

UCSF Medical Center Invites the Community to Support UCSF's Mission Bay Hospitals and Celebrate with 5k Hard Hat Walk and Lights On Festival On Sept. 6

Fundraiser Part of the Countdown to the Opening of Children, Women and Cancer Patient Hospitals



UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay (Photo: Mark Citret)

SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 28, 2014-- UCSF Medical Center invites the community to participate in its 5k Hard Hat Walk and Lights On Festival on Saturday, Sept. 6, to support its new state-of-the-art healthcare campus for children, women and cancer patients in San Francisco's Mission Bay. The fundraising events allow people to participate in the countdown to the grand opening of UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay on Feb. 1, 2015.

The fundraising events support the new UCSF Mission Bay hospitals which include the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, the UCSF Betty Irene Moore Women's Hospital and the UCSF Bakar Cancer Hospital. The three hospitals have a total of 289 individual patient rooms.

"The 5K Hard Hat Walk and Lights On Festival are two of our final fundraising events leading up to the opening of our new hospitals," said Mark R. Laret, CEO of UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals. "We hope UCSF patients, families and staff, along with the generous Bay Area communities and businesses, come out and join the events to support our new home in Mission Bay."

Participants can walk as individuals or form teams. Each participant must register and raise \$25 for the Hard Hat Walk; an additional \$75 raised gains entry to the Lights On Festival. Children 12 and under have no minimum fundraising requirements.

The walk begins on Third Street at 3:30 p.m.; those who have raised \$100+ can enjoy free refreshments from 20+ local eateries and entertainment from 10+ live performance groups. As the sun sets, the festival will conclude with a countdown to a light show projected onto the new facilities. A time-lapse video of the construction is available here.

To register, donate or form a team, visit ucsfhardhatwalk.com.

About UCSF Medical Center:

UCSF Medical Center consistently ranks as one of the top 10 hospitals in the United States. Recognized for innovative treatments, advanced technology, collaboration among health care professionals and scientists, and a highly compassionate patient care team, UCSF Medical Center serves as the academic medical center of the University of California, San Francisco.