



Your gifts made a difference in 2023

Gratitude Report



Hello, Providence Montana Health Foundation community

My name is Steph Goble, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new chief philanthropy officer for Providence Montana Health Foundation.

I am humbled to have this opportunity to work with you and for you as we strive to advance the Mission of Providence and improve the health and well-being of our communities.

As a former Providence nurse and executive director of Mountain Home Montana, I have witnessed firsthand the power of philanthropy and the difference it can make in people's lives. I have also seen the challenges and needs that our health care system faces, especially in these unprecedented times. That is why I am passionate about engaging with you, our generous donors and partners, in supporting the vital work of Providence across western Montana.

"Health care and philanthropy have always been my passions, and I am excited to combine these two passions in my work at Providence Montana Health Foundation."

—Stephanie Goble, Chief Philanthropy Officer

I am eager to meet you and learn more about your vision and goals for the future of health care in Montana. I am also looking forward to sharing with you the stories and outcomes of your philanthropic investments, and how they are transforming lives and communities. Together, we can continue to make a difference and create a healthier and stronger Montana.

Thank you for all you have done to support the Mission and I look forward to partnering with you in this important work.



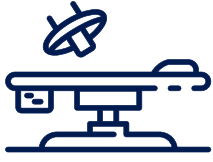
A white, handwritten signature of Stephanie Goble on a dark blue background. The signature is stylized, with a large 'S' and 'G'.

Stephanie Goble, MSN, BSN, RNC, BA

Chief Philanthropy Officer

Providence Montana Health Foundation

2023 by the numbers



\$4M

Capital improvements to Providence St. Patrick Hospital and Providence St. Joseph Medical Center



