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## **Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council Experiences the Impact of Their Philanthropy Firsthand**

- *Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation generously provided grant funds to Woodland Healthcare Foundation in the last year to enable the purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment for the Family Birth Center and the Nuclear Medicine Suite at Woodland Memorial Hospital.*
- *In July, members of the Yocha Dehe Tribal Council toured the hospital to witness firsthand the impact of these gifts and allocations.*
- *Woodland Healthcare Foundation and our local community are deeply grateful to Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for its outstanding commitment to improving the lives of our families, friends and neighbors.*

WOODLAND, California, August 7, 2019 – Recently, members of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council toured the Family Birth Center and the Nuclear Medicine Suite at Woodland Memorial Hospital to see the impact of the tribe’s sharing with the community.

“On behalf of Woodland Healthcare Foundation, I’d like to express our appreciation for the strong partnership we have formed with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation,” says Kevin Duggan, vice president of philanthropy for Woodland Healthcare Foundation. “We are honored that the tribe has entrusted us to carry out its philanthropic vision in the community and it is gratifying to see how much our families, friends and neighbors are benefitting from this amazing generosity.”

Within the Family Birth Center, a generous gift from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Community Fund made it possible to provide a new state-of-the-art GE Coro Metrics fetal monitor system. This amazing technology improves the birthing experience and ensures the best possible outcomes for mothers and newborns at Woodland Memorial Hospital. These smaller monitors have better visuals, wireless capability to allow mothers to walk and move around, and enhanced technological abilities to enable nurses to track the labor progress of patients across the center from each of the eight birthing suites.

“We truly appreciate all the compassion and support we have received from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Woodland Healthcare Foundation and our community,” says Nova Fox,

Manager of the Family Birth Center, speaking of the many gifts that made it possible to purchase a total of eight new monitoring systems. Since the monitors were installed in mid-June, 2019, dozens of patients have already benefitted from this amazing technology, which provides a more comfortable birthing experience for mothers from our community.

Last year, a very generous capstone grant from Yocha Dehe's Doyuti T'uhkama Partnership completed Woodland Healthcare Foundation's ambitious \$3 million Advanced Imaging and Surgical Services Campaign. This allocation enabled the hospital to purchase a new Nuclear Medicine Camera and to renovate the room that houses it. The new camera is making a meaningful difference in the lives of patients affected by cancer, bone disorders, gall bladder disease, heart disease, Parkinson's disease and other conditions. It is used to identify and track the progress of these diseases and inform treatment decisions. The new camera produces higher quality images and is significantly faster, with the capacity to accommodate patients from across the Greater Sacramento Area with much less waiting time. This means that our community benefits from world-class imaging technology without having to travel to other facilities. Additionally, the new camera can accommodate patients with limited mobility, making this valuable imaging service available to those in particularly delicate health.

"We are deeply humbled and gratified to see the difference we can make as partners, in peoples' lives," says Tribal Chairman Anthony Roberts. "Yocha Dehe is proud to contribute to the health and well-being of our community."

Woodland Healthcare Foundation, Woodland Memorial Hospital, and the patients and families they serve are all deeply grateful to Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for its outstanding commitment to our health.

For more about Woodland Healthcare Foundation, please see [www.supportwoodlandhealthcare.org](http://www.supportwoodlandhealthcare.org).

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### **About Woodland Healthcare Foundation**

For more than 50 years, Woodland Healthcare Foundation has partnered with our local community to strengthen healthcare in our region. Together, we enable Woodland Healthcare to offer the best care possible by funding capital equipment needs and supporting services that benefit those who entrust us with their health.

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