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Friends,

It's late in the afternoon and the sun is just starting to peek through the clouds and shine a light on the window in my office. You are probably looking out there, too, searching for the sun and its warmth.

I hope you are taking time for yourself and for your family. I hope you are taking time to check-in with others, too. Most importantly, I hope you are taking time to check-in with yourself. We all need to pause during the day and search for the sunshine.

These last two weeks have served as an incredible reminder to all of us here at Providence St. Mary that while a crisis can pull us apart, it can also bring us together. I have seen countless 'sunshine spots' - acts of generosity and people leaning in, rather than away, during this time of need.

Isn't that what makes Walla Walla a community and not just a place to live? I certainly think so.

We've been busy the last few weeks planning and preparing with our colleagues to strengthen Providence's response to COVID-19. And we've been working with many of you who have lent your expertise, sewing skills and generous hearts to provide meals, funds, PPE and other assistance.

Just last Wednesday, kits were prepared and filled with surgical drape, pipe cleaners and instructions. In just 90 minutes, volunteers drove through our Second Avenue campus, picked up their kits and sewed 8,000 masks. It's incredible!

We've recently partnered with Augusta Sparks Farnum, a multi-disciplinary artist and graduate student, to put together more than 300 First Aid Art Kits (in just a few days) for patients under home isolation, in community shelters and in the hospital. The kits are intended to bring joy to patients experiencing distress over being isolated. We are grateful to Augusta and the arts community for passionately participating.

The Walla Walla Gratitude Train led by Lynne Pierce, Michele Rennie and Tanya Woodley are working with local donors to support local restaurants while showing tremendous gratitude to front line healthcare workers all over our community.

And we are grateful for many of you who have answered the call and made gifts of all sizes so that we can continue to invest in equipment, technology and other urgent needs.

Your past and recent support has allowed us to provide food, shelter and medicine for

our patients who do not have housing or who are isolated, provided oximeters so patients who are isolated can monitor their oxygen levels and funded hundreds of art kits as mental health becomes especially difficult in isolation. A generous gift from Alan and Sherilee Coffey allowed us to urgently purchase a portable chest X-Ray last week as we prepare our Southgate Campus to serve as a temporary inpatient facility, if needed.

Most recently, Sharon and Larry Clinton generously provided a leadership gift to purchase a critical piece of equipment for the Southgate campus. Their gift inspired many and our community rose to the challenge and matched it to meet this urgent need.

We're honored to continue working with you to support our patients and serve the community. Stay safe and well.

Warmly,

Lindsey

Lindsey J. Oldridge
Chief Philanthropy Officer



Clinton Challenge: WE DID IT!

Sharon and Larry Clinton generously pledged \$27,500 to fund 50% of the cost of a portable ultrasound. The community quickly got to work to raise the other 50% and in less than a week, we met the match! It is one more example of the incredible support of our Walla Walla community. Thank you to Sharon and Larry and all who joined them in this incredible gift!

Arts in Health: First Aid Art Kits

Patients under home isolation, in community shelters, and in the hospital amid the Coronavirus pandemic will receive art kits on their doorsteps over the coming weeks.

The kits were recently prepared by employees and contain crayons, watercolor paints or pencils, colored construction paper, notepads, rulers and more – along with inspirational project idea “prompts” from local artists.



Augusta Sparks Farnum, a multi-disciplinary artist and graduate student with the University of Florida’s online Arts in Medicine master’s program, is leading the initiative. **The kits are intended to bring joy to patients experiencing distress over being isolated.**

“During our phone outreach, we hear the anxiety and the desperation,” explained Becky Betts, manager of the Providence Population Health team responsible for keeping a registry of cases of COVID-19 in southeastern Washington. “From the single mom or dad trying to **home school** children while uncertain about employment and terrified of looming test results, to people that can’t be with their sick loved ones, these are unprecedented times.”

Providence St. Mary Foundation is providing financial backing for many emerging needs in the Walla Walla Valley such as critical equipment, personal protective equipment and programs. As a result, the foundation has also provided funding for the art kits and artists’ involvement. The creative opportunity has been exponentially improved by the art communities participation. ArtWalla is building a platform for artist facilitation videos. Carnegie Picture Lab is donating

additional supplies, and space for assembly. Artists will provide art kit phone support.

8,000 masks in one week. Yes, it's possible.

Hundreds of community members lined up last Wednesday to pick-up their Providence-approved kit of surgical fabric, pipe cleaners and instructions for sewing surgical masks. Earlier this week, those same volunteers lined up to drop-off their completed masks.



The mass pick-up and drop-off events were held 'drive-thru' style to limit contact and for convenience. Thank you Walla Walla for helping to protect our caregivers and increase our PPE Supply.

A heartfelt thanks!

It's **Volunteer Appreciation Month** and we are so grateful to our board of directors and committee members who lift up our organization each day.



They lend their expertise, skills, funds, ideas, time and energy to further the cause and raise funds to ensure we have the best healthcare possible.

Donor Spotlight: Incyte Diagnostics

Incyte Diagnostics, headquartered in Spokane Valley, was founded in 1957 by pathologists to provide anatomic diagnostic services in the Pacific Northwest. This means that surgical specimens collected by your doctor may be sent to Incyte for analysis.



As a market-level sponsor, Incyte supports Providence foundations in Spokane and Walla Walla, as well as Kadlec Foundation in the Tri-Cities. According to Patty Sipes, CEO, "As a physician-owned organization, we consider it a moral obligation to support the communities in which we live and work. We are happy to partner with Providence to help ensure our neighbors have access to the most advanced, compassionate health care available."

Incyte Diagnostics is accredited by the College of American Pathologists, the "gold standard" of laboratory accreditation, based on staff qualifications, laboratory equipment, facility safety, testing quality and overall laboratory management. Incyte currently serves 50 hospitals in the Northwest. Laboratories are located in Spokane Valley, Bellevue and Richland, and are owned and operated by pathologists.





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Have you included Providence St. Mary Foundation in your estate plan? Please let us know - we would love to express our gratitude! Including us in your will, as a life insurance beneficiary or in a charitable remainder trust offers more than potential tax savings. It continues the legacy of compassionate care that the Sisters of Providence began many years ago.

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