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## **Mary and Jay Flaherty Give \$5 Million To Saint John's Health Center Foundation**

**SANTA MONICA (Feb. 28, 2019)** – Mary and Jay Flaherty have donated \$5 million to Saint John's Health Center Foundation in support of the exceptional health care and research of Providence Saint John's Health Center, John Wayne Cancer Institute and Pacific Neuroscience Institute.

"We're so thankful to Mary and Jay for their generous gift," said foundation president and CEO Bob Klein. "This gift not only supports ground breaking, bench to bedside research and health care, it signals to the larger community that this campus is worthy of major support. This type of philanthropy is absolutely critical to bringing state-of-the-art medical care to more people."

The \$5 million gift will be shared equally among John Wayne Cancer Institute, Pacific Neuroscience Institute and Providence Saint John's Health Center, the anchor of the three affiliates. "The compassionate and personalized care that Saint John's is known for, coupled with the cutting-edge research of John Wayne Cancer Institute and Pacific Neuroscience Institute, is a unique model in health care and a partnership destined for great success in the field of medicine, which is why we wanted to provide our support," said Mary Flaherty.

Mary Flaherty is a grateful patient of Saint John's and she currently serves as Chair of Saint John's Health Center Foundation Board of Trustees. "My connection to Saint John's is a family tradition that goes back more than forty years. Saint John's and its affiliates have been there for me and my family as the cornerstone of our health care and we want to ensure its success as a world-class health center for years to come," said Mary and her husband, Jay.

The gift will support new developments in breast cancer treatment and research, advancements in the field of neurosciences and cardiology, as well as technology updates to ensure Saint John's, John Wayne Cancer Institute and the newly formed Pacific Neuroscience Institute, build upon their reputation as pioneers in medicine.

"The Flaherty's are pillars of our community and their gift will allow us to make enhancements to programs and services so we can offer the latest in medical treatments to those in need. This empowers our caregivers, doctors and nurses to do what they do best, treating each patient with compassion and dignity," said Marcel Loh, chief executive of Providence Saint John's Health Center and John Wayne Cancer Institute.

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**About Saint John's Health Center Foundation:**

The Saint John's Health Center Foundation provides leadership and philanthropic support for Providence Saint John's Health Center, the John Wayne Cancer Institute and the Pacific Neuroscience Institute, that serve as catalysts for exceptional healthcare and research.