



# Providence Portland Medical Foundation

Nancy Lematta challenged other donors to support Providence during COVID-19.

# Nancy's gifts

Longtime board member and friend of Providence, Nancy Lematta, stepped up early in the pandemic to aid in the fight against COVID-19. She also challenged other donors to match her gift – and you did,

donating the funds needed to support COVID-19 research, purchase specialized equipment, and help keep Providence caregivers, patients and their families safe.

Thanks to your support, two ECMO machines were purchased to help extremely sick patients. The ECMO temporarily takes over the work of the heart and lungs so those organs can rest and heal. Two analyzers for COVID-19 testing were purchased, allowing more essential services personnel to be tested faster. Alaris infusion pumps were purchased for every Providence hospital in Oregon to help deliver fluids, medications or blood to patients. These pieces of equipment will be invaluable long after the threat of COVID is over.

Nancy was moved to make her donation when she heard and saw how COVID was quickly beginning to overwhelm our health care system. "I kept thinking what can I do to help? And I thought: I can give money. I hope it can make a difference."

Then in December, Nancy was moved once again to help other programs in need of support. "I trust Providence wholeheartedly. I've been cared for here, my late husband received his cancer treatment here, and I am proud to serve on the board," said Nancy. "I am blessed with the ability to give, and I know Providence will use my gift to help advance care throughout Oregon."

Nancy's second gift was divided among many programs that will help all Oregonians, including children's health, cancer research, senior health, heart services, behavioral health and health care ethics.

## 2020 Highlights

### Ready for a patient surge

With your generous support, we opened a new surge unit on the 9th floor of the cancer building at Providence Portland Medical Center in December 2020. The floor was not being used for patient care, which made it perfect for this surge unit. When it opened, 48 beds were fully equipped to provide patient care with 33 semi-private beds and 15 ward beds. Once complete, the unit will have 96 total beds to accommodate low-acuity patients, enough for surges not just from the current pandemic but possibly from flu season or a natural or man-made disaster.



### GrandPads for ElderPlace residents

When the pandemic hit, many of our ElderPlace enrollees lost contact with their family and friends and could not have regular health care visits. Thanks to your support, 25 GrandPad tablets were purchased to help with early detection of health status changes and to reduce emergency department visits. Additionally, the GrandPads provide access to email, photos, news and video calling. "The GrandPads are wonderful and have already enriched the lives of our participants who have them," said Lori Frank, director, PACE Services, Providence ElderPlace. "We've seen increased access to socialization activities, spiritual support, behavioral health and other clinicians."

## 2020 total dollars raised by fund

