

Setting The Record Straight

FACT: MPTF IS NOT CLOSING. MPTF is closing its hospital ONLY which affords the rest of the operation to continue at full-speed. Outpatient healthcare, social services, financial assistance, childcare and retirement living continues to be available to over 300,000 members of the California entertainment industry.

FACT: The hospital alone is closing because it experiences significant operating losses that increase each year (currently \$10 million/year). It is a 50 year-old facility that would require major investment in the near future. 100 people are being impacted by this closure and MPTF is relocating these individuals into compatible care over the course of 2009.

FACT: The Wasserman Campus retirement community continues to be a vital and active part of the MPTF mission and we will continue to care for the 215 people who reside there.

FACT: The industry community, both wealthy and rank and file have been extremely generous supporters of MPTF – 5,000 supporters contributed in 2008. As a mission-driven organization, MPTF needs to be thoughtful about allocating donations to areas where they can do the most good for the greatest number of individuals, and for a sustainable future.

FACT: MPTF has a \$130 million investment portfolio. Operating losses would use up half of that in five years. The remainder is pledged against long-term care.

FACT: MPTF provided more than \$2 million in financial assistance to 4,000 industry members in 2008. These are grants that do not need to be paid back. They consisted of cash grants, health care support and expense subsidies for seniors and their caregivers in the community. In addition, \$1.5 million in financial assistance was given to seniors living on the campus to subsidize living expenses. In 2008, MPTF social workers had 17,000 contacts with entertainment industry clients needing emotional support and guidance.



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FACT: MPTF IS CLOSING NOT ONLY THE HOSPITAL, BUT THE LONG TERM CARE CENTER. The fact is there is more than the hospital closing. The long term care center, that has the potential to be home to nearly 200 elderly and infirm motion picture and television industry, union workers, and their parents and spouses has also been scheduled to close. How bleak is the future of our healthcare when our own hospital and nursing home is set to close. What is next? What services will be denied to us?

FACT: LOOK TO MISMANAGEMENT as your answer as to why the 'hospital' is experiencing significant operating losses. 100 people are being affected by this closure? Not true. How about the thousands of industry workers who depend on the services that the hospital and Long Term Care offer today, and the day when you need them in your old age.

FACT: THE MOST IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY PART OF the retirement community, that should be there to assist retirees when they need round the clock skilled nursing, is going to be gone. Retirement isn't all shuffleboard and bouncing the grandkids on the knee - it's also about health, palliative care, and care for advanced aging. If the MPTF had their way, this type of care will be performed by others, out of the scope of the MPTF. You will be taken out of your 'home' and taken to other facilities for the rest of your days.

FACT: THE INDUSTRY COMMUNITY, BOTH WEALTHY AND RANK AND FILE HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF THE MPTF - then why were they not notified when, 5 years ago, it was noted that the Long Term Care facility was spiraling down the drain? Would we be in the situation we are in today if the most generous supporters, of which there are billionaires, could not come together with the entertainment industry to raise the needed funds? They weren't even asked.

FACT: IF THE MPTF HAS A \$130 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO, then how can a 'nursing home' have the potential to bring down all of motion picture and television healthcare? Can you say 'incompetent management'? Strategic planning in other healthcare facilities have been able to deal with current economic conditions. The MPTF has weathered The Great Depression, Black Monday of 1987, and other serious economic challenges. Why is today different? A long term care facility that was modeled after the MPTF, only a few miles away, is in fact expanding while they face the same economic challenges as the MPTF.

FACT: WE APPLAUD AND SUPPORT THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE MPTF to assist all of us in times of need, to support scholarship, and to subsidize industry members and their families. However, that was not the intent of the MPTF when it was originally built by the founders. This does not negate their responsibility to the aged of our industry and union. This isn't the auto industry - this is the motion picture industry where even in this economy is experiencing robust revenues. Yes, there are challenges - but what type of industry are we if we turn our back on the most needy, infirm, elderly members that have bought and paid for the privilege of being a resident at the Motion Picture and Television Home.