Gratitude Report
Providence Montana Health Foundation

Know me. Care for me. Ease my way.
“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

Mother Teresa

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I am honored to serve as Chair of the Providence Montana Health Foundation. I am regularly reminded of how fortunate we are to have access to outstanding health care in Missoula at St. Patrick Hospital and St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson. I was able to witness firsthand the care both of my parents received at St. Pat’s in their final years. The superior care, compassion, and genuine caring exhibited by the St. Pat’s team to make them comfortable was exemplary. From dining and custodial staff to the nursing team and doctors, it was a positive experience each time someone entered their room.

With the level of caring so clearly ingrained in each team member, I was drawn to serve this organization in some capacity. The Mission of Providence is critically important to our community, and philanthropy is vital to carrying that mission forward as hospitals across the country struggle with staffing shortages, increased costs, and a myriad of other challenges.

It is remarkable to observe those living the Providence mission “steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.” I extend my personal thanks to all who serve within Providence in all capacities.

I am honored to do my part in making a difference through the Providence Montana Health Foundation to ensure excellent and compassionate care is there for our friends, families, and neighbors across our Montana communities. Please reach out to me to learn how you can help.

Tom Severson
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Message from our
Chief Philanthropy Officer

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula (107 years for St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson), we give thanks for the remarkable history of philanthropic support that has been vital to serving our expansive western Montana communities. From the Providence Sisters’ “begging tours” that raised $500 to start a hospital and a school in Missoula in 1873, to the $10,000 anonymous gift that launched our Foundation in 1969, the generosity of those who understand the importance of quality health care in western Montana is why we are here today.

From our Providence archives upon the incorporation of the St. Patrick Hospital Foundation in 1969:

“This foundation was created to receive and administer funds, expand medical learning, for the research and development of innovations for the treatment of sick and injured, and to expand the frontiers of health care to the end that the people of Montana will enjoy the benefits of modern advances in medical and hospital care. In addition to helping St. Patrick Hospital grow, the formation of the foundation offers wide opportunities for the development of various programs related to total community health needs. It makes possible far wider community participation and will include hospital employees in the development of health care services. Such a corporation oftentimes can be more responsive to local needs than can the hospital by its ability to react in a timely way to current developments.”*

Arthur V. Crandall, St. Patrick Hospital Administrator 1967-1975

These words couldn’t hold truer today. As you peruse this report, you will notice the myriad of accomplishments made possible through the benevolence of individuals, grantors, family estates, businesses and corporations who recognize that access to excellent and compassionate health care is never a given. Thank you for your continued steadfast support to ensure we are here for those in need for years to come.

Fran M. Albrecht, M.Ed., CFRE
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*In 2013, the corporate by-laws amended the foundation name to Providence Montana Health Foundation to support St. Patrick Hospital, St. Joseph Medical Center, St. Patrick House and Providence clinics and programs throughout Montana.
“Every donation is a stepping stone towards the gift of health. It allows opportunities for growth, technological progress, and continued excellence in healthcare.”

Kirk Bodlovic  
Interim Chief Executive  
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2022 Raised  
$2,697,426

100% of your gift goes to the area you designate.

Overhead costs are paid for by Providence Health & Services Montana.
Impact of Philanthropy

The impact your philanthropy has had over the past year has been truly incredible. From helping to support our frontline staff with scholarships and compassion funds, to purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment, your contributions are a part of the work we do every day.

You have opened the door to a home away from home for families in need travelling to Missoula for life-saving medical care. You have lent a helping hand to cancer patients navigating the challenges of ongoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments. You’ve ensured your neighbors and loved ones continue to have access to advanced diagnostic and procedural technology, right here in western Montana. And most importantly, you’ve helped us continue our promise of Know me, care for me, ease my way.
The secret to our continued success at St. Joe’s comes down to two distinct factors: First and foremost we need great people. We have the very best. Our caregivers are loyal, compassionate, and faithfully support the Providence Mission. Second, we need the tools and equipment to take care of those who come through our doors. We are forever grateful to our Foundation and the many people that have made gifts in support of St. Joseph Medical Center. When I walk the halls of this hospital I see the generosity of our supporters everywhere I look: beds, diagnostic tools, a new helipad, infant warmers, surgical equipment... the list is endless.

