



## **PRESS RELEASE**

Wednesday September 14th marked the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Dominican Hospital a member of CHW (Catholic Healthcare West). Dominican Hospital renewed its commitment to Santa Cruz County with the spirit of giving and a mission of service, Dominican looks forward t the journey ahead. Chaminade was invited to celebrate this amazing milestone with the community.

### **Seven Decades of Services**

In September 1941, responding to a request by the Monterey Bay area diocese of the Catholic Church, the Adrian Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan, took over 18-bed Hanley Hospital on Santa Cruz's West Cliff Drive. It soon became known as, and was thereafter formally named, Sisters Hospital.

Ten years later, the Sisters purchased Santa Cruz Hospital on Soquel Avenue near downtown from a physician group, and operated two hospitals to meet the needs of the growing community.

To provide room for future growth, a 17-acre site was purchased on the outskirts of the city. The new Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital was formally dedicated in December 1967, and all services consolidated there.

In 1990, Dominican purchased AMI Community Hospital in Santa Cruz, which was transformed into Dominican Rehabilitation Services. The two campuses provide a total of 379 acute care beds.

Dominican Hospital, as we are now formally known, has been a member of Catholic Healthcare West since 1988.

In celebration of the seventy years of serving the community of Santa Cruz County Dominican Hospital recognized 70 local businesses for their support and commitment. Dominican's 70 Ambassadors delivered gift bags. Chaminade Resort and Spa was one of the recipients.

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Pictured are Norbert Relecker, General Manager, Dominican Sisters, Janet Capone and Rita Dean.