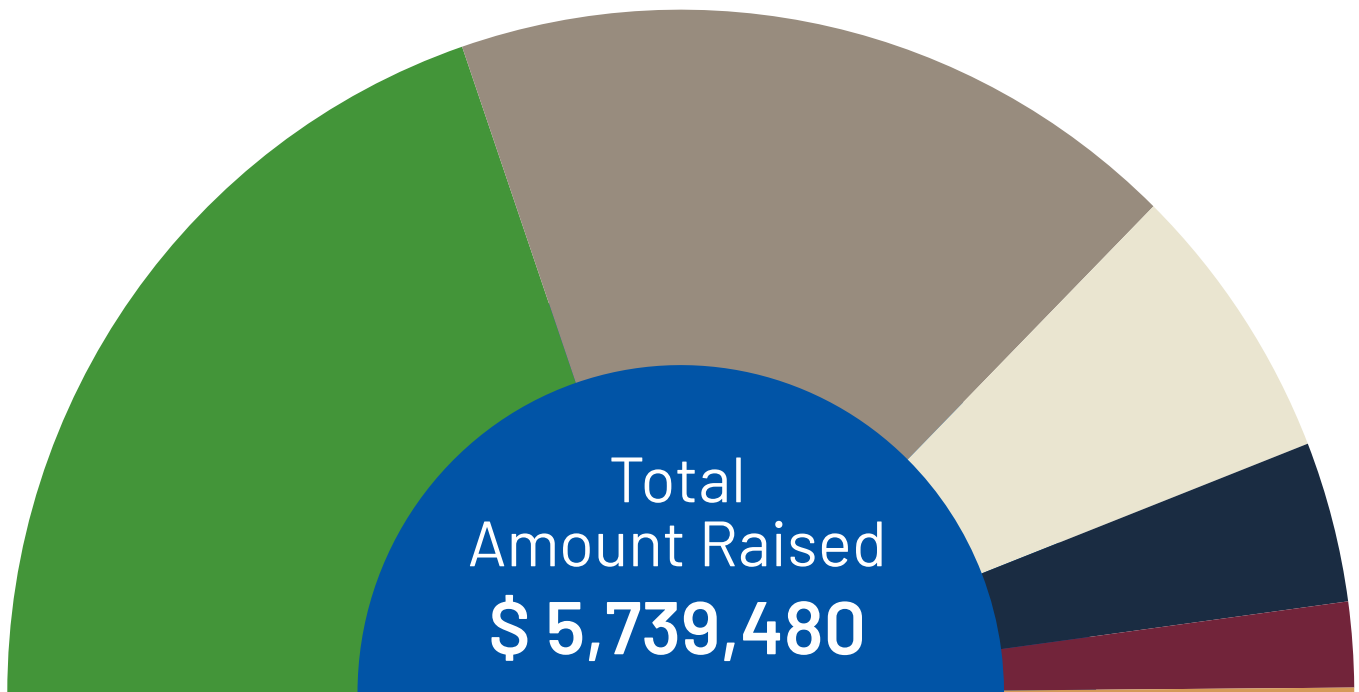
\$764K

Program support for patient programs and research



\$342K

St. Patrick House operational expenses, supplies and repairs



Total dollars donated by category

Behavioral & Mental Health | 42.4%

Capital | 37.9%

First Step | 14.4%

Greatest Need | 8.2%

St. Patrick House | 12%

Montana Cancer Center | 2.9%

MESSAGE FROM PROVIDENCE MONTANA HEALTH BOARD CHAIR

2023 was an incredible year of generosity

Your generosity supports the medical expertise and compassionate care we're so lucky to offer in western Montana.

From Missoula to Polson, the Bitterroot and beyond, Providence is leading the way with state-of-the-art equipment, enhanced mental health resources and increased access to care, close to home.

I have been honored to serve as chair of the Providence Montana Health Foundation Board of Directors.

Thanks to your generous support, our board has approved millions of dollars in health care funding. With 100% of donations staying in Montana, the foundation is helping in many ways. From a volunteer-driven book and activity cart that helps keep folks occupied and positive, to innovative treatments for patients with chronic disease, to starting a project to provide a safe outdoor space for patients in mental health crisis, your gifts touch many lives.



As I've experienced with my own parents, the care and expertise provided across Providence Montana can take a time of hardship, fear and uncertainty, and replace much of that with confidence, compassion and healing. Philanthropy supports every aspect of this meaningful care. Whether it's the St. Patrick House providing a welcoming place to stay when a loved one is in the hospital or helping patients get to and from repeated cancer treatments, we hear about the meaningful effect of a helping hand.

If you have a connection to health care in Montana and would like to help continue the Providence Mission of serving all, please let me know! It's incredible to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors, friends and family.

Gratefully,

Tom Severson, Chair, Providence Montana Health Foundation
Board Market President, First Interstate Bank Missoula

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MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Providence Montana's new chief executive

William J. Calhoun, MBA, FACHE has joined Providence as Montana's new chief executive.

William "Bill" Calhoun has had a lengthy career in health care, most recently serving as the chief executive officer at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney, Nebraska. He has also worked in Florida and Wisconsin.

"My wife and I love Montana and all that this great state has to offer, and we are excited to engage in our local community," he said.

"It has been a wonderful experience getting to know the people I have met along the way, and I cannot think of a better place to take the next major step in my personal and professional health care journey."

"More than half of my career has been dedicated to faith-based health care. The Mission of Providence is inspiring, and I look forward to using my experiences to serve Montana just as Providence St. Patrick Hospital has done for 150 years."



—William Calhoun, Chief Executive Western Montana Service Area

Your generosity has addressed critical needs and eased the way for patients and caregivers



Employee Compassion Fund distributed \$43,638 for 70 employees needing financial assistance



Montana Cancer Center Compassion Fund distributed \$16,409 to help 24 patients going through cancer treatment



Distribution of \$5,268 helped 22 caregivers receive professional development through new instruction and training

PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER

Your donations make a difference

Thanks to our generous donors and caregivers, Providence St. Joseph has been able to make a significant impact on the community beyond our hospital walls.



In 1916 when the three Sisters of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph established what is now Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, they were committed to meeting the health needs of the community.

Your philanthropy continues to make an impact in areas large and small – from urgent needs to those that carry us into the future, all of which allow our expert caregivers to deliver excellent care.

We are humbled to follow in the footsteps of the Sisters to help care for those who are most vulnerable. As such, our donors and caregivers show up when it matters most, helping in ways that go far beyond the hospital walls.

Some examples of the help you provided:

When the Polson School District lost its nurse, our nurses filled the gap while watching for ways to support schoolchildren. People experiencing homelessness without proper winter clothing can come to our ministry for help. Local food pantries have more supplies because of your generous support. And 10 families had a more joyous holiday with gifts and time donated by our caregivers.

