Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance Receives Record $20 Million Gift from Donald and Priscilla Hunt

TORRANCE, CA (July 20, 2017) – Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance has received a $20 million gift from long-time supporters Priscilla Hunt and the late Donald G. Hunt. This transformational gift is the largest in the history of Providence Little Company of Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt directed their gift to support the medical center’s ambitious Cardiovascular Center of Excellence Campaign, which is investing $35 million in new facilities and technology, and the creation of premier patient care rooms that complement the expert compassionate, quality nursing and medical care patients experience every day. This successful campaign solidifies Providence Little Company of Mary Torrance’s leadership in South Bay cardiovascular care. The hospital’s Heritage Tower will be renamed the Donald & Priscilla Hunt Tower in honor of this landmark donation.

“This extraordinary gift to Providence Little Company of Mary is an inspiring demonstration of how donors throughout the years have transformed this hospital through their generosity,” said Sean Armstrong, chairman of the Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation Board of Trustees. “The Hunts believe that everyone in our community deserves access to the highest quality health care, and this generous gift ensures that South Bay residents will continue to receive world-class cardiovascular care right here in the community.”

The Hunts found inspiration in Sister Terrence Landini, LCM, and the Providence Little Company of Mary promise to each patient to “know me, care for me, ease my way.” “Your core values of respect, compassion, justice, excellence and stewardship are also our core values,” stated Mrs. Hunt.

“Donald and Priscilla Hunt are true visionaries whose generous support is positively impacting the health of all of our cardiovascular patients,” said Mary Kingston, chief executive, Providence South Bay Community. “This medical center pioneered advanced cardiovascular care beginning in the 1970s, and that legacy continues to this day. Thanks to their benevolence, Providence Little Company of Mary continues as a national leader in cardiovascular care.”
Truven Health Analytics named Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance a Top 50 cardiovascular hospital. The hospital sees more than 300 outpatient cardiac cases each month, and that number is expected to rise as the Baby Boom generation ages. One-in-five South Bay residents is 55 or older.

Funds from the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence Campaign will boost cardiovascular capacity by 25 percent; adding a large operating suite for cardiovascular surgery and other complex surgeries, modernizing three heart catheterization labs and establishing a new electrophysiology lab and new dedicated cardiovascular facilities for all Providence Little Company of Mary patients.

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