Our success is truly your success. Because of your gifts and generosity, you are a part of the healing process that we provide within the walls of this beautiful small hospital on the hill perched above Flathead Lake in Polson, Montana. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Devin E. Huntley
COO, St. Joseph Medical Center

In my seven years at St. Joe’s, I have been continuously humbled to see the incredibly real impact you, our donors, have made on the patients and caregivers at our critical-access hospital. With your steadfast support, we have been able to provide a level of care that is unmatched in communities of our size. We could not do this important work without you.

You have helped give our caregivers the critical tools they need so they are able to focus on the true mission of their work instead of the how – providing excellent and compassionate care for each and every patient. We are deeply touched by your generosity and look forward to continuing to serve you and your family when you need us most. Please reach out to me to learn how you can make an impact!

Megan Beard
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St. Joe's Mission-Driven Grant Impacts

St. Joseph Medical Center continues many of its mission-driven programs with the help of grant-makers that provide the financial resources to do the work. Below are examples of the programs that help us care for our most vulnerable populations. Thank you to partnerships with the grant makers who make this possible.

**Journey of Hope Initiative**
Through this program, St. Joe’s is able to provide an extra level of support for one of our highest-risk populations in their most vulnerable time through pregnancy, child-birth, and beyond. Journey of Hope caregivers referred 175 families to a new network of services to meet their growing and changing needs. St. Joe’s has continued this important work in various ways since 2015, helping to reduce the number of substance-affected deliveries from the high of 46% in 2016 to 21% in 2022.

*funded by the Montana Healthcare Foundation through the Meadowlark Initiative*

**Clinical Opioid Response**
St. Joe’s provided Medication Assisted Treatment for 229 patients in 2022. 74 of these patients have been able to manage their substance use disorder for over 5 years with the program.

*funded by the Montana Department of Health and Human Services*

**Integrated Behavioral Health**
Connects medical and behavioral health clinicians together to collaborate with each other and their patients and families to address medical conditions and related behavioral health factors.

*funded by the Montana Healthcare Foundation*

"Thanking you isn't enough for everything you've done for me and my recovery. I could not have done it without you"
-iMAT patient

"Knowing that I'm receiving advice or guidance without judgement in this program really gave me the space for me to make the right choices for my family in the end, and because it was my choice it is a change that stuck."
-Meadowlark patient
In 2022, the St. Patrick House continued to be a “place like home” for 1,821 patients and family members traveling to the Missoula area to receive healthcare. Guests were welcomed to the warmth of a comfortable bed, freshly baked cookies, and a coffee pot that, much like our team, never stops serving.

The unique service we offer is generously supported by a multitude of philanthropic sources beyond our walls. We are blessed to have several examples of this generosity in the past year, including a fresh coat of paint on our exterior walls and new windows on our third floor for our guests to view the beautiful mountains in Missoula.

We are grateful to all who have generously given to our mission so that we may remain a haven for everyone we serve during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. This support gives life to our purpose of being a “place like home” at the end of each and every day.

“I am thankful for all the work that goes into making the St. Patrick House a welcoming shelter for me. When I’ve come for my treatments, you’ve helped make my cancer journey less stressful and I am forever grateful.”

- St. Patrick House Guest

Aaron Hoppe
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Patients and Family Gather in Fellowship at St. Patrick House

We’re excited in 2023 to be back to full capacity as COVID-19 transmission rates continue to subside. Thanks to the Bill and Rosemary Gallagher Foundation, we are now equipped with a brand-new patio. This wheelchair and walker friendly patio provides much-needed space for patients and family members to gather in fellowship after a long day of medical treatments.

Having the outdoor patio space for my family and I to gather was wonderful. We ate our meals out there every day while my wife was receiving her treatments.”

