

Sheri Walker's mother died of pulmonary disease in 2002. To honor her memory, Sheri made a gift to Providence Newberg Health Foundation to purchase a pulmonary function machine.

Making life easier for others in her community

In some ways, longtime Newberg resident Sheri Walker hasn't always had an easy life. But she feels blessed to be able to help ease the way for others.

In 2021, Sheri made a gift to Providence Newberg Health Foundation to

purchase a pulmonary function machine for the hospital. The device is used to conduct noninvasive tests that show how well the lungs are working. This was a way for Sheri to honor her mother, who died of pulmonary disease in 2002.

Supporting Providence Newberg Medical Center has been a family-wide commitment. Sheri's father was a hospital board member before he died in 1980 – along with Sheri's first husband and brother-in-law – in a plane crash.

With two sons and a daughter to support, Sheri was left to run the family real estate business. She learned the business and was successful, with her son Scott later becoming a broker and working with Sheri.

Three years after the plane crash, "God gave me my second husband, Curt," says Sheri. A developer, his work complemented Sheri's. Curt developed subdivisions, and Sheri's office sold them. Curt chaired the capital campaign committee that raised money to build the new Providence Newberg Medical Center, and he is an emeritus board member of the foundation.

When Sheri sold her downtown business in 2007, she donated the parking lot land behind her office to Providence Newberg. "The hospital is very dear to me, and our family has strong ties to it," she says.

Faith, family and community are what keeps Sheri positive and strong. "Gifts for the hospital reach the whole community," she says. "I do it because this is my hometown."

2021 Highlights

Sonosite ultrasound supports breast health

Providence Newberg patients now have access to a new tool to help improve their breast health.

The Sonosite Point of Care Ultrasound device provides valuable information about solid masses and other lesions in the breast and uses real-time noninvasive biopsies that yield more accurate tissue samples. The Sonosite also helps reduce the need for traditional biopsies, which can be painful and expensive.

Thank you to our generous donors for your commitment to breast health.

Panda Warmers help healthy babies

Babies in the hospital's Birth Center now can get extra support and care in Panda Warmers.

Brought in for each birth – just in case they're needed – these warmers

help Birth Center nurses closely monitor and care for newborns who need a little extra help.

Babies now can be monitored for oxygen, weight, heart rate and temperature all within their Panda Warmer.

Your gifts to the Providence Newberg 2021 Hearts of Gold event made this possible.

2021 total dollars raised by fund

Area of Greatest Need | 22%

Behavioral Health | 40%

Cancer Care | **6**%

Faith in Action | 2%

Women and Children's | **25**%

Other Funds | 5%

