

# Gratitude Report

Providence Montana Health Foundation



**Know me. Care for me. Ease my way.**



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# Message from our Chief Philanthropy Officer

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Joyce Dombrowski

So many aspects of the past year have been truly remarkable for us at Providence Montana Health Foundation, across our Providence Montana hospitals, programs and services, throughout Western Montana. I have always been grateful to have world-class healthcare so close to home, but the incredible care and response to ever-changing needs demonstrated by our healthcare professionals this past year has been nothing short of extraordinary. Equally extraordinary has been the outpouring of support we have received from so many who understand the importance of excellent, compassionate, mission-driven healthcare. As a not-profit hospital, philanthropy plays an integral role in ensuring continued excellence and access to outstanding care to our friends, families, and neighbors.

As Chief Philanthropy Officer for the Providence Montana Health Foundation, I am fortunate to work with an amazing team and board of directors. Together, we invite the community to make a difference in the lives of individuals one may never meet. One of my favorite Mother Teresa quotes states, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." From providing a comfortable night's stay at the Saint Patrick House to funding state-of-the-art and life-saving diagnostic imaging equipment for our renowned Providence International Heart Institute of Montana, the kindness and generosity of our donors has surely created ripples that are felt by many.

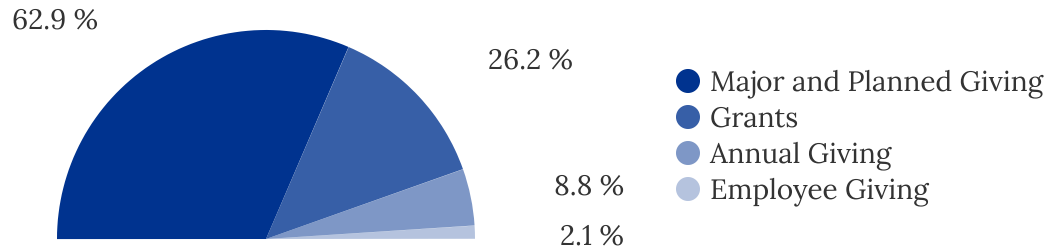
Like spring beckoning, the months ahead bring opportunity for sowing the seeds of future growth and needed resources. Inspired by your steadfast support, we are excited for the year ahead and the impact we will make, together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran".

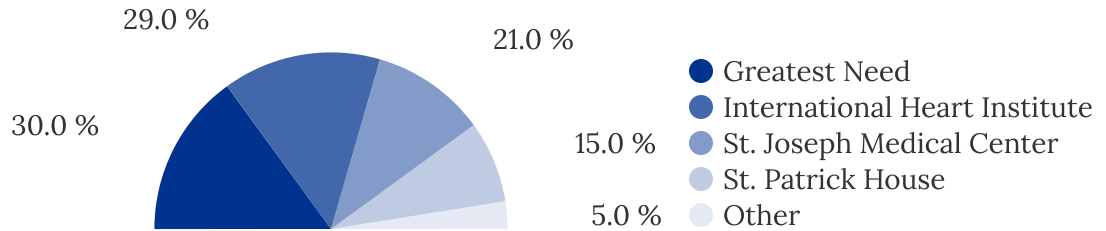
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# Giving

## Sources of Funding



## Fund Designations

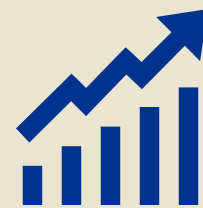


*“Philanthropy not only bolsters our vital healthcare services, it allows opportunities for growth, technological advances, and continued excellence.”*



**Joyce Dombrowski**  
Chief Executive  
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**2021 Fundraising Goal**  
**\$4,125,000**



**Raised**

**\$4,944,416**



# Impact of Philanthropy

## \$11,389,492

Total Funds Distributed in 2021

Philanthropy enables us to move forward with projects and programs that otherwise wouldn't be possible. In 2021, over eleven million dollars of philanthropic support raised in recent years was transferred to our Providence Montana hospitals. This is the largest financial contribution in our history and allowed for the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment and critical capital expansion made possible by the generosity of a multitude of donors.

