

Power of giving

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“I am alive and I am lucky.”

Charleen Tefry fought cancer twice. First, she had Hodgkin’s lymphoma then breast cancer. In between, her husband learned he had stage IV colon cancer. He died not long before Charleen was diagnosed with breast cancer.

She was living in Roseburg at the time she received the news. Charleen called Providence Medford Medical Center when she learned her oncologist did not offer reconstructive surgery after mastectomy. She first spoke to Kate Newgard, nurse navigator at Providence Leila J. Eisenstein Breast Center. Kate helped Charleen transfer her medical records and led her through the process of scheduling a bilateral mastectomy followed by reconstructive surgery. Kate was there for Charleen every step of the way, offering support, guidance and comfort. “Kate is the angel of the breast cancer patients,” said Charleen.

Charleen moved to Medford because it was closer to her family in California, it had an airport and it had Providence. She didn’t know many people so she took advantage of programs offered through the breast center, beginning with the walking group. For Charleen, participating in the walking group was an important part of her healing. “You don’t realize how long the process takes and how it affects you,” she said. “To have the support of others is everything.”

Charleen is cancer free now but knows that her Hodgkin’s lymphoma can come back. She said there is just something about Providence, something special. She is so thankful for her care at Providence and for all the support services offered because of your generosity.

Because of your gifts, patients like Charleen have the peace of mind knowing they are receiving whole person care. ■





The Hillcrest Committee toured the Cancer Center and Breast Center

Hillcrest Committee provides support

We are grateful for the passion and dedication of the members of the Hillcrest Committee and their remarkable support. They gave \$41,000 for the immediate needs of cancer patients, including housing, transportation, support groups and so much more.

Here is one note of thanks from a patient touched by this generous gift:

"Please accept this letter as my sincerest appreciation. My heart was overwhelmed with relief at how much your support will help me and also help relieve a great amount of stress. I can focus more on the healing I need and less on the financial burden. Please pass on my sincerest heartfelt gratitude to the contributors who provide support to this program as well as all of you who designed and facilitate it. God bless you all!" ■

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– Yvette

Thanks to you, Yvette receives nursing degree

Thank you for easing the way for Yvette Banuelos to become a nurse. Yvette received the Beverly Lowman Nursing Scholarship to use for her undergraduate tuition.

"I was able to spend time with my family and still focus on my education because of this scholarship opportunity," said Yvette. "Thank you to everyone who made this happen and for Providence being there to support me when I needed it the most." ■



Play Smart comes to southern Oregon

Because of you, we now offer free heart screenings for youth ages 12 through 18. Play Smart screens kids for any potential heart issues or conditions not detected during a routine sports physical. Athletes from South Medford high school received the first screenings in December.

A team of highly trained cardiac professionals and cardiologists led by medical director, James Beckerman, M.D., staffs the program. Since 2012, more than 22,000 teens have been screened in northern Oregon and southwest Washington.

Play Smart screenings are offered at local schools and in conjunction with annual sports physical screenings. Your support of the Providence Community Health Foundation makes this program possible in our community.

Thank you for helping prevent sudden cardiac arrest in young people. ■



Peyton reviews his preliminary test results with Paul Gilmore, M.D.

2017 Festival of Trees benefits Swindells



Thanks to you, Dillon and his family found the information and support they needed at the Swindells Resource Center. Now, Dillon and his mom Ivonne help coordinate the Familias Especiales support group, attend community trainings, and help with outreach for community events.

Generous donors at the 2017 Festival of Trees Gala gave more than \$580,000 for programs supported by Providence Community Health Foundation. Over \$80,000 of that went to the Swindells Resource Center. Parents and caregivers of children who have special needs, developmental delays or disabilities receive services at no cost. ■

Dillon and Ivonne express their gratitude for the help they've received at Swindells.

Welcome Tomi Ryba – new chief executive



Tomi Ryba assumed the role of chief executive of Providence Medford Medical Center on December 4, 2017.

“Providence Medford has a time-honored, respected tradition of providing high quality, compassionate care,” said Tomi. “It is a privilege to work alongside physicians and staff who are fulfilling the promise of the Mission, while we shape the future for a healthier community.”

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Tomi’s experience in health care runs deep. She was most recently president and CEO of El Camino Hospital in California’s Silicon Valley. While there, she worked to expand services to meet community needs, aligned services with community physicians, led strategy to position ECH to be an award-winning market leader, worked to improve quality, and engaged employees to develop a culture of excellence.

We are excited to welcome Tomi to the team. ■

Providence Guild Volunteers celebrate 70 years

Dixie McClure has been a Guild volunteer for 12 years. She was Guild President for two terms and has served close to 8,000 hours in that time. On Monday mornings you will find her at the Pavilion Information Desk and on Fridays she works in the Gift Shop. “It is really special to work at the information desk,” said Dixie. “No one really wants to go to the hospital, so it is nice to be able to welcome them with a smile and help make an impact by easing their way with finding where they need to go and making them feel more comfortable.”



Dixie McClure has been a Guild volunteer for 12 years. She likes welcoming people to the hospital and helping them feel comfortable and at ease.

Established in 1948, Providence Guild volunteers continue their service in the spirit of caring that is the trademark of Providence Medford Medical Center. 172 active volunteers give countless hours of their time to help throughout the medical center, at the information desk, delivering mail, working in our gift shops and so much more. They fill vital roles that help our patients, families, friends and hospital staff.

Thank you to our Guild members for their gifts of time and talent! ■

Our Mission

As expressions of God’s healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

Our Values

Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, Integrity

Inspiring Generosity ♥

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