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### **SPOTLIGHT: Providence Southwest Washington Foundation Awards \$3.6M to Local Providence Ministries**



*K9 Supervisor Pat McKenna and Sarge -  
Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center*

Most contributions support our Greatest Need fund and every dollar given is distributed to support advancements in care, programs benefitting our most vulnerable patients, and bringing new and expanded care to our communities.

This year's highlights include:

- Creation of a K9 program for Providence St. Peter Hospital's security department to support de-escalation efforts and a calming presence
- Major expansion of access to echocardiogram services
- Support for the Providence Sexual Assault Clinic and community education to prevent and recognize abuse
- Additional clinic day for The Olympia Free Clinic at the Community Care Center
- RN to BSN scholarships at Saint Martin's University and RN scholarships at South Puget Sound Community College
- Funding for No One Dies Alone and No One Alone programs
- Providence SoundHomeCare and Hospice direct patient support
- Providence Mother Joseph Care Center patient care equipment



### **Lewis County Bowling Association Raises Funds for Cancer**

On March 5th, 72 bowling enthusiasts came together for a bowling tournament at Fairway Lanes to raise money in support of local cancer care in Lewis County. 36 men and 36 women playing singles donated funds through sign-up fees and a silent auction. This was the second annual bowling tournament which raised more than \$590.



### **Ambulance Donation to Benefit Behavioral Health Care**

In April, Olympic Ambulance made an in-kind donation of an ambulance in support of a mobile behavioral health clinic. This ambulance, in addition to a larger van, will go to the encampments and other areas where houseless individuals live and are located to provide physical and behavioral health services.

## Oncology Healing Garden Refurbished



Thanks in part to a donation from the Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation, the oncology rooftop garden on Providence St. Peter Hospital's third floor has been recently refurbished.

The refurbishment project included:

- Re-plantings (the plants needed replacement—they had lived beyond their life cycle)
- Increasing the pavers which created a new seating location
- A new table/chair set (outside) as well as new furniture in the anteroom

The refurbishment project was also supported by individual donors and the Facilities department at Providence St. Peter Hospital.

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make a difference every day.*

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## **Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation** **Caring for our Caregivers: Zen Dens Update**

In 2021, we requested financial support from Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation for Zen Dens to benefit our Healthcare Heroes program. Their support not only provided for the seven reported, but we were able to create a total of 12. Located at both Providence St. Peter Hospital and Providence Centralia Hospital, these were well received, appreciated, and are in constant use.

In addition, our Lamfrom grant also supported our caregiver engagement committee and in the fall, provided Kona Ices (September) and ice cream bars (October), providing more than 2,600 treats to our hard working caregivers.

Further, the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation also supported our “We See You” campaign. This campaign, which was a collaboration between our *Caregiver Engagement Committee* and *Quality Services & Patient Safety Team*, was developed out of the desire to express gratitude for the hard work and sacrifice of our caregivers, peer-to-peer. It fostered goodwill, honor, and recognition as well as building rapport and community—and was another example of thoughtful and compassionate efforts towards our healthcare heroes.

We are deeply grateful to the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation for providing the funding needed to realize these efforts in recognition of all the hard work and dedication of our caregivers.

## **Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation's Support**

### **Oncology Healing Garden, Family Birth Center & Special Care Nursery and Zen Dens**

Providence Southwest Washington Foundation (PSWF) received a generous grant in the spring of 2021 from the Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation. This grant was the direct result of care provided to a patient who was associated with the Halloran Foundation. Her care included required medical support, care coordination with other providers as well as encouragement, compassion, and understanding. This humanistic and compassionate approach to her care was deeply appreciated and was an important component of her positive experience at St. Peter Hospital. No one was aware of her association with the Halloran Foundation—our caregivers were simply providing the best care possible because that was what our caregivers do.

Several key areas of interest were identified for funding—the top priority was to recognize those caregivers who had provided compassionate care on the 10th Floor and the Critical Care Unit at St. Peter Hospital. Working with the Halloran Foundation, PSWF proposed expanding the Zen Dens in both units, doubling the number of caregivers who would benefit from this resource. This resonated with the Halloran Foundation, mirroring their intent of providing for the caregivers who had provided so much. To-date, these Zen Dens continue to be in constant and daily use, greatly appreciated by our caregivers and sought after for rest and relaxation during breaks and after their shifts.

In addition, the Halloran Foundation supported the refurbishment project of our Oncology Healing Garden on the 3rd floor of St. Peter Hospital. This garden was also supported by the Halloran Foundation when it was created in 2015. Enormously beloved by patients, families, and caregivers, but with current social distancing requirements, we needed to expand pavers and seating areas, and purchase additional furniture outside as well as in the anteroom. These were important upgrades to the garden and yet we lacked the financial resources. Thanks to the Halloran Foundation we were able to fully execute this project to improve this beloved space.

The Halloran Foundation also provided support for our Family Birth Center and Special Care Nursery. There was a list of needed items that included (not limited to) scales, stethoscopes, breast feeding footstools as well as car seats that are provided to families who cannot afford car seats. This grant helped advance the care we provide to our patients and their families which includes caring for our the most vulnerable premature

babies locally (rather than transport them to other hospitals) and providing a better experience for parents and families within our Special Care Unit.

We are indebted to the Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation for their generous support in 2021. Without their help, we would have been unable to provide for our caregivers, renovate one of our most beloved and popular spaces, and care for our youngest and most vulnerable patients. Thank You!

*Have a grateful patient story you'd like to share with Providence?*

*Email us at [providenceSWfoundation@providence.org](mailto:providenceSWfoundation@providence.org)*

### **Sweet Treats for Caregivers**

Healthcare workers at Providence Centralia Hospital and Providence St. Peter Hospital were shown some cool appreciation on Tuesday. I-5 Auto Group, also known as I-5 Cars, carried on a recent tradition of delivering frosty treats to the caregivers.



## Is There a Local Providence Caregiver You'd Like to Thank?

*Honor A Healthcare Hero* is a program where you can thank any caregiver at Providence - a physician, nurse, therapist, or staff member - with a gift made to Providence Foundation in their honor. The honored caregiver will receive a notification that a gift was made and will receive special recognition along with your message of gratitude. Make your gift [here](#)



HONOR YOUR  
*caregiver*



Providence Southwest Washington Foundation serves as a thoughtful steward of all philanthropic contributions made to support the critical work of Providence Centralia Hospital, Providence St. Peter Hospital, Providence SoundHomeCare and Hospice, Providence Mother Joseph Care Center, and Providence Medical Group throughout our five-county service area.

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