Hoag receives $2.5 million for nursing education

Newport Beach philanthropists George and Julia Argyros have donated $2.5 million to Hoag Hospital to support nursing education, the hospital announced Thursday. The gift from their family foundation will be presented Thursday at the hospital's Nurses Day event.

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Julia Argyros' sister, Connie Jones, was a nurse for more than 40 years.

"Of course doctors deserve and should receive recognition for their contributions to healing," Julia Argyros said in a statement. "But in the end, it is often the nursing care that patients talk about the most."

The money will be used for a variety of educational programs for nurses, the hospital said.

In recent years the couple has given $5 million to UC Irvine's eye institute and $5 million for Children's Hospital of Orange County's new emergency room.

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