

# Dolores Hope 1909-2011

## Eisenhower Medical Center's Original Visionary



**On our 40th Anniversary**, we remember our dearest, most treasured friend and one of the world's great humanitarians. Dolores Hope's monumental efforts to establish and grow the Medical Center are legendary. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Hope's long and rich history with Eisenhower Medical Center began in 1966, when she and Bob Hope generously donated the original 80 acres of land that is now the main campus for Eisenhower Medical Center. Bob Hope was asked to lend his name to the Desert Classic Golf Tournament (now the Humana Challenge). He thought his wife would be the perfect choice to serve on its board. And she was. "The hospital built by a golf tournament," became a reality thanks to Mrs. Hope's enthusiastic and energetic spirit and deeds.

In 1969, Mrs. Hope gathered a small group of women at her home for tea to found the Eisenhower Auxiliary. She encouraged each of them to bring friends into the fold. Today, the Eisenhower Auxiliary boasts more than 1,400 members and 780 active volunteers and is one of the most successful volunteer organizations of its kind in the world.

Many of Eisenhower's achievements over the past 40 years are due directly to her tireless efforts on its behalf. Eisenhower Medical Center is eternally grateful for Dolores Hope, for all she gave to our community and for her vision of establishing one of the finest medical centers in the nation.