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Dr. Chad Harris, Natividad CEO Inspiring Healthy Lives

Dr. Chad Harris has extensive experience providing care for the medically underserved. As the CEO of Natividad Medical Center, he works with Natividad's team to further the hospital's mission to continually monitor and improve the health of the people, including the vulnerable, in Monterey County through coordinated, affordable, high-quality health care.

Under Dr. Harris's leadership, Natividad provides excellent and equitable care for California's Central Coast's rural and urban communities. The hospital is recognized as a top public hospital in California and achieves many quality accolades, including being ranked in the top 3% in the country for quality and outcomes for its Sam Karas Acute Rehabilitation Center.

Dedicated to leading and supporting population health initiatives to address disparities in health outcomes among disproportionately affected populations, Dr. Harris strongly advocates for health equity. He has made Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) a key focus at Natividad, including recently expanding the hospital's indigenous interpreting program to help patients, their families and providers communicate effectively. Under his leadership Natividad has expanded clinic services. Additionally, he is working on building an integrated health care system with the County of Monterey Health Department's Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) clinics.

Dr. Harris first joined Natividad in 2011 as a hospitalist and HIV care provider. He has since held various roles, including Chief Medical Information Officer, Chief of Medical Staff, and Chief Medical Officer — Quality Assurance. Dr. Harris began his career in family medicine as a resident at a safety net hospital in California's Bay Area and later worked as a physician at a Chicago-area FQHC. He has also volunteered as a physician in Nicaragua and Oaxaca. Dr. Harris holds positions on the board and executive committee of the California Association of Public Hospitals and recently chaired the American Council of Graduate Medical Education's workgroup for Medically Underserved Areas and Populations.

Dr. Harris enjoys traveling, hiking and most outdoor activities. He lives in Carmel Valley with his family.

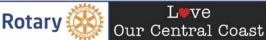
About Natividad

Natividad is a hospital and trauma center providing compassionate high-quality health care to everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Located in Salinas, California, Natividad is a public health care system offering a wide range of inpatient, outpatient, emergency, diagnostic and specialty medical care for adults and children. Founded in 1886, the 172-bed medical center has more than 11,000 admissions and 59,000 emergency visits annually. Home to the area's only Level II Trauma Center, the hospital's specialized personnel, equipment and services provide a vital local community service that saves lives and keeps patients close to home. Natividad's Baby-Friendly® facility delivers nearly 2,300 babies every year and is affiliated with UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals. It also operates an accredited Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, giving the tiniest and most fragile babies the best chance for a



healthy start. Through its UCSF-affiliated Natividad Family Medicine Residency, Natividad is the only teaching hospital on the Central Coast.

For more information, please call (831) 755-4111 or visit www.natividad.com.



Rotary Community Service Program FY 24-25 "Service Above Self" – Sign Up and Serve

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Nine Peninsula Rotary Clubs will be serving together this year at various locations with a variety of local non-profits, schools and city organizations. The key objectives of this new service program include:

- Allow for multiple club members from nine clubs to serve together
- Make an impactful difference for those we serve
- Partner with local non-profit organizations to support the work of these agencies
- Move beyond just "giving money" to "giving ourselves" in service to others
- Establish a "regular" time when service projects become regular habit throughout the year
- Enhance the reputation and impact Rotary in our local communities.

Rotary members, friends, spouses and community members can sign up for a project online by going to the website at www.loveourcentralcoast.org, Creating an Account, and then clicking on a project or several to sign up to volunteer.

Details of the projects are on the website and upcoming projects in August, 2024 incude:				
Agency/Event	Types of Projects	Timing	Lead Club	
Rancho Cielo Salinas	Veggie boxes for fundraiser	August 21 8-1 pm	Monterey Rotary Shyam Kamath Carmel by the Sea Rotary Mark Grandcolas	
RM Sotheby's Car Auction Monterey Rotary	Adult & Student volunteers assistance	August 9-19 various shifts pushing cars, ticket sales, etc.	Monterey Rotary Eric Johnsen Terry Ryan Rotary Car Auction Volunteer Signups Link	
Gathering for Women	Exterior painting at entrance, interior painting throughout rooms	August 31 9 am-1 pm	Monterey Rotary Eric Johnsen	













AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2024

Thursday - 08/22

Board Meeting – 10:30 AM – Hilton Garden Inn

Thursday - 08/29

Michael Polkabla – My Single-handed Transpacific Yacht Race To Hawaii

Thursday - 09/05

Brad Barbeau – The State of Entrepreneurship In Monterey County

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— Tia Walker



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Peter Ambrust	08/14/14	10 Years
Marco Lucido	08/01/19	5 Years
Phil Deppert	08/20/20	4 Years
David Betts	08/03/23	1 Year
Barbara Ostos	08/10/23	1 Year

In Honor Of All The Volunteers And The Hours Worked!

With Special Gratitude To ERIC JOHNSEN & TERRY RYAN





