Clockwise from top left: Katie Lamping, Chloe Mason, Cassidy Swick, Alex Hernandez and Stephanie Jaworski (not pictured) were the first recipients of scholarships to help them achieve their medical education goals.
Scholarships take caregivers to the next level

In 2021, thanks to donor support, five scholarships were awarded to Providence Seaside Hospital caregivers. The scholarships are used for tuition or other direct education expenses.

“We have employees who want to move up from entry-level positions, but they need financial assistance to succeed,” said Jason Plamondon, MSN, RN, chief nursing officer, Providence Seaside Hospital. “Having the foundation and donors step up to help keep our caregivers in Seaside is remarkable. We are so thankful for their support.”

Emergency department technician Katie Lamping says, “My health care goal is to become a physician’s assistant, where I can care for the most vulnerable with a greater scope of practice than I currently have.”

For Chloe Mason, medical assistant, the urgent need for nurses was a catalyst in deciding to pursue her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. “I also made the decision to go back to school to show my children to never give up on your dreams,” she said.

Cassidy Swick, emergency department technician, is pursuing a career in nursing. “I have witnessed first-hand how COVID has affected so many lives,” she said. “As a nurse, I will be able to serve my community and give back to them in a time of need.”

Alex Hernandez, emergency department technician, is pursuing a career in nursing. “I make sure to treat every patient that I encounter with the same level of care I would expect for my own family.”

Stephanie Jaworski, medical assistant, plans to become an emergency department nurse when she finishes her studies. “It has been my goal to work in the community that has had a part in raising me.”

2021 Highlights

BOB reaches the coast

Thanks to a grant from Oregon Health Authority, the Better Outcomes thru Bridges (BOB) program is available to the Seaside community. BOB uses outreach and peer support specialists to help patients with mental health, substance misuse and/or chronic pain disorders who also have living situations that make it difficult to maintain follow-up care post-hospitalization or after an emergency department visit. BOB connects people with community partners or Providence caregivers, providing both transitional assistance and long-term care contacts. Two peer support specialists and one outreach specialist will join Providence Seaside in 2022 thanks to this grant.

Heartfelt bequest

A few years after her beloved husband Ward died, Norene Bellamy moved from Wenatchee, Wash., to Surf Pines. A Scottie dog lover, Norene enjoyed long walks on the beach, collecting driftwood along the way. Norene died at age 86 and left a generous bequest to Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation in thanks for the care she received. “We are so blessed to have benefited from Norene’s generous spirit,” said Kimberly Ward, executive director of the foundation. The funds from the bequest will support heart services in the north coast.

2021 total dollars raised by fund

- **Area of Greatest Need** | 8%
- **Behavioral Health** | 32%
- **Emergency Services** | 47%
- **Festival of Trees** | 6%
- **Heart** | 3%
- **Other Funds** | 4%

*Total amount raised: $546,273*