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Bringing comfort one tail wag at a time

Because of you, patients, families and hospital staff all benefit from the Angel on a Leash Therapy Dog program. Your support provided scholarships for pets and their owners to become registered therapy dog handlers. 2017 was the first full year of the program and there are now eight active teams with eleven dogs.

Teale and Jetty were visiting the medical surgery floor when they met a patient who really liked to walk. The nurses were unable to walk with him any longer due to other tasks that needed to be completed. Teale offered to walk with him for a bit, which both he and the staffed loved. Jetty walked right next to the gentleman, often looking up and stopping as if to make sure he was ok. They walked for about 15 minutes to the satisfaction of the patient and the relief of the nurses, "Thanks to Teale and Jetty, I was able to tend to the needs of my other patients."

Angel on a Leash is the first therapy dog program ever at Providence Seaside Hospital. In addition to visiting the hospital, therapy teams go to Providence Rehabilitation Services in Gearhart, the Providence Cannon Beach Clinic and Providence ElderPlace in Seaside. They also made appearances (and new friends) at Festival of Trees, a Fort Clatsop fun run and health fair, and the Providence Seaside employee Halloween party.

Interacting with a therapy dog helps with blood pressure regulation, pain relief, stress relief and brings joy. Thank you for supporting this program and providing comfort to those we serve. ■



Teale Adelman is a caregiver at Providence Seaside Hospital and recipient of one of our scholarships to become a dog therapy handler. She works with two dogs, Jetty, pictured above, and Kilo.

Healthy Smiles program leads to healthier kids

The Healthy Smiles school-based children's oral health program began in Clatsop County in 2016 through a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation and your generosity. The 2017-2018 school year is the second full year of operation.



Justin Abbott works with schools to bring dental care to children who might not otherwise see a dentist.

Justin Abbott is the patient navigator for Healthy Smiles. A former schoolteacher, he connects with families either by referral from a school nurse or through the dental sealant program he manages. When he finds a student with dental care needs, he works with the parents to find a dentist or clinic.

"I've had kids that have completely black teeth because they haven't been taking care of them and their parents didn't know they could see a dentist for free," said Justin. "I do a lot of patient navigation for kids who have never seen a dentist."

Along with the sealant program, Justin also coordinates dental learning labs for kindergarten through 8th grade students. The labs have six or seven stations depending on the grade level.

Small groups rotate through the stations for detailed information on their teeth and how to care for them. Dental assistants teach at each station.

Of course, free toothbrushes are part of the deal. Justin also goes to schools to hand out information to parents. This allows parents to ask questions in a friendly setting.

Clatsop County is mostly rural covering 1,085 square miles. The number of students receiving free or reduced price meals has increased significantly in recent years. Within the eight schools in the district, 51 to 69 percent of students qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program. About 35 percent of children see a dentist yearly but more don't go until there is a problem.

Your support of the Healthy Smiles program leads to better health for the children in our community. We are grateful to you. ■

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Events fund innovation

You gave generously in 2017 to support innovative programs and services at Providence Seaside Hospital. Through the Lum's golf tournament and Festival of Trees, more than \$230,000 was raised for innovation!

Because of you, we are off to a good start on our campaign to expand emergency care.

The current emergency facilities, constructed nearly 50 years ago and last updated in the early 1990s, are small, outdated, and poorly configured to provide patients and families with security and privacy.

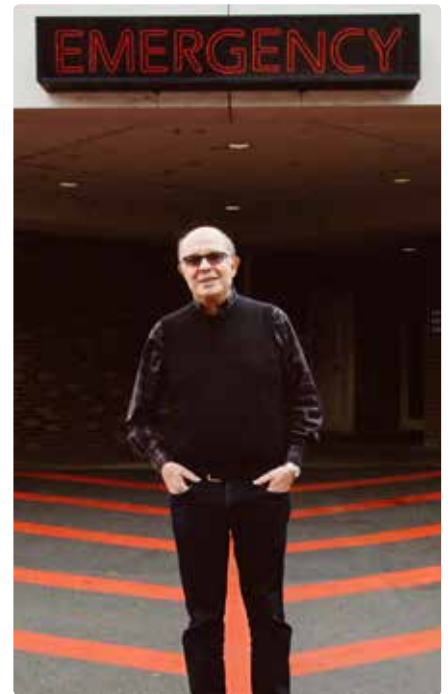
Twice as large as the current facility, the new facilities will reduce stressful waiting time and ensure each patient receives care quickly.

The number of treatment areas will grow from seven to 10. Larger and up-to-date, these areas will give physicians and families more room and will improve the use of technology. Two large bays will accommodate care for patients with severe trauma. Two other areas will provide space for patients needing an extra-secure and quiet environment. In-room monitors will allow staff to oversee each patient and quickly identify life-threatening problems.

The current cramped facility means that patients often must go without the comfort of having family and friends close by. Lack of private areas means they may not share information critical to their care. New private treatment rooms will accommodate several visitors, protect confidentiality, and encourage patients to communicate openly with doctors and nurses.

Thanks to your support, we launched *Beyond 911: A Campaign to Expand Emergency Care*, expected to be completed by the end of the year. ■

A remodeled entrance will make it easier for patients and visitors to check into the Emergency Department.



The emergency department at Providence Seaside Hospital gave Seaside resident Bob Olson lifesaving care.





Justin Johnson coordinates the Community Connections program.

Making Community Connections

Thanks to your support, Providence Seaside can offer a lift to low-income county residents at no cost. Besides local trips, the program also provides transportation to and from Providence clinics. Providence St. Vincent is the most popular destination. As a community benefit program, we also serve patients who go to other non-Providence medical facilities.

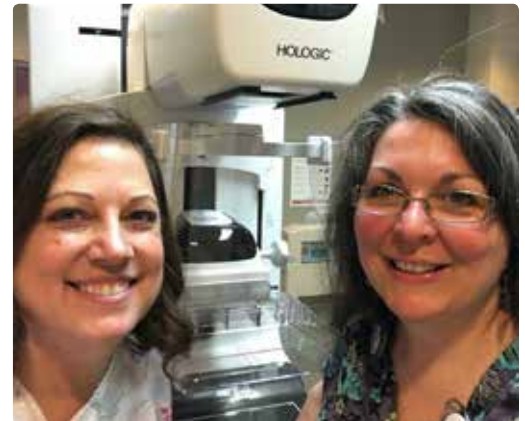
Justin Johnson is the program coordinator and does some of the driving. Your support allowed us to add Jodi as a part-time driver, which gives Justin more time to coordinate rides and appointments and accommodate more clients in one trip.

Jodi drives most of the patients to their appointments in the Portland Metro area. Volunteers handle most of the local trips. This allowed the program to grow from 47,000 miles of rides in 2016 to more than 55,000 miles in 2017. ■

More patients are screened with Tomosynthesis

Since the installation of the Tomosynthesis (Tomo) mammography machine in March 2017, we have increased the number of mammograms done at Providence Seaside. Because of the demand for 3D mammograms, the diagnostic imaging department had to add hours to the schedule to accommodate patients. Thanks to you, more women were screened than ever before.

The quality of the image in Tomo is very detailed, which can help improve cancer detection rates and decrease callback rates, giving patients more peace of mind. Radiologists will be able to detect small cancers earlier. Tomo provides greater accuracy in identifying the size, shape and location of any abnormalities. And fewer biopsies and tests are required. ■



Kimberly Ward, executive director, Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation and Sherri Chojnaki, mammography tech, Diagnostic Imaging are thrilled to have 3D mammography in Seaside.

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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