As part of your support for our youngest patients, donations and grant funding helped purchase Panda Warmers for newborns and Caring Cradles for grieving parents. Friends and families of cancer patients last year honored loved ones by giving back to Providence St. Joseph to support future oncology patients.

We are grateful for donors like you who are willing to invest in the health of our community

We are proud to partner with you, keeping our heritage of caring for this community alive. We look forward to sharing big plans on the horizon for the future of Providence St. Joseph Medical Center.



Top photo: Mission Mountains reflected on wetlands of Flathead Lake, Montana. Bottom photo: Megan Beard, philanthropy officer, and Devin Huntley at Providence St. Joseph's Medical Center.

FAMILY LEGACY GIFT MAKES LASTING IMPACT

Charitable trust advances health care

Families create charitable trust to advance health care in Polson, leaving a lasting impact on Providence St. Joseph Medical Center.

Paul Fleming and his brothers, Don and Jim Violette, decided to give back to honor their parents Paul and Josephine Fleming. As devout Catholics, their parents appreciated the foundation the three Sisters of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph established by opening a hospital in the early 1900s, and their father made many contributions to the Catholic church they attended in Polson over the years.

To honor their parents' beliefs and impact on the Catholic community, Don and Angelique Violette, Jim and Sharron Violette, and Paul and Debra Fleming have made a significant gift to support their local, critically needed hospital in Polson. That gift will make a long lasting impact on Providence St. Joseph Medical Center.

The brothers, Don, Jim and Paul, grew up working on the family's potato farm in the Mission Valley and donated the family property as part of a legacy gift. Their thoughtfulness and generosity will be felt by our caregivers and patients for generations.

"When we made that gift, it was a major step for our family," said Paul, the only surviving brother. "We wanted to make it meaningful. We thought it was a good way to honor my parents. Setting up the trust was a positive financial decision for our future and the future of our children."

Paul left the farm for an acting career at age 18. Don and Jim pursued successful careers in engineering and the Air Force before they returned to the farm with their families in the '70s and '80s for a new chapter.

Upon discovering that they could minimize the capital gains tax impact and simultaneously support Providence St. Joseph, the family decided to place the land in a charitable trust instead of selling the farm outright. Establishing the trust also generated an upfront charitable deduction, allowing them to receive a stream of income that lasted 20 years following their retirement. Paul and Debra still receive the annual payment.

During a challenging time for health care providers, the family's thoughtful gift continues to offer crucial support to Providence St. Joseph. Their generous contribution has not only enhanced the quality of care provided, it also helped fund critically needed equipment for the medical facility.

With this gift, Don and Angelique Violette, Jim and Sharron Violette, and Paul and Debra Fleming have made a lasting impact on the health of the Polson community.



James Violette (top) and Donald Violette (bottom). Together with their brother Paul, they created a charitable trust to advance health care in the Polson area.

ST. PATRICK HOUSE CELEBRATION

St. Patrick House to celebrate 25 years

The story of St. Patrick House began well before its doors opened in 1999. The hospitality started with local physician Dick Dewey, M.D., and his wife, Heidi Dewey.



For years, the Deweys opened their own home to out-of-town Providence St. Patrick Hospital patients and family members who could not afford lodging costs in Missoula. When Heidi recognized the need was much larger than they could continue to meet, she approached the St. Patrick Hospital Foundation and pitched a more permanent solution to meet the demand.

Her vision was met with resounding affirmation and the three-story historic home known as St. Patrick House opened in 1999. It offered 10 bedrooms and could accommodate 20 people each night. Over the years, the house expanded to include five more bedrooms, a dining room and an outdoor terrace.

A home away from home

A short walk from Providence St. Patrick Hospital the house offers a space for patients to rest before or after receiving care. Loved ones from out of town have a place to rest when visiting hours are over. Anyone who walks through the front door will be greeted with a smile, a fresh pot of coffee and the many amenities made possible through donations.

Since its opening, close to 38,500 adults and children from across Montana, every state in the nation and many foreign countries have been welcomed in with open arms. All thanks to the members of the community who supported Heidi's dream of a "place like home."