- St. Patrick House Guest

Welcome Back Volunteers

Did you know, according to the Independent Sector, a nonprofit coalition, the current estimated value of each volunteer hour is $29.95? It seems impossible, says Tammy Whitehead, Volunteer Services Manager, to “shrink down” to mere dollars and cents what volunteers do for us.

Our volunteers show up every day with the desire to make someone else’s day better and if possible, put a smile on their face while doing so. They embody the “ease my way” portion of the Providence Promise. All this without asking for anything in return. As in the words of Mother Teresa, “It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” In 2022, even with Covid restrictions in place, St. Patrick Hospital volunteers gave 5,892 hours of their time. We are so thankful for our volunteers!

Meet Nancy Eik, who volunteers at the Broadway Building every Monday. Nancy greets visitors with a warm welcoming smile. Wearing stickers on her mask, she makes visitors feel comfortable.

"I enjoy helping people and engaging with our visitors."
Grants
$538,749

Total Funds Secured for Providence Montana

In 2022, Providence Montana Health Foundation assisted in securing 13 grants from both private foundations and government agencies. The funds support the implementation of innovative health care programs and services, as well as the purchase of educational materials, equipment, and supplies benefiting Providence Montana patients and families.

A new two-year grant supports staffing costs for two Community Health Worker positions located in Missoula and Polson. The Community Health Workers address health disparities at the individual and community levels to facilitate access and improve health outcomes for underserved populations.

Highlighted Programs

In 2022, Providence Montana received grant funding for the following new and existing programs and services.

- **Adolescent Inpatient Unit-Psychiatric Services**
  Implementing sensory intervention strategies as an evidence-based therapy for pediatric patients.

- **Endocrinology, Heart Institute, Nephrology, Neuro-Rehab**
  Providing patient educational materials, supplying electronic blood pressure cuffs and continuous glucose monitors for patients, and purchasing a ceiling mounted gait system for spinal cord patients. Fraternal Order of Eagles

- **Montana Cancer Center**
  Providing transportation and lodging assistance to cancer-related treatment appointments for cancer patients and their caregivers in partnership with the American Cancer Society.

- **St. Patrick House**
  Supporting operational costs, structural improvements, and funding guest stays for those unable to pay.
Once again named one of the nation’s Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals, the Providence Heart Institute continues to provide advanced heart care to our region. With the support of our incredible donors, the Heart Institute is able to maintain top of the line facilities and attract renowned cardiovascular physicians. Gifts to the Foundation are funding the purchase and installation of a desperately needed Cardiovascular Catheterization Lab. Slated to be ready for patients spring 2023, the new cath lab will:

- Help physicians evaluate coronary artery disease, valve and aorta disease, and heart muscle function.
- Allow for complex coronary artery revascularization and repair of congenital heart defects.
- Provide for minimally invasive structural interventions, including valve replacement, such as transcatheter aortic valve replacement, and mitral valve repair.
- Ensure the highest level of care is available to Providence Heart Institute patients for years to come.
- Increase patient access through improved efficiency and reduced wait time.
- Improve patient outcomes by providing state-of-the-art diagnostic ability and fast, minimally invasive, complex interventions.

“This new cath lab allows us to do state of the art medicine, appropriate both for electrophysiology and for vascular surgery. It’s safer for our patients. And, it allows us to continue to push the envelope with more complex, higher risk, percutaneous interventions in a much safer way than the old lab.”

Dr. Dan Spoon, Interventional Cardiology
A Gift From The Heart

Inspired by the compassionate and life-changing care he received, one Providence Heart Institute patient wanted to say thank you to his surgeon and team of caregivers with a gift in their honor. Not only did his gift allow us to thank Dr. Maddux and his team, it also helped in funding the new cath lab, providing the tools and equipment that will save lives for years to come.

“Tod has not only changed my life by fixing my heart, he’s also cared for me as a person. I’m so glad I could make a gift that not only honors him, but also contributes to the equipment that supports his life-saving work”.

