



Providence Willamette Falls Medical Foundation

Kae Wise helps mentor other breast cancer patients who are receiving treatment at Providence Willamette Falls.

Providing the latest mammogram technology for Clackamas County patients

It was a special day on Aug. 14, 2019, when Providence Willamette Falls Foundation Board members, donors and Providence employees gathered for the blessing and ribbon-cutting for the new 3D mammography unit at Providence

Canby Medical Plaza. The event was the result of several years of hard work and dedication to provide the latest mammography equipment for Clackamas County women.

Thanks to donors who attended Gala at the Falls, contributed to a community-driven Facebook campaign, and supported Pink Night at Canby Rodeo, patients in Clackamas County have a powerful new weapon in the fight against breast cancer.

No one recognizes the importance of the latest mammography technology more than Kae Wise, 79. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003 after a suspicious mammogram. The lifelong Molalla resident received her treatment at Providence Willamette Falls and says she is honored to serve as a personal mentor for other women going through breast cancer.

“It means a great deal to have the hospital so close. It’s like having a neighbor close by,” said Kae. “To me, Willamette Falls is just home.”

“Cancer has given me a second chance to do a better job in this world. Sometimes it can be helpful to talk with someone who has gone through it,” said Kae. “I’ve lived in the same community all my life. People know they can come to me, and it’s very rewarding. I was blessed with life again.”

2019 Highlights

Cardiac rehabilitation clinic triples in size

Clackamas County patients needing cardiac rehabilitation services at Providence Willamette Falls now have significantly more space in which to receive their care, thanks to generous donor support. The cardiac rehabilitation clinic, built at the hospital in 2014, had outgrown its space because of patient and community needs. The newly expanded clinic is three times larger, providing additional space for lifesaving cardiac rehabilitation, exercise therapy equipment, and free health and wellness classes for the community.



A hug and a cuddle make everything better

A hospital can be scary to a young child. A group of volunteers at Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center works to reduce those fears, thanks to the Comfort Bear Project.

Small stuffed bears are given to children receiving emergency, psychiatric, day surgery or lab services. Funded by donors, the Comfort Bear Project began in 2019 and has given out about 400 bears.

“The kids grab their bears and hug them, and sometimes the bears help stop the crying,” says volunteer Peggy Bartlett. “It’s very rewarding.”

2019 total dollars raised by fund