Messages from grateful guests:

"Thank you so much for everything – the hugs, laughter, friends."

"I can never express how wonderful this house has made me feel. I was scared, lost and hurting when I arrived. You gave me more than a place to stay, you gave me a home and a second family."

"Wonderful stay, filled with warmth and kindness. There's no better place to prepare for a procedure mentally and emotionally. Thank you!"

"Thank you for such a lovely home away from home while I recovered from shoulder replacement surgery."

St. Patrick House is looking great with the brand new sidewalk. Thanks to all of the generous donors who make it possible to offer this wonderful service to the families cared for by the Providence facilities in Missoula for the past 25 years.

MESSAGE FROM ST. PATRICK HOUSE MANAGER

Offering a cozy home away from home

St. Patrick House workers and volunteers are thankful for the many generous donors who have helped keep the doors open for the past 25 years.

What a privilege it is for me and our team to be stewards of Heidi's vision 25 years later. Since starting as a St. Patrick House volunteer 11 years ago, I have seen this space grow and expand to meet the ever-increasing need of an affordable place to stay for patients and their families. This was highlighted last year when we had a record 3,556 guests find comfort in these old walls.

Philanthropy keeps our doors open

Thanks to donor support, St. Patrick House is fully funded through philanthropy, allowing guests to pay what they can and have access to a full kitchen and dining area with a beautiful panoramic view. When the weather is nice, they can spend time chatting with other guests in a rocking chair on our front porch or on our outdoor patio, donated generously by the Bill and Rosemary Gallagher Foundation.

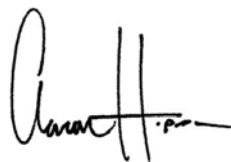
As we celebrate this milestone year, I want more of our community to know about the St. Patrick House and the incredible donors who make it possible. Our team appreciates the support that allows us to provide hospitality to so many who need it as they receive medical care.

New sidewalk donation

The sidewalk in front of St. Patrick House was crumbling and some parts were unsafe to walk on before Knife River supplied concrete to fix it. Mark Ferdinand and David Shapiro with Montana Concrete and Excavation donated time and labor. Now, thanks to their generosity, there is a new safer walkway for our guests to use. We want to ease their way as they walk back and forth from the hospital.

Thank you to the St. Patrick House staff and each of our donors for making this a welcoming home away from home.

Best Regards,
Aaron Hoppe
St. Patrick House Manager



Top photo: Guests enjoying the rocking chairs on the St. Patrick House front porch. Bottom photo: Installation of a new sidewalk at St. Patrick House, thanks to the generosity of our contractors who made this project possible.



ST. PATRICK HOUSE GRATEFUL GUEST

Pennsylvania dad enjoys hospitality

As Darrell Poole traveled back and forth to Pennsylvania, he knew the comfortable St. Patrick House would welcome him back on his return to Montana.

Darrell Poole traveled often between Montana and Pennsylvania to visit his son at Providence St. Patrick Hospital. He found a second home, and a second family, at St. Patrick House.

“Beautiful people, beautiful personalities. They are the best people I have ever been around in my life,” said Darrell.

Darrell’s son was in 24-hour care after going through a diabetic coma. He’s learning how to walk, smile and wave again. While waiting to bring his son to Pennsylvania, Darrell stayed at St. Patrick House to be close.

“He’s just right across the street, so I pop in to visit early in the morning and then I can go back and forth as I please,” said Darrell.

One of his stays happened to fall over the Thanksgiving holiday, and Darrell made six sweet potato pies (a family recipe!) to share with the other guests.

“Thanksgiving is always a tradition to cook and watch football. I enjoyed cooking, being around good people and watching football games with the others at the house.”

“It feels like I’m home. I’m in my home away from home,”

—Darrell Poole, St. Patrick House guest

Each time Darrell returned from Pennsylvania, he walked in the front door and knew he was welcome.

After five months of traveling back and forth, Darrell was able to bring his son home to recover closer to family. St. Patrick House staff members are so glad Darrell and his son were able to leave the hospital, and they’re grateful they were able to connect with him over his many stays.

