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## St. Paul's Foundation Receives Gift for its Roving Clinic to Serve Local Seniors \*\*Dorothea Laub donates \$300,000 to mobile health clinic\*\*

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.-\_(July 13, 2020) – <u>St. Paul's Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)</u> recently introduced a Roving Clinic in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic to serve seniors amid the stayat-home order, so St. Paul's PACE medical professionals can visit seniors with medical needs at their home. They've been using an older van with packages of equipment and a wheelchair for seating the seniors.

"Seniors in California are recommended to continue to shelter in place, due to the risks of COVID-19, and the PACE Roving Clinic allows our medical team to go to the seniors and care for them at their homes," said Dr. Victor Lee, Medical Director for **St. Paul's** PACE.

St. Paul's Foundation received a \$300,000 gift from Dorothea Laub to purchase the first of two brand new mobile clinics. The new <u>St. Paul's PACE Roving Clinics</u> will be self-contained vehicles offering flexible and viable options for treating isolated and vulnerable seniors during this crucial time while minimizing risks. They will include storage for equipment, have better lighting, a handwashing station, and they will be more comfortable for the seniors while they are being treated. PACE participants have chronic medical conditions, which require regular follow-up and care. St. Paul's medical team provides exams, blood tests, wound care, and any medical care offered "in" the clinics without having the seniors leave their homes.

Ms. Laub's donation will enable the Foundation to purchase one mobile clinic, which will allow St. Paul's medical team to care for an additional 10 homebound seniors, each day, five days a week. The St. Paul's Foundation also received \$120,000 towards the second needed mobile clinic.

This year, the Foundation is taking its annual fundraiser <u>SUMMERFEST</u> online and creating a virtual "Stayat-Home" non-event, which they are hoping to raise the remaining dollars needed to purchase the second vehicle.

For more information on St. Paul's PACE, visit <u>www.StPaulsPACE.org</u>.

## **BACKGROUND ON ST. PAUL'S PACE**

St. Paul's Senior Services is a mission-driven San Diego non-profit and full service retirement provider, offering Independent, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing communities, Child and Senior day care programs, and a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). St. Paul's PACE supports seniors so they can continue to live independently at home by providing in-home care, transportation, and personalized medical services.

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Seniors who are over 55 years of age, with chronic medical conditions that make it difficult to live at home, may qualify for services. For more information on St. Paul's PACE, please visit <u>www.StPaulsPACE.org</u> or call 1(833) PACE-NOW.