

# FOCUS *on the* FUTURE

*fall 2022*

## **Midland Memorial Foundation was saddened by the passing of Board of Governor, Jeff Salehi on June 22, 2022.**

Jafar “Jeff” Rahim Salehi was born in Iran in 1947 and from a young age was known for his smile, ambition and selflessness. After graduating high school, Jeff bought a one-way ticket to America and enrolled into the University of Kansas where he learned English and the American Way. After graduation, he attended Odessa College where he was inspired by the oil industry and fell in love with the people of West Texas. He then attended Texas Tech University where he pursued a master’s degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Jeff married the love of his life, DeeAnn McAlpine, and after moving several times the two settled in DeeAnn’s hometown of Midland where they welcomed their daughter Cameron in 1985. Cameron and her husband blessed Jeff and DeeAnn with their first grandchild, Cyrus, in 2018. Earlier this year, and one week after Jeff’s untimely passing, Cameron and Winston welcomed a baby girl, Rosemary Salehi Kelly.

Jeff will forever be remembered as a treasure in the philanthropic community for his dedication to local non-profits including Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Hillcrest School, Midland Children’s Rehab Center, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity School, Midland Memorial Foundation and countless others. Jeff was a staunch supporter of Midland Memorial Hospital and his involvement during the Midland Memorial Foundation’s NICU Campaign was nothing short of inspirational.

On behalf of Midland Memorial Foundation and the Board of Governors, we are grateful for Jeff’s service to our hospital and community, and cherish the contributions made in his memory that continue to support the quality of healthcare in our area. He will be dearly missed.



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## Dr. Sudhi Agrawal: Remembering a leader in the Midland physician community and passionate supporter of Midland Memorial Foundation.

**Midland Memorial Foundation and Midland Memorial Hospital are grieved by the loss of Dr. Sudhi Agrawal.**

Born in India, Sudhi was the oldest of six girls. Her father was proclaimed India's Doctor of the Millennium, and her grandfather was the first Indian Medical Secretary of Health under British rule. Following in their footsteps, Sudhi carried on her family's legacy and became one of the first female minority pediatricians to have a solo practice in Midland in 1983.

Dr. Agrawal's dedication to her career as a pediatrician emulated her forefathers' understanding of the importance of quality healthcare. To prevent the spread of illnesses, she created two separate waiting areas for the sick and healthy as a precautionary measure. She was ahead of her time and her prioritization of her patients' well-being compelled her to continuously improve her practice. Furthermore, to ensure her patients were always cared for, Sudhi endorsed hiring multiple doctors to expand and serve the community seven days a week. In 1997, her efforts extended to collaborate in establishing Premier Physicians.

Sudhi and Bhupen were married for 52 years, and together they raised their two sons, Amit and Anurag. She was a devoted doctor, wife, mother, and friend. Her spirituality was unwavering and her selflessness always led her to advocate for those in need. In retirement, Sudhi and Bhupen enjoyed traveling and were fortunate to explore over 70 countries! Even though she retired at a young age, the kids she took care of and their families remembered her for years and decades afterwards. It always touched her heart to run into former patients or their relatives in her life after medicine.

In 2018, Bhupen established the Sudhi Agrawal, M.D. Pediatric Endowment Fund to commemorate her life's work and passion. Midland Memorial Foundation is grateful to the Agrawal Family for the thoughtful memorial directive to Sudhi's endowment fund and the generous contributions. The fund will ensure her legacy of providing quality healthcare continues for future generations of children and their families.