“When guests stay for long periods of time, we learn so much of their story and what makes them special. Darrell was certainly a special person to be around and we will miss him,” said Danielle Lewis, St. Patrick House housing assistant.

Photo left: Darrell Poole shares sweet potato pies with guests for Thanksgiving. Photo by Danielle Lewis.

“After a long drive to come to the cancer center for treatments, this house is such a safe and comforting place to stay. The staff is so compassionate and helpful. God bless each and every one of you.
We are so grateful and appreciative.”

— Tanya and Ken, St. Patrick House guests

PROVIDENCE ST. PATRICK HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers bring canine companions to visit patients and caregivers

These furry friends bring joy, healing and love throughout the hospital.



The unconditional love of an animal can be life-changing, especially through a difficult and unexpected chapter. For patients at Providence St. Patrick Hospital, four-legged visits through the pet therapy program can bring up spirits and escalate the healing journey.

In 2016 Marcene Coburn was one of the first volunteers to work with the dog therapy program. She has had hundreds of encounters with patients.

“During the past 12 years, I have seen how dogs impact patients, staff and visitors in the hospital setting. From brain injuries, strokes, amputations, or other challenging conditions, the dogs bring a smile to patients. The extra love helps them recover physically and emotionally.”

—Marcene Coburn, pet therapy volunteer



This is one of the ways caregivers are committed to healing the whole person, providing care for mind, body and spirit of all those who come through our doors.

When hospital restrictions changed due to COVID-19, Marcene and her therapy dog, Marvin, got to spend more time with caregivers. “The staff responses leave me speechless sometimes,” Marcene said. “Marvin helps them relieve stress within just a few minutes. They remind me every week how much the visits mean to them. Sometimes it brings me to tears.”

Marcene’s first therapy dog, Charlie, passed away January 31, 2023, at 12 years old. The caregivers at Providence St. Patrick asked her to bring him for a final walk at the hospital to say goodbye. “It was then that I truly realized the importance that these visits have on everyone,” said Marcene.

*Photo top: Marcene and her dogs.
Photo bottom: Carolyn and her dog, Sage. Back cover: Joni and her dog, Bea.*

PROVIDENCE ST. PATRICK HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help ease the way for patients in the hospital and outpatient clinics

Small acts of kindness go a long way for patients spending extended time in the hospital.

Wesley is one of the volunteers who visits patient rooms with an activity cart filled with games, books, puzzles and other things to pass the time while patients are in the hospital. These meaningful visits provide entertainment and companionship for people who are receiving care for longer periods of time. They can enjoy participating in an activity independently or interact with the volunteers.

“There was a gentleman who told me I made his day when he no longer had to wait for his kids to bring him books.”

—Wesley, activity cart volunteer

Spending time with patients has also taught Wesley to appreciate the small things. “A book, a puzzle or a game can make such a positive impact on a patient’s experience at Providence,” he said.

Montana Cancer Center volunteers support patients

Caregivers at the Montana Cancer Center have come to rely on volunteers who ease their way during an infusion. Aside from stocking supplies and helping caregivers behind the scenes, they spend time offering one-on-one support to patients whose appointments can often last hours. They bring food and drinks, escort patients and offer comfort items. They keep patients company through conversation and spend time learning their interests and offering resources.

Volunteering is an important pillar of the foundation and another way to support the hospital and our outpatient facilities throughout the community

We appreciate all who donate their time and effort to help carry out our Mission. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact volunteer services at 406-329-5801.



Wesley stands next to an activity cart for patients. Donations provide activities for patients to enjoy while in the hospital.



HONOR YOUR CAREGIVER

Sharing gratitude after treatment

Patients often share appreciation and support for our incredible caregivers who eased their way during care.

Many patients ask us how they can say “thank you” after receiving care from Providence. One way is to make a donation in honor of your doctor, nurse, clinical staff, housekeeper or any caregiver who made a difference.

They will receive special recognition and your gift will stay local, to care for others in our community.

Carrie Arndt is a grateful patient who said she got her quality of life back after years of pain. She saw Carter Beck, M.D., a neurosurgeon at Providence St. Patrick Hospital. He worked quickly to assess Carrie’s condition and come up with a plan.

“I called Dr. Beck crying and asking him to do the surgery,” Carrie said. “He listened, he cared, he took care of me, and I can’t even begin to express how much he has changed my life.”

