



Catholic Healthcare West

Ask the Expert
Arizona Republic

Richard Frazier

Q: I recently heard about some expansion projects currently underway at Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers. How can I help support these efforts?

A: Providing support through monetary gifts or gifts of your time are great ways to support the hospitals. Chandler Regional is undergoing two expansion projects that will begin construction soon - a new patient tower and two new cardiac catheterization laboratories. Mercy Gilbert, which recently increased its bed size to 212, has the capacity to grow to 400 beds in the next five years.

Making a contribution to support programs, projects or services may be done in a variety of ways through CHW Foundation – East Valley, and include but are not limited to:

- **Outright Gifts** – These are gifts in the form of cash, check, or credit card. They are the most common type of charitable gifts and have an immediate impact. Gifts may be made in person, via mail, or by using our secure online donation form.
- **Memorials & Tributes** – You can give a gift to the tribute fund. Tribute gifts honor the memory of a loved one or say thank you to a caregiver, celebrate a birth, graduation or anniversary.
- **Planned or Deferred Gifts** – Leaving a will, life insurance policy, gift annuity, or other planned-giving vehicle offers an exceptional opportunity to create a lasting legacy of quality healthcare for future generations.
- **Pledges** – A pledge is a formal statement of intention to make a gift to the Foundation. It may be followed by an immediate gift, or it may simply confirm your intention to make a gift in the future. Most pledges may be paid over a period of five years.
- **Matching Gifts** – Many corporations have demonstrated their support by matching, or multiplying, their employees' gifts to the hospital.

The gift of time is also important. Volunteering provides you with the opportunity to make a difference each day by assisting with patient and non-patient care in our hospitals and Urgent Care centers. In 2009, our volunteers contributed nearly 109,600 hours aiding in the comfort and satisfaction of patients, staff and visitors.

For more information on specific giving opportunities, please call CHW Foundation – East Valley at 480.728.3931 or visit supportchweastvalley.org. To learn how you can become a volunteer, please visit ChandlerRegional.org or MercyGilbert.org and click on Volunteer Information.

Richard Frazier is the Vice President and Executive Director of CHW Foundation – East Valley, a not-for-profit organization promoting philanthropic support for Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers.