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### Connecting the Dots



While the foundation is known primarily as the entity by which our community can monetarily invest in local healthcare, we really view our role as providing the link between our community members and our healthcare system. This connection is not always a financial transaction but an interest in truly understanding what inspires a community member and providing the outlet so that their gift and intention is honored.

We recently met a family whose daughter's first birthday coincided with the Easter holiday. Last year, the family spent their Easter in a NICU with their daughter who was born with unexpected complications. This year, the happy and healthy one year old, along with her mom and dad, created Easter baskets for every pediatric inpatient spending Easter at St. Mary.

It was an initial phone call to the foundation that connected this philanthropic family with the nurse leaders who guided this donation. Our pediatric patients, and their families, had a bright spot this Easter because of this creative donation. While this type of donation is not common, the story highlights how the foundation works to understand our donors' passion and motivation to give and then connects them to our medical center. We are proud to share stories like these, please let us know if you have an idea. The smallest gift, given in sincerity, makes a difference to our patients.

*Lindsey*

### Aligning Philanthropy: Diagnostic Imaging

Recently, foundation staff and board toured Diagnostic Imaging at Providence St. Mary Medical Center for an insider's look at the services offered in this department and a firsthand account of the challenges the department faces and the successes they celebrate.



Manager Tamara Sloan provided in-depth information as she showed us the MRI, CT, mammography and nuclear medicine technologies. Sloan discussed how our equipment allows St. Mary to provide university-quality diagnostic imaging in our

rural community, keeping patients close to home for an accurate diagnosis. This reduces loss of income, travel expenses and increases access to support. Diagnostic Imaging cares for between 6,500 – 7,000 patients monthly!

On our tour, we explored the mammography area to learn about the pieces of equipment used to keep the women of our community healthy. Tomosynthesis, or 3-D mammography, is the standard of care offered for each mammogram screening performed at St. Mary. When this change was implemented in 2013, we led our region as the first in the Inland Northwest to utilize this technology. 3-D imaging takes laser-sharp, three dimensional images in thin slices allowing the radiologist to view the entire breast and locate cancer that could be hidden in two dimensional mammogram images. Last quarter, 967 screening mammograms were performed, 62 of those were biopsied and 20 malignancies were discovered and treated. The foundation provides screenings to women who are not insured or cannot afford the test; last year 126 mammograms were funded through the [Jan Erickson Lifesaver Fund](#) which completely covers the cost of the screenings and any additional diagnostics. 3-D technology was recently featured on [NPR](#) as the most accurate tool for early detection of breast cancer, [read about it here](#).

Sloan also highlighted areas of need within her department, including a technology upgrade in nuclear medicine. Currently, our equipment from 1998 is functional and accurate. Replacing one of the nuclear medicine cameras would vastly improve the quality of images produced, reducing the need for additional testing to diagnose potential medical issues, including both cardiological and oncological, which then reduces the cost and stress on a patient.

The foundation is committed to rounding on the departments of the medical center to more fully understand the quality of care we offer our community and the challenges our caregivers face in the swiftly changing world of medical technology.

Support the Jan Erickson Lifesaver Fund

### Donor Spotlight: Drs. Kay and Rick Henderson

It was at a regular all-provider meeting that Dr. Rick Henderson heard from Providence St. Mary Foundation about a new charitable giving program: a life income fund. After receiving more information, Kay and Rick chose to generously invest to benefit St. Mary while continuing to receive income for life.

"Rick and I have always felt so blessed. Our philosophy is that it is always good to be generous," Kay explains. As a pediatrician (now retired) she was drawn to the ambitious project in the Family Birth Center with the addition of two new labor and delivery rooms, a special care nursery and a dedicated C-section surgical suite inside the birth center.

Both physicians have seen increased need in our community through their careers which has further inspired them to focus on local giving, making an impact "where we live and work."

They are proud to give through Providence, where the



mission "aligns with the teaching and ministry of Jesus Christ."

[Learn more about St. Mary Life Income Fund](#)

## Event Update: Gladiator on the Green Registration Open

*Let the Games Begin!*

On July 26, Providence St. Mary Foundation hosts our 8th annual golf tournament with an even greater emphasis on the FUN in FUNdraising.

**Gladiator on the Green** is the theme this year and we invite all golfers and sponsors to go all in with outfits, accessories and games.

[Sponsorships](#) and team space is limited, register soon.

[More information & Register a Team](#)



## We moved!



Providence St. Mary Foundation has moved from the main hospital building to the Southgate Medical Park at 1025 S. Second Avenue. The new space offers more parking, more storage and a more welcoming space to meet with community members & donors.

