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Friends,

November is here with its chilly weather, fall colors and most of all, a gentle reminder to look around at all we have to be thankful for.

While this year has been filled with challenges, I am so thankful for you: our generous community has continued to show up to help one another when it matters most. That's why our November edition is filled with stories of gratitude.

Recently, Day for the Cause raised an incredible \$23,000 for local cancer care despite being unable to gather in person for their annual golf tournament. We deeply appreciate their resiliency and the generous support of our friends and neighbors to help people in our community who are battling cancer.

As we look back at how your generosity has impacted patients and their families right here in Walla Walla, we are excited to share the recent installation of a donor recognition wall. The 2013 - 2017 Cancer Center campaign raised more than \$2 million dollars, much of which has already been invested in new equipment, programs and other needs. With the utmost gratitude for those who contributed to the campaign, we are thankful to be able to recognize their support in a visible way.

Thank you to each of you who have made gifts of all sizes to bridge the gap and help people receive excellent, local health care at Providence St. Mary. We're honored to continue working with you to support our patients and serve the community.

As we approach Thanksgiving and the charitable giving season, please know that we are grateful for your past, present and future support.

Warmly,

Lindsey

Lindsey J. Oldridge
Chief Philanthropy Officer



Day for a Cause raises \$23,000 for local cancer care

Hole-in-one! Day for the Cause raised a remarkable \$23,000 for local cancer care despite not being able to gather in person for their annual golf tournament, bridge tournament and luncheon. Instead, organizers of the yearly event sent letters to last year's attendees asking them to consider a direct gift. They received a very generous response. This year's donation will cover the cost of post-surgery

garments and other support for breast cancer patients, replace a lab chair and will pay for a creative spin on the cancer center's annual breast cancer survivors party (see photos of the celebration below). Since 2012, Day for the Cause has donated more than \$141,000 to local cancer efforts.

Pictured: Lindsey Oldridge (Foundation Director), Susan Blackburn (Chief Executive), Lynne Pierce & Jan Johnson (Day for the Cause organizers) and Hall Grimes (Cancer Center Director)

Breast cancer awareness drive-thru celebration



The Providence St. Mary Cancer Center celebrated breast cancer survivors on Halloween by hosting a drive-thru celebration.

Survivors were invited to drive up to the cancer center to pick up their tote filled with local goodies including homemade sweet treats and handmade washcloths.

71 cancer survivors received gift bags and we are so grateful we could celebrate with them!



Celebrating the Campaign for Cancer Care

The 2013 - 2017 campaign raised more than \$2.1 million dollars for local cancer care.

Funds purchased equipment to enhance patient care and allowed the cancer center to hire a survivorship nurse, bridging the gap between care during cancer treatment and after remission.

This year, we paused to appreciate those that generously contributed to the campaign by completing a donor recognition wall.

The wall is mounted outside the cancer center at Providence St. Mary Medical Center.

2020 CARES Act tax benefit

Don't miss this one-time tax deduction for 2020!

The \$2.2 trillion CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act relief package passed by Congress offers a tax deduction for everyone who makes a cash donation to a public charity in 2020.



The CARES Act creates a \$300 "nonitemizer" deduction. If you DO NOT itemize, you can claim a new deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations to charity made in 2020. If you do itemize, the savings are even greater! Those who itemize can deduct qualified cash donations up to 100% of their adjusted gross income.

Learn more about providing long-lasting support for our organization while enjoying financial benefits for yourself [here](#).

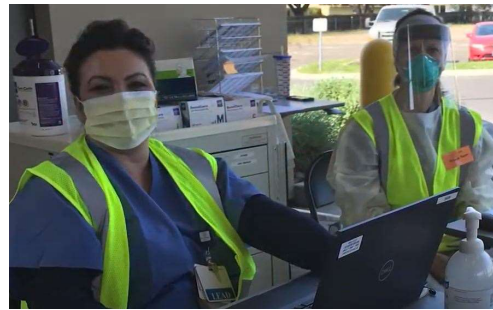


**Honor a Healthcare Hero:
Share your gratitude for all they are doing to keep us safe**

Is there a Providence St. Mary staff member you'd like to thank?

We invite you to share a message of gratitude with the healthcare hero who has made a difference for you, your family or our community. Honor a caregiver with a gift and we'll notify them that a gift was made in their honor. They'll receive special recognition along with your message of gratitude when your gift is received. [Learn more.](#)

Honoring our #healthcareheroes



Exceptional Care, Close to Home

Providence St. Mary Foundation is committed to strengthening local healthcare through the generosity of donors. Philanthropic support funds 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.](#)