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News & Updates



St. Patrick Hospital

*Do what you can, with what you have,
where you are.* -Theodore Roosevelt

While no one word can accurately sum up 2020, gratefulness is a word we feel here at Providence Montana Health Foundation. Unwavering supporters have been by our side to forge the path towards excellent, compassionate

St. Joseph Medical Center



2020 is a year our St. Joseph Medical Center caregivers will never forget. From responding to the initial COVID-19 call to our first vaccine administration, our healthcare team has remained steadfast in our commitment to caring for those who need us most. Through it all, you have been here to support us! In 2020, we completed our Digital X-Ray Suite with \$186,000 raised from donor gifts and continue to raise funds for a new Mobile C-Arm, a welcome and needed upgrade for our new Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Don Ericksen and our healthcare team. We have raised \$133,245 of the \$173,000 and appreciate your continued support. With hope and gratitude, we embrace 2021 and will be here for you as we provide compassionate and excellent care for the Flathead

healthcare in Western Montana. With your gifts, we have completed the Adult and Adolescent Mental Health Expansion, 10-bed Emergency Department Clinical Decision Unit, provided our caregivers with COVID-19 supplies, scrubs, and UV sanitizing lights and much needed financial support to caregivers and their families during COVID-19 hardships. Our sincere heartfelt thanks to all. Looking to 2021, our Providence family will forge ahead and continue to do what we can, with what we have, right here in our community.

Providence Montana is excited and prepared to start vaccine clinics. For the latest updates from your Primary Care Provider, please update your phone and email contact information in MyChart to ensure accurate connection when an appointment opportunity becomes available. [Learn More](#)



and Mission Valley communities. [Learn More](#)

[St. Patrick House](#)



In 2020, the St. Patrick House implemented pandemic safety practices under the guidance of Providence and the County Health Department to keep its doors open to travelers seeking medical care in Missoula. Our team is committed to continue providing the same home away from home in 2021. [Learn More](#)

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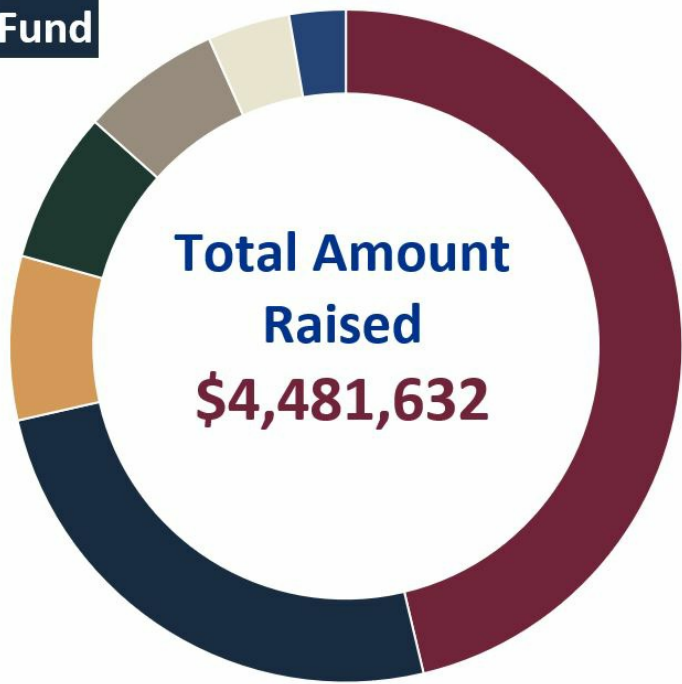


“I am truly thankful for the sacred work carried out within the walls of St. Patrick Hospital. Our expert team of providers, nurses and caregivers deliver exceptional, compassionate care every day. Without my fellow caregivers here to support me, I wouldn't have the capacity to rise to the challenges of COVID-19.
Thank you, with all of my heart.”

St. Patrick Hospital Intensive Care Physician

2020 Total Dollars Raised by Fund

Greatest Need		\$2,074,570
COVID-19		\$1,127,551
International Heart Institute		\$353,032
Other Funds		\$326,470
St. Patrick House		\$301,466
Mental Health		\$177,189
St. Joseph Medical Center		\$121,354



A message from our Chief Philanthropy Officer, Fran Albrecht

Greetings of hope!

This time of year is always meaningful for me, as a time to reflect, refresh, renew.....and release the year behind us!

I remain optimistic with daily glimmers of hope as we emerge from the pandemic that strained our communities, our hospitals, and families who adapted to home-schooling, economic struggles, loneliness, and the loss of loved ones. I offer prayers of peace and comfort to those impacted by this pandemic.



I am also reminded of angels in our midst and an enhanced appreciation for those we hold dear. While information changed daily, our frontline healthcare workers comforted and cared for those in our hospitals, creatively connected loved ones through iPads, Facetime and phone calls, while preventing exposure of their own families while they cared for our most vulnerable. The numerous stories show the depth and light of such beautiful human kindness during unprecedented times. As we all navigate these times, I am frequently reminded how fortunate we are to live in beautiful western Montana and how honored I am to support the excellent and compassionate care provided at St. Pat's, St. Joe's, and our Providence clinics.

Efforts within the hospital walls were bolstered by generous gifts, enabling nimble respond to COVID-19 unique needs with new testing equipment and PPE, iPads and phone chargers, extra scrubs for healthcare workers to prevent cross-contamination at home, and more. Contributions also enabled the much-needed expansion of our Adolescent Mental Health Unit, construction of our new Clinical

Decision Unit and emergency department safety remodel at St. Patrick Hospital, purchase of state-of-the-art equipment at St. Joe's, and ensured St. Patrick House continued to be a place like home for patients traveling for essential care. I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to these life-giving needs.

As each passing day grows longer and brighter, I look ahead with optimism and determination. Now more than ever, we recognize just how important access to exceptional local healthcare truly is, and I can't overstate just how integral our donors are in making that a reality. Our hospitals are recovering financially from 2020 and our western Montana communities are continuing to grow. We are called to ensure this excellent and compassionate care is available for everyone in need, right here at home. We simply couldn't do all we do without you. We are honored to have you by our side supporting our Providence Mission and our continued promise of *Know me, Care for me, Ease my way*. With vaccination clinics in place to administer vaccines as quickly as we receive them, I look forward to the day when we can greet each other with smiles and hugs. Until then, stay safe and well, keep in touch and know how deeply we appreciate you.

Blessings,

Fran M. Albrecht
Chief Philanthropy Officer
Providence Montana Health Foundation

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