## CHFFA Provides Funds for Loma Linda University's State-of-the-Art Children's Hospital



What is comprised of 27,000 tons of steel, 1,154 miles of wiring, and has 126 base isolators? If you said the new medical campus at Loma Linda University Medical Center, you'd be right!

And the <u>California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA</u>), chaired by California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, provided a large part of the funding for the Children's Hospital on this campus through its Children's Hospital Program.

On August 6, 2021, Treasurer Ma provided remarks at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dennis and Carol Troesh Medical Campus. The campus officially opened its doors the following Monday. The second-tallest building in San Bernardino County and the second-tallest hospital in the state, the campus is home to the new

sixteen-story Loma Linda University Medical Center, the hospital for adult patients, as well as the nine-story Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, the hospital for kids.

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital received its first Children's Hospital Program grant award through CHFFA in October 2009, when it was awarded \$6.1 million in reimbursements for the prior purchase of patient care equipment. In September 2015, it was awarded another \$165.9 million to help construct the new Children's Hospital. The Children's Program is funded Hospital through three tranches of general obligation bonds authorized by the voters of the state in 2004, 2008, and 2018. These three bond acts provided a total of \$3.2 billion to improve the health and welfare of California's critically ill children by providing a stable and ready source of funds for capital improvement projects for children's hospitals.



The completed campus, including the Maternity Pavilion, Children's Tower, and Adult Tower.

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2019 - Treasurer Ma presenting the check to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

During a 2019 visit, Treasurer Ma presented a check representing a \$55.3 million disbursement of funds to the hospital administrators, toured the old Children's Hospital and construction site of the new hospital, and visited with staff and patients. She also donned a hard hat and had a sneak peak of the progress that was being made in the new towers, riding the construction elevator to look at the upper floors and going into the basement to see the base isolation system, which allows the entire building to float in the case of an earthquake. This makes it one of the most seismically advanced hospitals in the world.

Two years after her 2019 visit, the building has been completed. During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Treasurer Ma referred to the multi-billion dollar Children's Hospital Program bonds as the major source of funding for the children's hospital and pointed out that additional funding is still available to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital to expand and improve the pediatric services offered. She then took a tour of the completed hospital, including operating rooms, patient rooms, and the helipad.



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Now that the hospital is open, the people of the Inland Empire have access to a state-of-the-art hospital that:

- is seismically safe, exceeding the state's hospital seismic standards;
- provides improved services, including the San Manuel Maternity Pavilion, a standalone emergency department for adults and children, 20 new operating rooms to treat the most complex conditions, and private patient rooms for a more comfortable experience; and
- provides an increased capacity for care.

CHFFA looks forward to providing future assistance to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and all children's hospitals in the state through its \$1.5 billion Children's Hospital Program of 2018.

