

Grateful Journeys

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Juan was born and raised in Boyle Heights and holds Adventist Health White Memorial in the highest regard. His youngest son was born at White Memorial, and he is determined to work with the medical center to further healthcare access and the quality of care.

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Letter from the Foundation President

In this latest Grateful Journeys Newsletter, you'll find the inspiring stories of [Whitney Davis](#) and [Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz](#), both a testament to the power of the human spirit and the courage to stay hopeful against all odds.

Patient Spotlight

Whitney Davis' visit to Adventist Health White Memorial for orthopedic care became much more than physical healing. The compassionate emotional support she received here elevated her spirit and helped the healing process in every way.

Community Success Story

From a challenging childhood to ascending the bench, Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz's life is a powerful reminder that our origins do not determine our destinies. Her story resonates deeply, particularly with the youth of East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello.

Join Us in Transforming Lives

Your generosity helps us turn stories of adversity into stories of success. Every [gift](#) is a catalyst for change, providing essential support where it's needed most. I invite you to join us by [making a gift today](#).

Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with us in our mission. Your philanthropy is the key to continuing our legacy of care and community success. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in countless lives, affirming our collective belief in a brighter, healthier future for every individual we serve.

With warm regards,

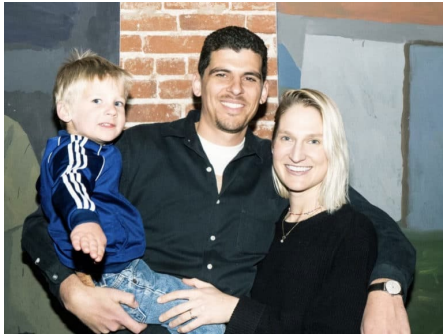
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juan De La Cruz'.

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Stories That Inspire



Grateful Patient Stories

[A Fateful Fall: Whitney Davis' Battle for Recovery and the Caregivers That Rose to Support Her](#)

After Whitney Davis fell more than 10 feet from a stairwell, her arm was fractured, she was in excruciating pain and her spirit was nearly broken. But the compassionate care at Adventist Health White Memorial nurtured both back to health. [Read more.](#)

Community Impact Stories

[From Foster Care to the Bench: Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz Dared to Defy the Odds](#)

Lucy Armendariz was 8 years old when she entered foster care after her mother was sentenced to life in prison. Today, she is a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge – the hero, not a victim, of her own story. [Read more.](#)



Golf 2024

[The Annual Golf Classic Supports Healthcare Access with Every Swing](#)

Supporters hit the links on April 1 to celebrate our ongoing commitment to health and wellness. Held at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whitter, proceeds from this year's event are dedicated to expanding healthcare access in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Montebello. In September 2023, our healthcare footprint grew with the acquisition of Beverly Hospital in Montebello, trusted by the community for over seven decades. As Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello, we're more committed than ever to making healthcare more accessible, eliminating barriers, and tackling the systemic challenges historically faced by underserved communities. [Read more.](#)



[It's not too late to thank your doctor for Doctors' Day!](#)

Doctors' Day was March 30, but the time is always right to thank your doctor! Please consider sharing a personal note or making a gift in honor of a doctor who has been a force for good in your life. Your kind words and generosity inspire our caregivers as they provide life-saving, compassionate care every day. We are so grateful to our physicians for their skill, talent and dedication.

[Make your tribute gift today.](#)

