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Hill Branch Supports Family House and Children's Hospital

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Hill Branch members tour UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Photo provided The 2015 debutante class of Hill Branch - including Lamorinda locals Cate Barber, Rachel Cratsenburg, Linnea Engstrom, Erica Holland, Gabriella Kreutzelman, Kenyon Watson, Hannah Buck, Montana Dunn and Amanda Giles - in addition to their escorts and fathers were given a tour of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, which will be the recipient of funds raised from the Hill Branch Winter Ball.

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland will break ground this month on major infrastructure improvements expanding the outpatient zone along with upgrades and enhancements to surgery and intensive care units, setting a new level of excellence in pediatric care. The emergency room at Children's Hospital Oakland sees more kids each year than other ERs in the area combined. The hospital is one of only five ACS verified Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Centers in California dedicated

exclusively to caring for children.

Family House is a low-cost "home away from home" for patient families who live more than 70 miles from the hospital. Most of the food, supplies and toys are generously donated by the community. This year's debutantes, escorts and fathers donated over 56 boxes of toiletries, paper supplies and desserts and dinners to over 30 families who were guests at Family House the evening of their recent visit.

The Winter Ball - a celebratory and charitable Hill Branch event 58 years strong - will be held on Dec. 21 at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco. For more information on Hill Branch and the Winter Ball, visit www.chohillbranch.com.

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