Below is just a sample of the recent impact philanthropy has made:

COVID-19 Resources  
and Equipment



Adolescent Inpatient  
Unit Expansion



Cancer Patient  
Compassion Funds



Providence Caregiver  
Compassion and  
Professional  
Development



Construction of New  
Clinical Decision Unit  
and Emergency  
Department Lobby



International  
Heart Institute  
Nuclear Imaging



St. Joseph Medical  
Center Helicopter  
Pad Warmer



St. Joseph Medical  
Center Medical  
Imaging C-Arm



St. Joseph  
Medical Center  
Echocardiogram



# St. Joseph Medical Center

## Polson

St. Joe's is humbled to have received incredible support this past year. Your generosity replaced critical cardiac and vascular imaging equipment for heart- and stroke-risk patients, heated our helipad to ensure the safety of patients and flight crews, and made upgrades that would not have been possible without your support.

Gifts received in 2021 will soon upgrade our operating room ultrasound equipment, replace our Panda Warmer to keep newborns warm and well-monitored, and support caregivers and patients through difficult times.

Donors like you pulled our small, Critical-Access Hospital through unprecedented challenges to continue to provide excellent and compassionate care regardless of circumstance. On behalf of the leadership, caregivers, and fellow patients of St. Joe's, we extend a heart-felt thank you.



## St. Joe's Grant Highlights

St. Joseph Medical Center is honored to take on the cutting-edge, grant-driven programs designed to address challenges specific to rural health. These two highlighted programs are wonderful demonstrations of how we care for our most vulnerable patients, and the two awards are a testament to the excellence and dedication of our St. Joe's caregivers.



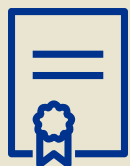
### Journey of Hope

A powerful program addressing pregnant and postpartum women's substance use disorder and behavioral health needs



### Clinical Opioid Response

Since 2017, St. Joe's has provided Medication Assisted Treatment for patients with opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorder



### Montana Healthcare Foundation Mignon Waterman Award

Dr. Jamie Straub, Obstetrics and Gynecology, was recognized for her tremendous contributions to Behavioral Health at St. Joe's



### Excellence in Behavioral Health Service Award

Montana Hospital Association's 2020 award, recognizing leadership promoting vision and excellence in Behavioral Health

# St. Patrick House



**\$280,141**

Raised towards \$5,000,000 Endowment Goal



**341**

Guests supported by the Welcome Home Fund



**1,311**

Patients and family members welcomed

In 2021, the mission of the St. Patrick House remained steadfast in providing affordable lodging for access to healthcare in Missoula. We believe in the little touches that make our space a home away from home- a clean and comfortable bed, a private bathroom to take a shower, freshly baked cookies and hot coffee, and the simple act of a kind smile and compassionate ear after a long day of struggles.

We are deeply touched by the incredible generosity that supports our mission. Thanks to Charlie and Margaret Burback, the west entrance of the House is now adorned with an awning, wheelchair ramp improvements, and a new six foot cedar fence. Contributions to our Welcome Home Fund eased the way for patients and families unable to pay our \$35 nightly rate. And much to the delight of our guests, each of our rooms has brand new mattresses, courtesy of the collaboration and generosity of our friends at Conlin's Furniture and Tempur Sealy. Our guests have never slept better!

*Amazing! Such kind service, in an unexpectedly gorgeous setting. Each bedroom is designed by a unique artist. The staff are kind, helpful, and unobtrusive, very respectful of guests privacy. What a gift to the community, patients, and families in some of their most vulnerable times.*

**- St. Patrick House Guest**



**Aaron Hoppe**

St. Patrick House Manager

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# Grants

## \$1,295,311

Total Funds Secured for Providence Montana

In 2021, Providence Montana Health Foundation was awarded 18 grants, totaling nearly \$1.3 million for Providence Montana programs and services.