Carrie said she will be eternally grateful to Dr. Beck and his team of caregivers.

Is there a caregiver you’d like to thank?

Honor a local health care hero and recognize a caregiver who made a difference for you or your loved one.

“Someone finally listened to me. I’m grateful for him. I can’t express what it feels like to be pain free, after years of pain. Thank you, Carter Beck, for your attentive care and for being the best.”

—Carrie Arndt, grateful patient

A gift of appreciation for the care you or a loved one received is a gift of inspiration – for the doctor, nurse, therapist or staff member who took care of you.

You can donate on our website at: foundation.providence.org/Montana or call the Foundation at 406-329-5640 for information.

Left page: Providence St. Patrick Hospital attained Magnet recognition for the third time. Magnet recognition is the highest national honor for professional nursing practice. Thanks to donor support, Providence Montana Health Foundation was proud to provide funding for caregivers to attend the Magnet conference in 2023.

“My stay at Providence St. Patrick Hospital was very impressive. Every caregiver came into my room with a smile. They took the time to explain why they were there, making me a lot more relaxed. I think that goes a long way to getting better.”

—A grateful patient at Providence St. Patrick Hospital

OUTDOOR TERRACE AT PROVIDENCE ST. PATRICK HOSPITAL

Outdoor terrace expands mental health facility

Generous gift creates new outdoor space for adolescent and adult patients.

Diana Nash, grateful for the care she received for anxiety and depression, decided to give back to the hospital to support others during difficult times.

The new outdoor terrace, fully funded through philanthropy, will provide respite for adults and adolescents receiving mental health treatment. The expansion will exhibit the incredible views of Missoula and allow patients to enjoy the fresh, open air in a space designed for healing and wellness.

“Fresh air and scenic views can provide serenity and healing as our patients address their psychological and spiritual needs,” said Jeremy Williams, director of emergency and psychiatric services.

“In 2022, my soul was saved through this humbling and absolutely necessary treatment facility. We are paying it forward, to help facilitate the healing of all those who suffer from a mental illness.”

—Diana Nash, grateful patient

Caregivers support patients contemplating suicide or navigating depression, acute anxiety and psychosis in a safe, inpatient setting. Now, this hopeful and scenic setting will allow for even better care.

Patients can enjoy a panoramic view from the terrace.



GRANTS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Patients share gratitude for support during cancer treatment

Generous donations and grant support helped cancer patients facing financial hardships.

Cancer is a difficult and unexpected diagnosis, and philanthropy is easing the way for patients. Traveling for treatment is a challenge many patients face, and donors to the Montana Cancer Center Compassion Fund helped provide \$10,000 in travel costs in 2023.

Thanks to generous donations and grant support, 69 patients received gas cards to help with travel and 24 patients received support while facing financial hardships due to their diagnosis.

“To all of you, I just want to say thanks. The support was so much help. I’ve fallen behind

