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2. Your support enabled St. Jude to acquire its second da Vinci Xi® surgical system, a robotic technology that allows surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures with smaller incisions resulting in faster recovery time. The new Xi system allows surgeons to perform more complex procedures, thanks to greater dexterity of the instrument arms and enhanced visualization.

3. Our philanthropist-funded stroke endowment allowed six of our neurologists to pursue research and clinical advances which will strengthen our ability to foster more successful outcomes for patients, keeping us at the forefront of stroke care as a nationally recognized Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center.

4. Patients of our cardiac rehabilitation program benefited from new donor-supported equipment, including a Dynatronics Star Trac® S-TRc Treadmill to provide more exercise equipment options and will simulate a walking program that patients can continue at home.

5. Thanks to your support of our Care for the Poor program, St. Jude has plans in 2020 to break ground on a new St. Jude Neighborhood Health Center in Anaheim. Like St. Jude’s current clinic in Fullerton, the new center will provide medical, dental and mental health services to un/under-insured and low-income families in the Ponderosa Park neighborhood.

6. You gave nurses like Jacob Pablo, MSN, RN, CMSRN, SCRN, the opportunity to pursue advanced degrees and certifications through your support of nursing scholarships. With his new Master of Science in Nursing, Jacob can now provide higher-quality care to patients and pursue his dream of becoming a clinical instructor to future aspiring nurses.

7. Your giving put a new, state-of-the-art radiation system called AlignRT® in the hands of our radiation therapists and oncologists. The infrared technology uses 3D imaging to monitor patient motion to millimeter accuracy, in order to only radiate the tissue that needs treatment and protect the vital organs from getting any of the radiation dose.

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100% of Goal Raised for 3D Mammography!
Thanks to you, each and every one of the 30,000 women receiving mammograms annually at St. Jude will now benefit from the improved accuracy of state-of-the-art 3D mammography technology. By replacing our existing equipment with the six new philanthropy-funded 3D units, you’ve given every woman the greatest chances for early detection, successful treatment and survival against breast cancer.