

# FALLEN HEROES, LIVING LEGACY

*LA General holds its 6th Annual Staff Memorial to celebrate lives lived in service*

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The LA General family gathered for the 6th Annual Staff Memorial and Sandra Shells Scholarships ceremony to honor and remember colleagues who are no longer with us.

Established during the COVID-19 pandemic, the memorial began as a way for the hospital community to come together during a time of profound loss and reflection. Today, it continues as a meaningful tradition of remembrance, gratitude, and unity.

Together, staff, chaplains, families, and community members paused to reflect on the lives, service, and lasting impact of those who dedicated themselves to caring for others and serving our community.

A central moment of the ceremony was the Calling of Names, where each individual was remembered aloud alongside photos that reflected the lives and memories they shared with the LA General family. Staff were also invited to share personal reflections and remembrances in honor of their colleagues and friends.

The ceremony also included the presentation of the Sandra Shells Nursing Scholarships, continuing a legacy of compassion, service, and support for the next generation of nurses.

The memorial concluded with a dove release, offering a quiet moment of reflection, remembrance, and unity for all in attendance.

We remember our colleagues not only for the work they did, but for the kindness, dedication, and humanity they brought to LA General every day.

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