## Midland Memorial Foundation is honored to be awarded a \$256,758 grant by Pink the Basin!

### Join us as we rise together to help uplift women in need.

During the month of October, we are always heartened by the pink ribbons displayed around the community in the spirit of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Breast Cancer Center of Midland Health continues to promote year-round breast cancer awareness, education and looks for new ways to support the underinsured and underserved population of Midland and the surrounding region. Pink the Basin's annual support of Midland Health's Breast Center has provided thousands of patients with relief from the financial burden associated with screening. As the Breast Center continues to

increase their campaign to educate individuals in our community, the number of patients needing assistance will continue to grow. Although we saw setbacks in screenings and early detection in the past couple of years, we're rising to the challenge together to inform the residents of the resources available to them in our area. The relationship between Pink the Basin and Midland Health continues to make a tremendous impact in our community by supporting the costs associated with these lifesaving breast health procedures for patients that would otherwise be unable to afford care.

### SAVE THE DATE: November 29, 2022



Please consider contributing to Midland Memorial Foundation to support the greatest need for our hospital.

# #GIVINGTUESDAY™



## Midland Memorial Foundation's Hope Chest has distributed over \$10,000 in resources to pregnant and parenting women in 2022!

Hope Chest is an incentive-based program focusing on the health of babies across the Permian Basin. The program encourages responsibility and healthy behavior during and after pregnancy. Through a point system, mothers can earn necessities including diapers, wipes, clothing, car seats and humidifiers. Points are earned by going to doctor's appointments, attending childbirth education classes and health and wellness events. A mother and her baby are eligible for the Hope Chest Program until the child is two years old.

For several years, Hope Chest has collaborated with MISD's Pregnancy Resource Coordinator to further strengthen the connection between teen mothers and Hope Chest. In partnership with MISD and Midland Community Healthcare Services, Hope Chest launched a campaign focusing on early prenatal care for teen girls

in the school district. Along with education on early detection and the importance of prenatal care, the ongoing campaign in all local junior high and high schools, encourages teens to get connected with the Hope Chest and services provided by MISD's Pregnancy Resource Coordinator. Additionally, Hope Chest provides the prenatal class "Becoming a Mom" on MISD campuses to reach local teens who are expecting. Our goal for this partnership is to shore the gap and ensure these young mothers and their children have access to much needed resources.

Hope Chest grants a tangible step for our local mothers to feel empowered in providing for their families. Thanks to this program, these women can count on their earned points to afford the small everyday necessities for their babies.



Please call Midland Memorial Foundation at (432) 221-1572 to make a difference.



## Charitable Planning in an Uncertain Economy

As we face uncertain economic times and inflation continues to drive up prices, philanthropy remains essential to ensure continuing care for the patients we serve. Five planning opportunities listed below are especially helpful at this time.

For more information about any of these options, please contact Nancy Woodman at Midland Memorial Foundation at [nancy.woodman@midlandhealth.org](mailto:nancy.woodman@midlandhealth.org) or 432-221-1569.

### FIVE PLANNING OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. Stock Gifts.** Appreciation may remain on capital assets such as stock. Gifts of appreciated stock escape potential capital gains tax while qualifying for an income tax charitable deduction.
- 2. Depreciation.** If a stock value declines, it may be sold to claim a deduction for the loss. A gift of all or a portion of the cash received from the sale will qualify for a second (charitable) deduction.
- 3. AFR Rates.** As the Adjusted Federal Midterm Rate (AFR) may decrease with the economy, the charitable deduction for a gift annuity may decrease, but the tax-free income of a gift annuity increases. Also, as the AFR rate decreases, the estate tax savings for a charitable lead trust will increase.
- 4. Diversify Gifts.** Donors aged 70.5 years or more may consider tax-free charitable rollovers (qualified charitable distributions) from their IRAs to Midland Memorial Foundation. If over age 72, the gift may count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).
- 5. Deferred Gifts.** You may consider deferred gifts from your estate that do not impact current financial needs. You may include a percentage bequest in your will or trust, and/or beneficiary designation of your retirement plan or life insurance.

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*For questions about these planning opportunities and how you can best support the programs and mission of Midland Memorial Foundation, please contact Nancy Woodman at (432) 221-1572 or at [nancy.woodman@midlandhealth.org](mailto:nancy.woodman@midlandhealth.org).*



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