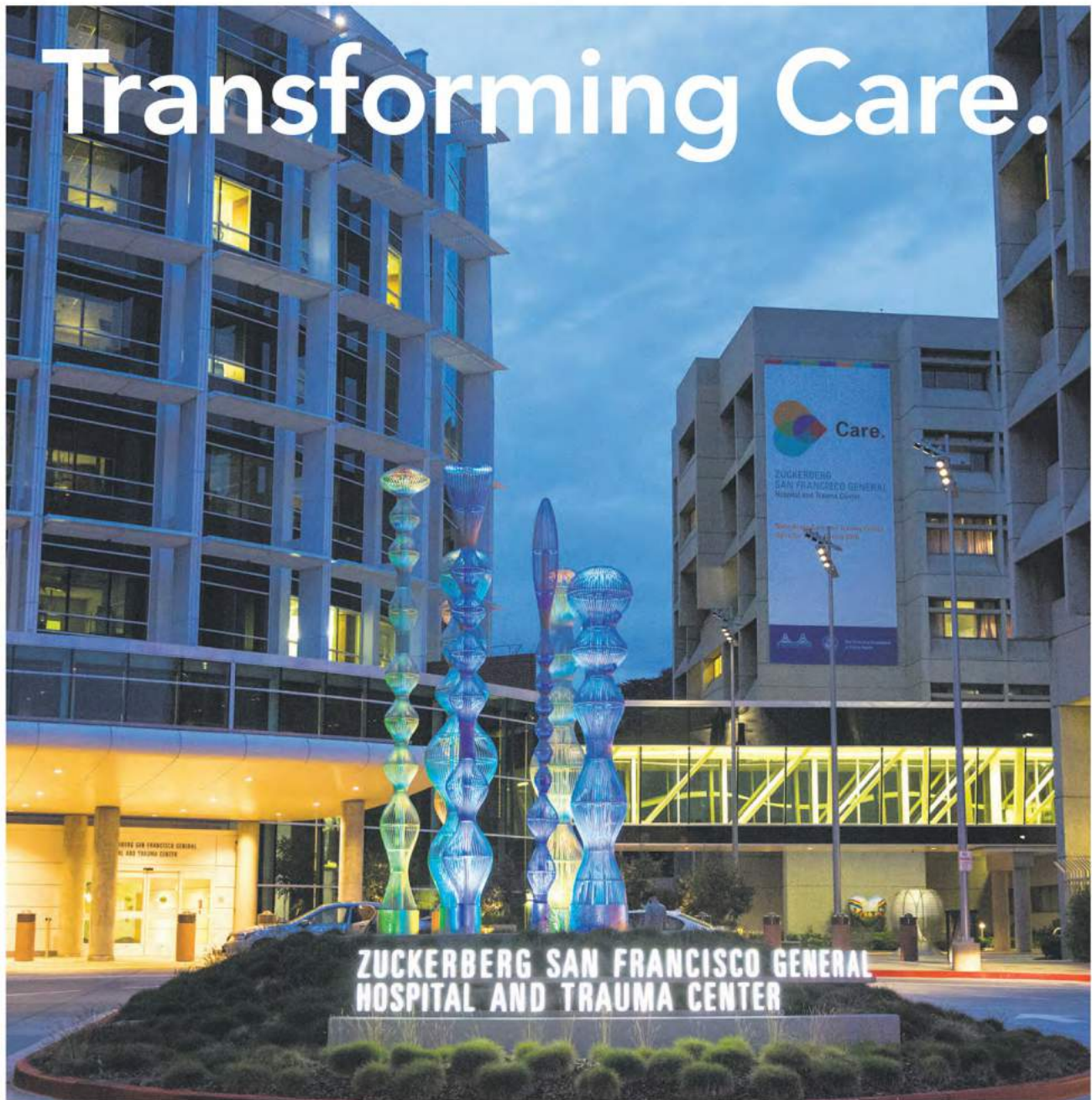
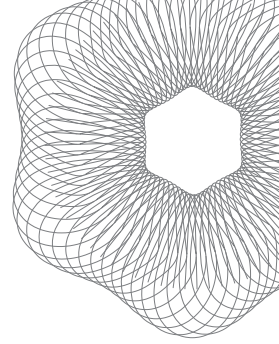


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# The art of healing

By Carey Sweet

Many studies have been conducted on the role art plays in reducing anxiety and alleviating depression and chronic stress. Ultimately, as many health and psychology professionals believe, viewing and interacting with art brings physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Yet it doesn't take a team of scientists to prove this.

As patients and visitors pass through the courtyards, lobby and hallways of the new Zuck-

erberg San Francisco General, they are greeted with hundreds of original pieces including metal and stone sculptures, stained glass, mosaic murals, terrazzo floor designs, video installations, framed works and artist-created seating. Instantly, moods lift and spirits soar.

The artwork collection was selected by the San Francisco Arts Commission, fulfilling a city policy that sets aside two percent of the construction cost of civic buildings for public art.

## CLIFF GARTEN — 'ETHEREAL BODIES'

As you pull up to the car turnaround at the new hospital, the first art piece you see is eight brushed stainless steel columns, made dynamic with LED lights and tall grasses planted on the median.

"The sculpture offers the public two different images," Garten said. "One by day when their transparent structures fill with sunlight, and another at night when LED light illumination changes the colors of each rod. Their position in the center island of the roundabout offers a cinematic quality, blending different shapes interacting with one another as one travels around them."

