

Cypress Semiconductor (NYSE: CY) Gives \$100,000 to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center

SAN JOSE, California...September 20, 2000 -- -The Valley Medical Center (VMC) Foundation today announced the receipt of a \$100,000 donation from Cypress Semiconductor for VMC's Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center.

VMC Foundation Executive Director Jon Driscoll said, "This generous donation, following many others from Cypress, will go a long way toward the renovation of our nationally-recognized Rehab Center. The funds will be used to enlarge our therapeutic gymnasium, an integral resource to help spinal cord and brain injury patients regain strength and greater mobility."

Cypress Semiconductor President and CEO T.J. Rodgers said, "We contribute to Valley Medical Center because it's an extraordinarily competent organization. They know more about trauma, spinal cord injury and the treatment of burns and poison victims than anybody else around. We contribute to them because they're high tech and they're efficient."

VMC's Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center has been repeatedly ranked by U.S. News and World Reports among the top 20 in the nation, and the program is considered a regional Center of Excellence. The goals of the Rehabilitation Center are to help each individual attain the maximum functional level as early as possible, maintain this level as long as possible and make adjustments over time to maintain a high quality of life.

The Rehabilitation Center renovation project is a two-phase, \$600,000 endeavor. The first phase involves increasing the amount of space dedicated to treating spinal cord and brain injuries, especially in the gymnasium. Storage cabinets will be built for therapeutic equipment, new flooring will be laid, new windows and better courtyard access will be installed and sound attenuation boards will be hung to reduce the overall noise level. The computer-skills and job training area of the gym will be upgraded to afford better access and privacy. Also, the dayroom, where patients and their families prepare and eat meals and attend patient education classes and support groups, will be renovated.

The second phase of the renovation will address patient treatment rooms, rebuilding showers to make them more accessible, installing state-of-the-art nurses' stations, and creating a quiet room with minimal sensory stimulation for traumatic brain injury patients who may be disoriented or agitated by over stimulation.

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The Valley Medical Center Foundation is a philanthropic nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds, resources and public awareness for Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System and Valley Medical Center. Through its activities, the VMC Foundation has generated financial and community support vital to the programs that benefit the health and welfare of patients at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Significant contributions have been made to assist in the care and treatment of many people. Examples include the care of burn victims, premature babies, patients with spinal cord injuries, sexually abused children, victims of domestic violence, low-income children and families.

The VMC Foundation emphasizes the support of services and programs that are under-funded by other revenue streams. In doing so, the Foundation helps to expand, enhance and improve existing services. Funding may not supplant public dollars. Founded in 1988, the VMC Foundation has raised more than \$10.5 million through private donations, grants and corporate gifts. 27 distinguished business and community leaders govern the VMC Foundation, including some of Silicon Valley's leading entrepreneurs.