

When a community comes together to support the work of an institution such as Leila J. Eisenstein Breast Center, it builds health and access to health care for all. Thank you for supporting two decades of compassionate care and making a difference in the lives of countless women in southern Oregon!

### **Providence Community Health Foundation**

## Breast center celebrates 20 years of lifesaving and compassionate care

Twenty years ago, donors like you came together to build the Leila J. Eisenstein Breast Center, addressing a critical need for access to breast diagnostic exams and care in the Rogue Valley. Since then, over 200,000 exams have been given and thousands of patients have received treatment or screening, including more than 800 free mammograms. Because of your generosity, the center has been able to offer leading-edge technology, allowing earlier cancer detection, keeping loved ones healthy and saving lives.

# "I almost didn't get a mammogram out of my own fear. It saved my life," said Erin.

The Leila J. Eisenstein Breast Center was the first in the region to offer 3D mammography as well as systems that support patients sitting or lying down. Your gifts helped purchase a new radiography system for surgeries and biopsies, which can help streamline workflows and reduce procedure time. Donors have also funded important services not covered by insurance. Since the center opened, more than 2,300 patients have been served by a nurse navigator who provides support and resources tailored specifically to patient's needs.

Erin Smith is an example of the need for the center and its compassionate care. She lost her sister to breast cancer and was reluctant to have a mammogram, so she put it off. With a friend's encouragement, Erin finally scheduled it at the center, where she was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma.

During her journey, Erin met Providence breast center supervisor Nicole McPheeters, a survivor herself. Nicole said, "I'm able to connect with patients. Sometimes, you're that hand to hold when they're going through a tough time." For Erin, having Nicole there "created a sense of comfort. I wasn't alone and seeing that someone had been through the journey and survived made all the difference."

#### In 2023, you helped:

Connect 350
patients with the
services of an OB/

GYN patient advocate, who screens for mental health, domestic violence and other concerns and links patients with needed services

Support Providence programs and services in southern Oregon, including the Leila J. Eisenstein Breast Center, through the Festival of Trees event, which raised more than \$575,000

Award scholarships and continuing education for Providence caregivers at the Providence Medford Medical Center

Fund mini-geriatric fellowships for two clinicians, enhancing care for seniors in the region

Purchase weightlifting equipment for the expansion of a strengthening program at Providence Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy-Central Point

### 2023 total dollars raised by fund

- Area of Greatest Need | 8%
- Behavioral Health | 15%
- Cancer Care | 12%
- Caregiver Development | 9%
- Festival of Trees | 39%
- FEMA Grant | 12%
- Other Funds | 5%

