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Just a note of thanks to YOU as we move into the last half of the year and toward the "season" of gratitude. It is never too early to showcase gratitude and I find it permeates the culture at HonorHealth.

It is a privilege to be here and witness so many moments when patients express their heartfelt gratitude by making a gift to support a physician, nurse or hospital program. In that moment, they are focused solely on the good they can bring to others through their gift. Our community of philanthropists could contribute wherever they want and with any organization, but they choose to invest it with us at HonorHealth to advance our mission of improving the health and well-being of those we serve. And quite often, they thank US for the opportunity to partner.

WE are the thankful ones for your trust in us. Your generosity makes good happen.

In gratitude,  
Jared A. Langkilde, MBA, CFRE  
President & CEO

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## Valley couple celebrates 60th anniversary thanks to HonorHealth medical team

Valley residents and HonorHealth Foundation donors, Michael and Barbara, will tell you their recent 60th wedding anniversary celebration was made possible in part by cardiovascular surgeon Robert Riley, MD, and all the HonorHealth medical staff involved in Michael's healing journey.



Six years ago, Michael's doctor, Jati Daas, MD, performed an endoscopy and noticed a condition that needed immediate attention. As fate would have it, Dr. Riley was at the Shea Medical Center that day and agreed to review the test results with Michael and Barbara. After a family conversation with their children, Michael followed Dr. Riley's advice and immediately scheduled open heart surgery. A procedure that saved his life.

"Dr. Riley is loving, caring and so supportive," remarked Barbara. "He exudes confidence and even offered to call our children to answer their questions! We knew immediately after talking with him, he was the surgeon for us. He just made us feel very informed and calm."

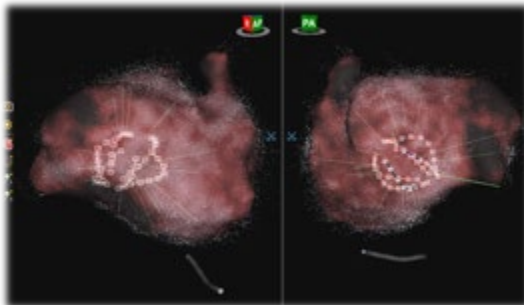
The care Michael and Barbara received made them grateful patients, but also transformed their relationship with HonorHealth into that of grateful annual donors supporting multiple programs including the [Greatest Needs Fund](#) and the [Cardiovascular Center of Excellence](#).

"I was fortunate that my doctor caught the issue when it wasn't obvious and insisted on further testing," states Michael. "Obviously it snowballed into a positive outcome for me and my family, and the whole care I received from initial testing to post-op physical therapy saved my life." HonorHealth Foundation is grateful for outcomes like these, the patients who share their stories and the donors who partner with us to save more lives. Thank you!

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## ACUTUS heart mapping device now available

Because of the generosity of donors, HonorHealth is at the forefront of technological advancements — advanced treatments that provide patients exceptionally high levels of care that very few organizations are able to offer.



High-tech is at the heart of the [HonorHealth Cardiovascular Center of Excellence](#), but not all therapies are widely used. The high cost of acquiring a special technology that may only be used by a few patients each year prevents many hospitals from making the investment. This reality leads to less innovation and more standardization.

The ACUTUS heart mapping device is a perfect example. Through generous donor funding, this highly specialized device is changing the lives of patients by pinpointing the source of A-Fib in the heart. Our physicians are then able to permanently terminate that source and return these patients to the lives they love.

Over time, we anticipate that our physicians will be able to expand the use of this technology on patients who fit the protocol for early A-Fib detection. All made possible through the philanthropic spirit of donors like you!

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### Time is running out...

Register today for the **6th Annual NICU High Tea** at the Omni Montelucia Resort, September 28. This annual tradition raises dollars for high-need technology and services in the NICU to help provide comprehensive healing for our tiniest and most fragile patients, premature babies and their family.

This High Tea experience offers a reception, silent auction, special program and lunch you will not want to miss. You will also hear from some special dads and learn about the NICU experience from their point of view.

[Visit the NICU High Tea website](#) for more information, tickets or sponsorship.



### Make an impact on at-risk families

HonorHealth Foundation's 2nd **Annual Morning of Gold**, benefiting the programs and services at Desert Mission, will be held October 24 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort.

The event will feature Park Howell, the "world's most industrious storyteller," along with American James Beard Award-winning chef and restaurateur, Chris Bianco. Both will speak on "Food is Medicine" that links nutrition and healthcare.

Please join us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of our most at-risk neighbors!

Tickets are just \$150. Visit the [Morning of Gold website](#) for more information, tickets or sponsorship opportunities.

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## Cuddle Cots help parents grieve

The grieving process when a parent loses a newborn is a journey like no other. Beth and Matthew lost their daughter Emma Rose shortly after birth, and understand the importance of having the gift of time to grieve adequately.

Taking their pain and using it to help other parents who lose a child, they donated a Cuddle Cot to the HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Medical Center to ensure any family that loses a newborn can say their goodbyes and create memories. This very special cot provides cooling technology which gives parents more cherished moments with their child.

Scottsdale Shea Labor and Delivery nurses were on hand as were members of local nonprofit Owl Love You Forever, where Beth serves as a board member.

We are so grateful for the kindness of donors and their help in supporting patients. Thank you.



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## Learn the secrets of living to 100

Tune into popular streaming platform Netflix, and watch "Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones." Blue Zones are geographic regions that are home to the largest concentration of people who live healthy into their 100s.



Earlier this year, HonorHealth and the City of Scottsdale launched the [Blue Zones – Scottsdale project](#). This project combines 20-years of research with tangible practices, such as "wine at 5" and "belonging," to help bring improved health outcomes and longevity for Arizonans through simple changes in physical and social environments.

The newly appointed executive director of Blue Zones – Scottsdale Project, Sarah Kearney stated, "We are thrilled to be able to share the Blue Zones story through this Netflix documentary as we continue to educate, inform and inspire people around the world about the benefits of making healthy choices to live healthy lives." Kearney adds, "The timing of the Netflix documentary release for Scottsdale is ideal. Not only will it increase awareness of the Blue Zones Project around the Valley, it will be another step on our journey to our upcoming celebratory kick-off in January." Happy watching!

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# *Shine Bright, Do Good*

JOIN US FOR A KENDRA GIVES BACK EVENT

## DATE & TIME

Thursday, September 7th | 5-7pm

## DETAILS

Join us at Kendra Scott at Chandler Fashion Center & Scottsdale Quarter for 20% of your purchase to benefit

**HonorHealth Foundation NICU**

Can't make it in-store? Shop online September 7-8 using code GIVEBACK-ENFOP at checkout



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