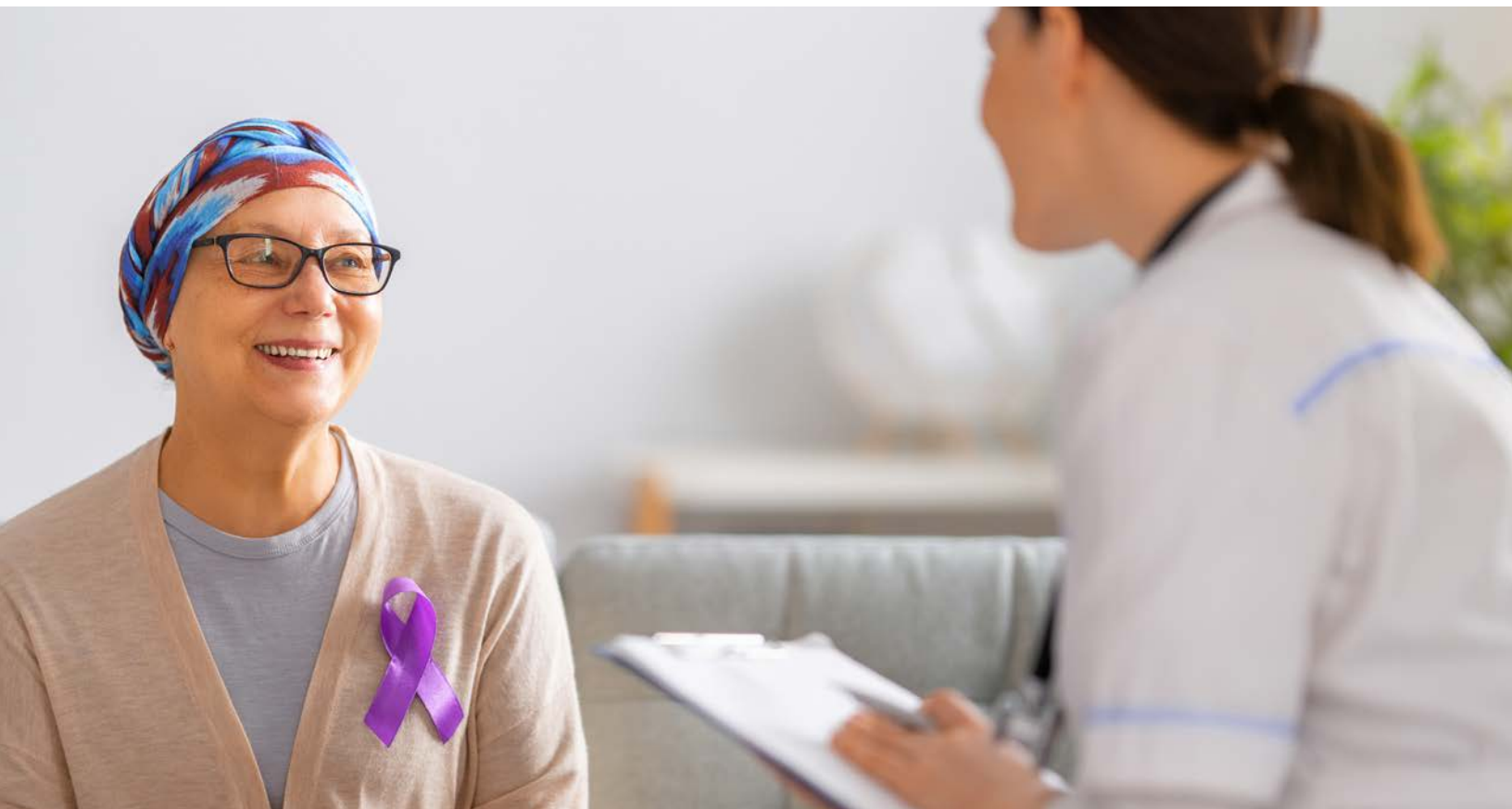
Cancer patients appreciate the generosity of donors.

“What a beautiful gift Providence has given me! Having a gas card to travel weekly for chemo will allow me to feel less anxiety.”

—Grateful Montana Cancer Center patient

since the cancer in my life but I’m not going to give up. I’m staying positive,” said one patient.

Testimonies from people who benefited from your generosity show how much they value the help. Your gifts are more than just money; they are a sign of love and care. The fund will continue to support cancer patients at Providence St. Patrick Hospital.



2023 CAREGIVER SCHOLARSHIPS

Caregivers receive scholarships

Thanks to your generous support, the foundation awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to caregivers in 2023.



Congratulations to Brianne Walker, Ashton Presnell, Jennifer Stubb, Brian Johnson, Amanda Stubb, Shyla Stevenson, Ashley Davidson, Jacob Yahrmatter, Katelynn Kane, Preston Koehn, Samuel Banks and Jennifer Croft!

Jacob is pursuing his master's degree in nursing leadership and management. He is currently an assistant manager on the medical oncology unit, serving a team of 63 caregivers. "I found a passion in health care when I began working at Providence St. Patrick in 2014 as a certified nurses aide. This role served as a starting point for a career I'm truly passionate about."

Ashton is a medical assistant and wants to return to school for nursing. "I am blessed with the experience medical assisting has provided me. The experience solidified that nursing is my true calling. Going back to school has always been a dream, but due to lack of financial support for non-traditional students it has taken longer than expected."