Lane – Dillon, MT

James T. Maddux, M.D.
Interventional Cardiology
Providence Heart Institute - Missoula Heart Center

Honor Your Caregiver

There are many times when a member of our staff exceeds your expectations, and we are often asked how patients can say thank you to a caregiver or to the hospital. Our Honor Your Caregiver program gives you this opportunity. Recognize a physician, nurse or another team member who cared for you and made a meaningful impact.

Share your story. Recognize a caregiver who made a difference during your visit. Your words of gratitude and support are a source of encouragement and are truly appreciated. Once you share your story with us, we will share it with your caregiver to recognize the difference they make every day.

Make a gift. Behind our dedicated caregivers are generous community members who help make excellent care possible. You can become a champion of excellent health care with a gift to support our team’s compassionate and innovative work. It only takes a moment, but your gift makes a lasting impact.

montana.honortoday.org
Joyce Dombrouski
Endowed Nursing Fund

Established September 2022 to recognize the outstanding legacy and contributions of Joyce Dombrouski throughout her career, this fund will ensure continuous support for the nursing profession throughout Providence Montana.

Joyce Dombrouski retired in January 2023 after 27 years of service to Providence Montana, in numerous roles, including her final role as Chief Executive.

“The Providence spirit has been within me forever. I was called here to be a part of this wonderful, beautiful ministry. I was formed by Providence in ways I really had no idea, but given the chance to look back and reflect, it is so clear. It is that spirit of gratitude and service that I feel I have gained and want to continue. I thank all of you for your part in that for me. It is never a singular journey, it is a journey with and through all of you.”

To contribute to the Joyce Dombrouski Endowed Nursing Fund visit foundation.providence.org/montana

Circle of Caring Society

The Circle of Caring Society is comprised of dedicated individuals, foundations, and businesses who are committed to supporting the health of our region. This community of compassionate donors make annual gifts of $1,000 or more to Providence Montana, guaranteeing that, together, we ensure world-renowned care is available right here at home.

To all who are a part of this trusted circle of support, please know you are truly an invaluable part of the lifesaving work our teams do every day. We simply couldn’t do it without you. Thank you.

To learn more visit: foundation.providence.org/montana/ways-to-give/circle-of-caring-society
Legacy Society

The legacy of love and care that you leave for your family and friends can be encouraging and even inspiring. We welcome friends and family members to commit to our future support by beneficiary designation or other planned gift to Providence Montana Health Foundation, such as including Providence Montana Health Foundation in their will or estate or designating Providence Montana Health Foundation as a beneficiary of a trust or insurance policy.

“A life not lived for others is not a life.” Mother Teresa

To learn more visit: sphgift.org

Our Legacy Society Members

Dr. William and LeighAnn Bekemeyer
Jim Caras
Craig and Peggy Daue
Stephen Dolberg
Debra and Paul Fleming Jr.
Mike and Cathie Frellick
Valerie Gates
John Gilliam
Joel Lankford
Scott and Kelly Long
Arthur and Jo Ann Mandell
Carl and Neta McAfee
David and Suzanne Peterson
Sharon Scarborough
Mary Shaughnessy
Dr. Katherine Markette and John Schuler
Barbara Sokoloski
James and Sharron Violette
Mike and Margaret Wagner
Mark and Susan Williams
Dr. Wesley Wilson
Kevin and Margaret Winter

We are honored to recognize both those who have included the Providence Montana Health Foundation in their current plans and those who are no longer with us. Thank you for this legacy of health!
Providence St. Patrick Hospital is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2023. As the oldest, continuously operating facility in the entire Providence system, this anniversary marks a sacred celebration of our heritage, as well as a chance to share our story. The beginnings were humble, but the small frame building offered Missoula a clean, professional environment and compassionate care from the Catholic nuns who ran it. We’ve come a long way since the begging tours that raised the $500 needed to build St. Patrick Hospital in 1873. Since then, patients and families across western Montana have generously supported our Mission, as we continue to serve the health care needs of our ever-growing community.
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World-class healthcare with human connection

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"Together we can do great things".

-Mother Teresa