broader mission to fund our healthcare partner organizations like the **Mendocino Coast Clinic, the Mendocino Cancer Resource Center**, and others while they respond to the challenges that affect our most vulnerable here on the coast ensures **your contributions have an immediate, meaningful impact.**

Please consider a donation today – see our online contribution, **Text “Winesong” to 345-345**

or mail your check to:
Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation
775 River Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

With sincere thanks, and incredible humility in the face of all our challenges – hold the date for **Winesong 2021 – Together Again**, the weekend of September 10-11, 2021.

Winesong!

PARTNERING WITH OUR MOST VULNERABLE –

COASTAL STREET MEDICINE

At the beginning of the pandemic, Coastal Street Medicine was working hard to provide masks, hand sanitizer and to obtain no-touch infrared thermometers for our clinics. We were so grateful to MCHF for funding the cost of three thermometers which allowed for fever screening at the Street Medicine clinics and at the Hospitality Center's Wellness Center and shelter.



In addition, we have been able to hire a case manager for Street Medicine with funding provided by the Foundation. The case manager, Cathy Perkins, started on August 1st and is already working with 10 homeless patients to help them navigate the health care system, get needed transportation and support regarding their daily stressors. We deeply thank the Foundation for their support and creative vision.

Thank you for your continued support!

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