

# St. Mary Medical Center

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## **St. Mary Volunteers give \$140,000 toward new hospital**

APPLE VALLEY - February 19, 2008 - St. Mary Medical Center's Volunteer Services Department donated \$140,000 to the St. Mary Hospital Foundation on Monday, Feb. 18 to contribute to the new hospital fund. St. Mary purchased nearly 100 acres of land in Victorville in 2007 to build a new hospital to service the Victor Valley.

The \$140,000 was the second installment of a \$500,000 promise Volunteer Services plans to contribute to the new hospital fund over five years. The foundation is still working to determine how much money it will raise for the new hospital that is expected to cost \$2 million to \$3 million per bed.

The Volunteer Services members volunteer thousands of hours to the hospital each year by working in the gift shop, directing patients and guests at the front desk and assisting in various departments throughout the hospital. Volunteer Services has about 150 adult volunteers and about 60 teens in the junior volunteer program and has donated well over \$1 million to the hospital over the past decade.

The volunteers who work in the gift shop and on the Ways and Means committee presented the \$140,000 check to Doreen Hardy, the vice president of the St. Mary Hospital Foundation and Laura Gray the chairman of the foundation's board of directors.

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**A photo is available upon request.**

Established in 1956, St. Mary Medical Center is a 186-bed acute care facility celebrating 50 years of healing in the High Desert. St. Mary is home to the High Desert's only comprehensive cardiovascular surgery program and the area's only Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Medical Center is fully accredited by The Joint Commission.