Preston works part-time for Providence in an assisted-living facility in Polson. "I have discovered my passion for working with elders and their health-related needs in a community close to my hometown."

Eight sons and daughters of caregivers have earned scholarships

Congratulations to Ruby Airhart, Kelsen Zahn, Jaidyn Larson, Makenna Laverdue, Josephine McKernan, Connor McCarthy, Teagan Schmauch and Zade Little.

Thanks to your support, the foundation has awarded caregivers and their children scholarships since 2005. The application and selection process takes place each spring. Scholarships are funded by many generous people, including current caregivers, retired caregivers and their families.



Photo top: Scholarship recipient, Ashton Presnell, is a medical assistant. Bottom photo: Scholarship recipient, Preston Koehn, works in assisted living in Polson.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

You made a difference in 2023

Thank you for supporting the Providence Montana Health Foundation.
Your generosity has made a significant impact on neighbors in our community.

The hospital is a place wherein people don't hope or expect to spend their time. We are confident that caregivers, patients and their loved ones feel the support philanthropy provides at each of our Providence Montana ministries. Each thoughtful program, serene space and advanced piece of equipment is a reminder that the community cares.

"Words seem inadequate to express my gratitude for your generous support to help offset extra expenses incurred during my treatment. Your support has made my challenge a little easier to bear."

—Grateful patient going through cancer treatment

The role of our foundation is to eliminate barriers to health care, ensuring everyone in our communities can get the care they deserve. We believe in caring for the whole person, not just their physical needs. You make it possible to provide the caregivers, programs and equipment needed to help patients heal. We are looking forward to see the difference you will make in 2024.

Providence Montana Health Foundation staff members

Megan Beard, Philanthropy Officer, St. Joseph Medical Center

Steph Goble, Chief Philanthropy Officer

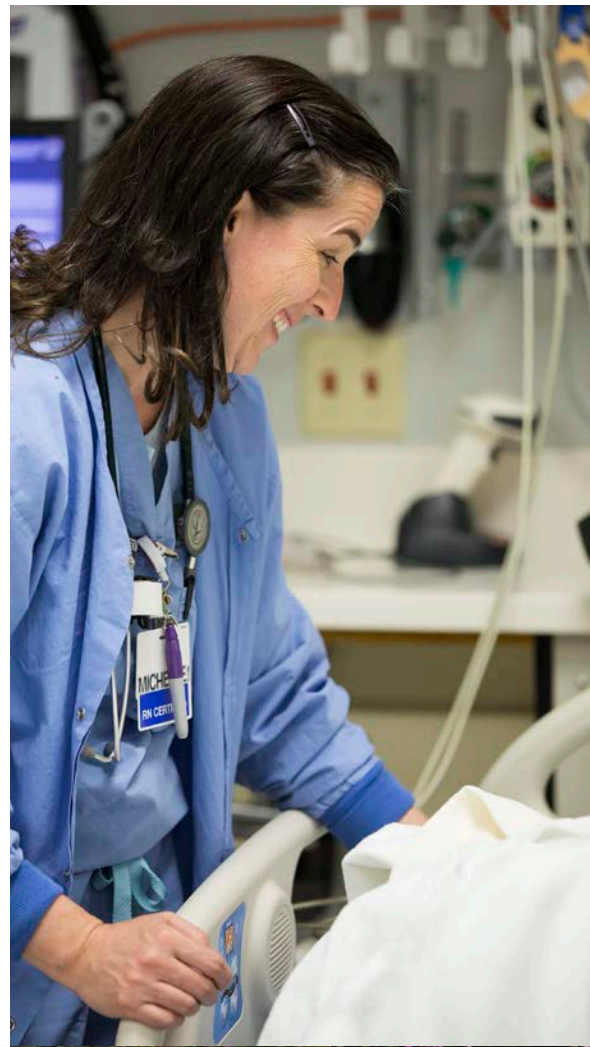
Brent Hildebrand, Philanthropy Manager

Aaron Hoppe, St. Patrick House Manager

Janet Kaufman, Operations Manager

Hayley Stengem, Associate Philanthropy Assistant

Tammy Whitehead, Volunteer Services Manager



Compassion and skill are hallmarks of the staff at Providence hospitals, which, thanks to your support, are vital to community health.



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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