Grants provide critically needed funding to improve the health and well-being of patients and families in Western Montana. The Providence Montana Health Foundation partners with private foundations, as well as government agencies to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and provide funding for staffing, supplies, and services to implement innovative and evidence-based health care programs.

## Highlighted Programs

In 2021, Providence Montana received grant funding for the following new and existing programs and services.



### Behavioral Health

Addressing mental health and substance use disorder in primary care and specialty clinics



### First Step Resource Center

Promoting healing for child and adult survivors of abuse and sexual assault



### Cardiac Rehabilitation

Providing virtual, home-based cardiac rehab support, counseling, and education for patients



### Medication for Opioid Use Disorder - MOUD

Serving patients with MOUD at St. Joe's and St. Pat's Emergency Departments



# International Heart Institute

## New SPECT-CT Imaging

Inspired by excellent care at St. Pat's, a \$1.4 million gift from Bill and Dr. Jeanne Wilson funded new nuclear medicine imaging to ensure access to continued excellence in heart health.

## Insight from Dr. Brad Berry, Medical Director of the Congestive Heart Failure Clinic

"We are always seeking new methods to enhance or save the lives of our heart patients. The Wilsons have made it possible for us to secure this improved, state-of-the-art technology that will not only provide the highest level of imaging available, it will also minimize radiation dosage per scan."



## A Gift Inspired by Excellence

*"We have lived in a number of places and experienced varying levels of care. We were moved by the care received by a dear member of our family and continue to be impressed by the level of excellence and compassion consistently provided at St. Patrick Hospital. We are honored to be able to make this gift to support this essential equipment at the International Heart Institute."*



Bill and Dr. Jeanne Wilson of Missoula shared their desire to fully fund the critically needed nuclear imaging system for the International Heart Institute of Montana. The new SPECT-CT will better enable the International Heart Institute at St. Pat's to perform myocardial perfusion studies, the best way to determine the efficiency or deficiency of the heart muscle. Additionally, technological advancements in SPECT/CT scanning equipment will provide faster, higher quality images, improving both quality of care and timely access to critical cardiac services.



# Dr. William Bekemeyer Endowed Scholarship

## Caregiver Gift of Knowledge

This endowed scholarship is established in honor of Dr. William “Bill” Bekemeyer and his significant lifelong contributions to healthcare. The scholarship will provide lasting educational funding for Providence Montana caregivers pursuing education or an advanced degree or certificate in health care, with preference given to nursing, respiratory therapy, and pharmacy.

*“I can only hope that this fund encourages more physician and caregiver involvement in philanthropy and see this as an opportunity to invest in the future of health care in Montana. I am deeply touched by the establishment of this scholarship fund.”*

## Volunteer Guild – Providing the Gift of Family Connection



*“I cannot thank you enough. I came to St. Pat's by ambulance from Seeley Lake. My husband is disabled, he was going to try to find a ride to get my phone charger to me. Now he doesn't have to. This is such a relief! You have no idea! Thank you.”*

In the spring of 2020, with the onset of Covid-19, Providence Montana leadership made the difficult decision to restrict visitors in order to keep our patients and caregivers safe. Thanks to the digital era we live in, patients were able stay in contact with loved ones via their cell phones and other electronic devices. However, many patients forget to bring a charger for their device or are admitted to the hospital due to unforeseen circumstance. Without a way to charge their devices, patients lost their only means of communicating with their loved ones. Thankfully, when the PMHF Volunteer Guild learned of this issue, they quickly opted to fund the purchase of phone chargers for our patients.

In 2021 visitation was still very limited and the need for phone chargers was greater than ever. Before the Volunteer Guild's idea to fund a supply, chaplains and nurses loaned their personal chargers to patients to notify their families and update them on their condition. This compassionate and generous program has relieved so much stress for patients and caregivers alike. In 2021 Volunteer Guild supplied more than 360 phone chargers for patients in need.

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**Love begins by taking care of the  
closest ones, the ones at home.**

**-Mother Teresa**