

Healthcare's philanthropy is 25

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The Scottsdale Healthcare Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Scottsdale Healthcare, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

The foundation has raised more than \$153 million to support patient care and community services offered through Scottsdale Healthcare's three non-profit hospitals — Osborn, Shea and Thompson Peak. Tom Sadvary, Scottsdale Healthcare president and chief executive officer, said Scottsdale Healthcare has emerged as one of the leading non-profit, community-based health systems in large part because of partnerships. Philanthropic support has been the reason the hospital has been able to offer the latest in medical talent and technology to patients, said John Ferree, foundation president.

The foundation was launched in 1984 after a fundraising campaign to build the Shea hospital at 9003 E. Shea Blvd.

That campaign, co-chaired by local philanthropist Kenneth Piper and actor

Dick Van Dyke, raised more than \$5 million, making it one of the largest and most successful capital campaigns in the Valley at the time.

Each year the foundation hosts the Honor Ball, a black-tie event that has raised more than \$8 million. The 34th annual ball will be held Feb. 6 at the Phoenician Resort, 6000 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix.

Last year's ball set a record as more than \$700,000 in net proceeds was raised.

The foundation also sponsors the annual Scottsdale Healthcare Golf Classic. The 25th anniversary tournament is set for April 9-10 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club, 7505 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale.

Proceeds will benefit Scottsdale Healthcare's Neighborhood Outreach Action for Health clinics for uninsured children.

In 2008, the clinics provided 6,132 primary-care visits.

Information: www.shc.org and click on foundation, or call 480-882-4517.