



Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Foundation

Providence oncology social worker Pam Barry, LCSW, and Killer Tomato Farm producer Evan Menzel prepare fresh produce boxes at a weekly Veggie Rx distribution event.

Patients with cancer receive fresh produce

Your donations help provide the Veggie Rx program to vulnerable patients at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital during cancer treatment and recovery. In partnership with the Gorge Grown

farmer network, Veggie Rx provides fresh fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis to patients experiencing food insecurity.

One patient recently shared, "Thank you for helping me during a difficult time. When I felt like I would go hungry, I didn't. I ate good last night. And the corn was the best I've tasted since I was a kid."

Pam Barry, LCSW, is an oncology social worker at Providence Hood River who matches patients with this important resource. "Veggie Rx is improving health outcomes," said Barry, "I am grateful for the bilingual staff and volunteers at Gorge Grown. They make sure our patients who speak Spanish feel welcome. They also assist with online ordering or food delivery – whatever is needed to remove barriers to healthy eating."

Gina* is very grateful for Veggie Rx. She is a single mom, raising two teenagers while receiving treatment for metastatic breast cancer at Providence. Gina's limited income simply does not cover the recent increase in living costs, but Veggie Rx helps feed her family and provides the healthy food she needs to heal and regain strength.

Your support also helped Sami* prepare for a lifesaving bone marrow transplant. This is a delicate procedure, and the body tends to respond better and recover faster if the patient starts out healthy. Sami's care team at Providence lined up multiple resources to give her the best chance of success, including a full year in the Veggie Rx program. Access to fresh produce helped Sami's body prepare for a successful transplant.

**Name has been changed to protect privacy and confidentiality.*

2022 Highlights

Supporting patients experiencing hearing loss

Imagine being given important information from your care team, but you can't hear what they're saying. Thanks to donor support, we were able to purchase new "Pocket Talkers" that act as personal amplifiers with headsets.

Now patients can hear their diagnosis, next steps and instructions from their care team.

"These devices are used on a daily basis," said Ryan Petersen, M.D., Providence internal medicine physician. "They are invaluable for our patients who struggle with hearing loss."



Training tools to diagnose and treat children

In an emergency, every minute counts. Clinical teams must be able to diagnose patients quickly and accurately, and children often need extra care. To help providers at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital, two pediatric mannequins were purchased with foundation support. These sophisticated devices simulate a variety of pre-programmed conditions, allowing providers to practice diagnosing and treating children. Life-like skin, joints, bones and organs provide realistic training in CPR, intubation, IV insertions and other life-saving procedures.

2022 total dollars raised by fund

