Jessica Mozeico credits the NICU at Providence Portland Medical Center for saving daughter Gabriella’s life.
Grateful mom makes special gift to buy lifesaving device

When Jessica Mozeico went into labor two months early, she was suddenly introduced to the complex world of the neonatal intensive care unit at Providence Portland Medical Center. Incubators and special equipment were used around the clock to keep baby Gabriella alive.

The care team involved Jessica in every decision, coaching her on what to expect. “I had visits from social work, lactation, speech therapy and chaplains. When I didn’t want to leave Gabriella, a nurse took me aside and said, ‘You need to take a break. If you don’t take care of yourself, you can’t help Gabriella.’”

After almost four weeks, Gabriella was strong enough to be discharged home. Jessica notes that lasting friendships were formed with many of the NICU nurses who have watched Gabriella grow into a healthy 7-year-old.

Jessica owns a Newberg-area winery, Et Fille – French for “and daughter.” To help other babies and support the team that saved Gabriella’s life, Jessica donates part of the proceeds from her special pinot noir, named Gabriella, to Providence Portland Medical Foundation.

Last year Jessica learned about NeoView – the first intubation device designed for infants as small as 35 ounces. Without hesitation, she made a donation to buy the equipment. “NeoView has been invaluable for infants with difficult airways,” said Sarah Pearce, M.D., medical director of the Providence Portland NICU. “I honestly don’t know what I would have done without NeoView.”

For Jessica, it’s the least she can do.

2022 Highlights

Chicago couple benefited from emergency lodging

Rod and Vikki Valenciano from Chicago were on vacation when Rod fell ill and was transported to Providence Portland Medical Center. While he was in intensive care, Vikki stayed at Providence Guest House, which is funded through philanthropy. “At first I didn’t want to leave Rod,” said Vikki, “but the woman who greeted me was so kind. I loved the neighborhood right next to the hospital and felt secure.” Back home in Chicago, Rod and Vikki are grateful for the lifesaving care and comfort received when they were far from home.

New therapeutic beds are safer and easier to use

All 36 rooms in the intensive care unit at Providence Portland Medical Center have top-of-the-line critical care beds, thanks to a donation from Betsy Lematta. The new beds are easy to maneuver and better equipped to reposition patients for sleeping, eating and preparing to stand. “I was inspired to give because I know how important it is to have the right equipment, at the right time, to help every patient in need,” said Betsy.

2022 total dollars raised by fund

- **Area of Greatest Need** | 10%
- **Behavioral Health** | 30%
- **Cancer Research and Support Services** | 40%
- **Emergency Services** | 1%
- **Heart** | 12%
- **Neurosciences** | 3%
- **Senior Health and Long Term Care** | 1%
- **Other Funds** | 3%

**Total amount raised**

$15,997,711