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## 100+ Women aid Valleywise Health's infant unit

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Generosity once again became a force for life-changing impact as the women of 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun came together to support the most vulnerable members of the community.

This quarter, their collective giving is supporting Valleywise Health Foundation's advancement in care for premature and critically ill infants in the neonatal intensive care unit.

For babies born too early or facing serious medical challenges, the first days of life are often spent in the NICU, where every detail of care matters.

Many of these infants rely on umbilical lines to receive lifesaving medications, fluids, nutrition, and continuous monitoring. These lines are essential, but securing them safely has long presented a challenge.

Because of the fragile and highly sensitive skin of NICU patients, traditional securement methods can increase the risk of skin injury, infection, and accidental line dislodgement.

Even minor disruptions can lead to serious complications. In an environment where stability is everything, finding safer, more effective solutions is not just important – it is essential.

This quarter, the Scottsdale members' donation of \$12,606 will fund the implementation of the LifeBubble Umbilical Line Securement System at Valleywise Health.

This innovative system offers a gentler, more secure approach to stabilizing umbilical lines, significantly reducing the risk of skin trauma while improving line reliability.

It represents a meaningful advancement in neonatal care, prioritizing both safety and comfort for the tiniest patients.



Celebrating a donation from 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun to Valleywise Health Foundation's program for treating critically ill infants are, from left, Jennifer Mutascio, Heather Hamilton, Libby Murphy, Alyssa Munson, Pam Stelzer, Jacqueline Destremps, Kim Tarnopolski, Lisa Hartsock and Tanya Marks. (Special to the Progress)

What makes this gift especially powerful is that this program is not currently funded by Valleywise Health. It is being made possible because of this giving circle.

The decision by Scottsdale members to support this initiative means that approximately 550 NICU babies each year will benefit from a higher standard of care – which protects their delicate skin, reduces complications, and supports better outcomes during a critical stage of life.

This is the impact of collective giving at its best. It is not just about funding a program – it is about introducing a level of care that would not other-

wise exist.

It also steps in where there is a gap and ensuring that the most vulnerable patients receive the safest, most thoughtful treatment possible. For families navigating the uncertainty of a NICU stay, this kind of advancement offers reassurance, stability, and hope.

"As NICU nurses, our goal is always to balance lifesaving technology with human connection for our community's most vulnerable patients," said registered nurse Alyssa Munson, developmental care coordinator.

"Because of the collective generosity of 100+ Women Who Care mem-

bers, we're able to bring the LifeBubble into our care—protecting these tiny patients while creating safer opportunities for the moments that matter most."

Since its first gathering in 2015, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun has donated more than \$1.6 million to local nonprofits across the Valley. Each gift reflects the power of women coming together with intention, creating meaningful change in a short amount of time.

Those interested in being part of

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this impact are invited to attend the next Scottsdale Giving Circle on Aug. 19 at HomeSmart Corporate Office. Guests are always welcome, and every participant helps expand the reach of this powerful giving model.

To learn more and register: [100ww-cvalleyofthesun.org](http://100ww-cvalleyofthesun.org).

Together, these women are helping ensure that even the smallest lives receive the greatest care—proving that when a community comes together, extraordinary things are possible.

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