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Impact Spotlight: K9 Program at Providence St. Mary Medical Center



September 3, 2019 - Providence St. Mary Medical Center will introduce a K9 security program this November as part of an ongoing workplace violence protection effort thanks to an investment from Providence St. Mary Foundation. Read the full press release [here](#).

K9 programs have been shown to be effective deterrents of workplace violence and St. Mary aims to use the program to prioritize the safety of our patients, visitors and staff. A visible K9 unit will also provide an

extra sense of security for our caregivers.

The program will start with one dog and handler for the Providence St. Mary Medical Center campus. Security Officer Michael Smith has been selected as K9 Program Coordinator. He is a former law enforcement officer, a certified crisis intervention negotiator, a licensed private investigator and has served as an instructor for law enforcement defensive tools. Officer Smith will travel to Alabama Canine, a premier training facility for K9 police dogs, later this month to select his partner, a German Shepard. Dogs selected for this tract are friendly and able to function well in a health care environment. Both will undergo a rigorous 8-week training specifically for hospitals that prioritizes the dog's socialization skills. A meet-and-greet with the community is being planned for December.

Our sister hospital, Providence Sacred Heart, launched the first K9 program in Washington this past January. Watch the video to meet Sarge, Sacred Heart's K9, [here](#).

Meet Sarge from Sacred Heart's K9 program

Walk, run or cycle to #FINISHCANCER

Gran Fondo presented by Jackson Contractor Group is set for Saturday, Sep. 21 at Burwood Brewing Company. [Register now](#).

Choose from a 5k run/walk, a 1-mile Walk of Strength, 62-mile Metric Century or a 35-mile Ride of Celebration. After, walkers, runners and cyclists celebrate together with food, drinks and festivities.



Participants can win (2) round-trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S. thanks to Alaska Airlines! It's easy: pick up your Passport at Gran Fondo registration (Sep. 21). Visit 3 or more participating Airport businesses by Sunday (Sep. 29) to earn a Passport stamp and be entered into the drawing. Businesses will be offering discounts, giveaways and promos all week long.

All funds raised stay local to benefit the cancer center fund of Providence St. Mary Foundation to support advanced technology, equipment and programs to benefit all patients fighting cancer.

Register by Sep. 13 to save \$5 off your registration. Visit the [Gran Fondo Facebook Event](#) to find the promo code.

[Register now!](#)

Maximize your impact: IRA Charitable Rollover

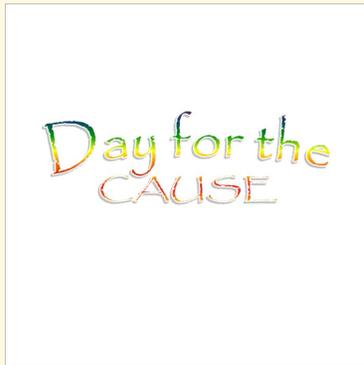
An IRA rollover allows people age 70 1/2 and older to reduce their taxable income by making a gift directly from their IRA.

There are many benefits to giving directly through your IRA including avoidance of taxes on transfers of up to \$100k and satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year while furthering the work and mission of creating a healthier community, together.



If you have questions about an IRA charitable rollover gift, please contact us at (509) 897-2091 or [send us an email](#).

Upcoming community FUNdraisers to benefit local healthcare



September 19, 2019
Day for the Cause
Golf & Bridge Tournament
Impact: Cancer Care
[Register here](#)



October 5, 2019
Pink Sangria Release Party
Castillo de Feliciano
Impact: Breast Cancer
[Learn more](#)



October 6, 2019
Cornhole Tournament
Hosted by Paragon Auto Sales
Impact: Good Samaritan
[Learn more](#)

Host a Fundraiser

It's a rewarding (and fun!) way to give back to a place that may have personally impacted your life. Anyone can hold a community fundraiser to raise money in support of local health care through Providence St. Mary Foundation. to raise valuable funding for programs that touch the lives of our patients and families.

Fundraisers can include things like golf outings, fun runs, auctions or toy drives. Choose one that works best for you and rally your friends, family and colleagues around a great cause!

[Learn more](#)

Exceptional Care, Close to Home

Providence St. Mary Foundation is committed to supporting exceptional health care, close to home, at Providence St. Mary. Your support enriches the lives of our friends, family and neighbors by funding innovative programs, equipment and capital projects that help create a healthier community.

Leaving a Legacy

Have you included Providence St. Mary Foundation in your estate plan? Please let us know - we would love to express our gratitude! Including us in your will, as a life insurance beneficiary or in a charitable remainder trust offers more than potential tax savings. It continues the legacy of compassionate care that the Sisters of Providence began many years ago.

Please reference the Providence St. Mary Foundation, EIN #45-2841492 in any estate planning document to provide a lasting impact on the health of our community. [Learn more.](#)