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There are many ways to support the life-changing work happening at Providence St. Mary.

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**Place your bids.** Now through July 17 at 8pm.

**Give.** To support local mental health initiatives.

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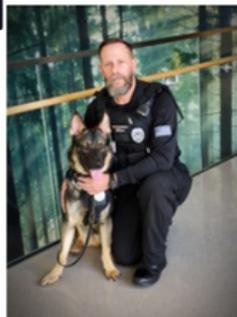


Winemaker Dinner for 8 at Doubleback with the Q Wood Fir...

\$500 Current Bid

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Meet Officer Mike and K-9 Officer Axel

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Ride on the vintage Firetruck and Dinner at the Firehouse

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Fiesta off the Green Cake from  
Butter Me Up Cakes

\$25 Starting Bid

Bid on this item

#7



2-Night Getaway to Woodinville  
Wine Country

\$250 Current Bid

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#8



The Ultimate Coeur D'Alene Resort  
Golf Package

\$400 Current Bid

Bid on this item

**THANK YOU**

We are blessed to be part of such a caring community and we're inspired by the generosity shown to our hospital, patients, caregivers and the most vulnerable in our community.

You deserve a round of applause! Please [visit our gratitude page](#). It is our honor to recognize all of the businesses, organizations and generous individuals who have strengthened healthcare in our Valley in direct response to COVID-19 and beyond.

With gratitude Walla Walla!

## Collaboration with Junior Club provides bassinet boxes to new parents

Becoming a new parent often brings a mix of emotions; among them, joy and stress in the best of circumstances. Caring for a newborn when you lack basic resources can be particularly challenging and lead to health risks for both babies and parents.

A new program, Care Crates, aims to bridge this gap by sending new families home with bassinet boxes filled with basic items like diapers, wipes, wash cloths, a SleepSack and other necessities. In addition, the packages are designed to connect new parents to long-term resources such as parenting education, Early Head Start, Parents as Teachers, WIC and other family support.

Learn more in [this video](#) from Amy Evensen, Social Worker for Women's Services at Providence St. Mary.

The project is being funded through a new collaboration between the Junior Club of Walla Walla and Providence St. Mary Foundation. "Our goal is to provide new families who have limited resources a better sense of security as they take home a new baby", says Kylie Sheckler, President of Junior Club of Walla Walla.

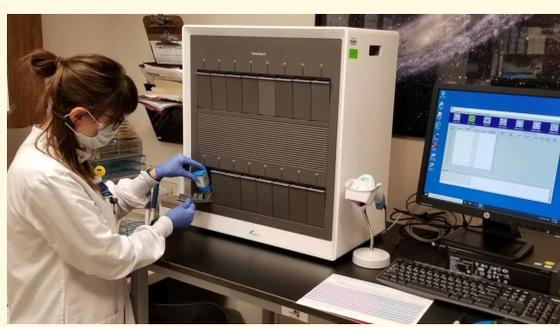
Donations can be made toward the Junior Club Restricted Fund [online](#) or mailed to Providence St. Mary Foundation, PO Box 1477 in Walla Walla.



Read the full media release

## Cepheid platform for local COVID-19 testing has arrived

It's here at last! Last Tuesday, the Cepheid platform for rapid testing arrived at Providence St. Mary. Our deepest thanks to the donors and community partners who funded the purchase of this equipment through the Providence St. Mary Foundation.



The Cepheid can produce a COVID-19 test result in 45 minutes. The equipment now is undergoing approximately a week of validation testing, then will be put into use. Initially, it will be limited to patients at the hospital due to continuing national shortages of testing supplies. As more test kits become available, we will be able to expand the availability of rapid testing.

Fundraising for the equipment was anchored by a \$50,000 donation from Dr. Richard Simon, Sleep Center/former General Internist and HIV expert, and Deberah Simon, senior lecturer in chemistry at Whitman College. That followed with a match from Susan Monahan and Mark Brucks. Additional private and public donations funded the remainder of the equipment.

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## Foundation awards \$20,000 in scholarships; Deanne Bergh named for Sr. Rosalie Locati award

Providence St. Mary Foundation has awarded 13 locally-employed Providence St. Mary caregivers scholarships totaling \$20,000 to help pay for courses and degrees that advance their clinical knowledge and professional development. Awardees include:

Alanna Dodds, Mariah McQuown, Lorraine Tilstra, Doreen McCulloch, Brooklyn Scott, Sherri Greenwald, Lauren Mason, Amy Johnson, Guy Einig, Ashley Lintner, Deanne Bergh, Ashley Ramsey and Marilu Meza-Quezada.

Deanne Bergh, RN, BSN, was selected for a special award granted in honor of Sister Rosalie Locati who retired from the hospital's Mission Board after decades of service. Deanne was chosen because she exemplifies Providence's mission and core values. Bergh is pursuing her Masters of Science in Nursing through Bradley University with a goal of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner.



"I am so grateful to have been chosen as this year's recipient. It is such a huge blessing to work for this amazing organization that recognizes the efforts of their caregivers. Balancing work, school and family is a challenge many face. I am thankful for this award as it eases the financial burden placed on myself and my family. Sister Rosalie embodies love, kindness, compassion and dignity in her interactions and service to others. I attempt to uphold these values everyday in my interactions with others and in service to our community. It is an honor to care for our community members in their most vulnerable state. We serve a diverse culture and are poised to continue and extend the legacy of excellence we now provide". - Deanne

The Spring round of awards comes on the heels of a decision made by the Foundation's board of directors to support healthcare workers during this challenging time.

Scholarships were made possible by donations through the Foundation's [employee education fund](#) with a goal of helping our caregivers advance while investing in clinical expertise for our Valley.

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## Exceptional Care, Close to Home

Providence St. Mary Foundation is committed to supporting exceptional health care, close to home, at Providence St. Mary. Your support enriches the lives of our friends, family and neighbors by funding innovative programs, equipment and capital projects that help create a healthier community.

## Leaving a Legacy

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.

Please reference the Providence St. Mary Foundation, EIN #45-2841492 in any estate planning document to provide a lasting impact on the health of our community. [Learn more.](#)