

# Your Impact

How your support is making a difference.

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## Your Support Matters

Your gift makes a difference. No matter the type or size, your contributions result in the shared success of making healthcare better, for our region, our community, and you. We have highlighted a few of our priority projects that have benefitted from the gifts of many. Visit [www.harrisonfoundation.org](http://www.harrisonfoundation.org) to learn more.



## Funding a Community Asset

Dear Supporter,

Few of us give much thought to our local hospital, until we need it. Then we want it to be the very best.

When your life – or that of a loved one's – is on the line, minutes matter and can literally make the difference in your outcome. Known as the "golden hour of care," the first 60 minutes after a life-threatening injury, heart attack, stroke, or even severe allergic reaction can be the most important.

Ease of access to quality medical care is equally important when the need is ongoing care, such as the case for cancer or other treatments – when no one needs the additional burdens of a long commute or the stresses of urban navigation.

However, providing exceptional healthcare takes the support of the communities we serve – first, as your provider of choice when you or a loved one needs care, and secondly, as a donor. Here at Harrison – as at hospitals in communities all around the country – good healthcare is made better through charitable gifts.

Harrison Medical Center takes care of 15,000 members of our community each and every year who require in-patient care on one of our campuses in Bremerton and Silverdale, and another 100,000 members of our community are served annually in our emergency rooms and urgent care centers. Along with this tremendous responsibility to care for all in our community who need it, also comes more than \$50 million in uncompensated care annually.

Your support is important. No matter the type or size, every gift helps to support exceptional healthcare for us all. It doesn't have to be big to be meaningful, as every \$1 donated to Harrison Medical Center has the same impact on the bottom line as \$102 of Harrison's gross revenue. And, it provides essential support for programs and projects which make healthcare better.

Simply, but sincerely, thank you for choosing Harrison.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Cline".

Stephanie Cline  
Executive Director

# You Call it a Charitable Gift. We Call it Exceptional Healthcare.

## Investing in Patient Safety

Gifts to the *Great Nurses for a Great Community Campaign* and the Nursing Education Fund are helping sustain a highly competent nursing workforce and are an essential and effective way to aid in the retention and recruitment of vital personnel. Harrison's RN Residency Program (launched in September 2009) has graduated 87 RN's with 81 still working for Harrison. The 18-week program provides new nurse grads with disciplined, documented, progressive on-the-job training. Research shows that the residency program is effectively accelerating the development of both their competence and confidence in

caring for patients—equaling safe, quality patient care. In addition, funds are used to support our nurses to obtain their specialty certifications. This raises the nurse's core knowledge and supports advanced practice patient care in their chosen area of specialty. Most recently we were able to fund two med/surg specialty certification courses involving 65 nurses from six units across the hospital. Prior to this training investment, these units combined had 25 nurses with their med/surg specialty certification. This strategic investment has nearly tripled the number of med/surg certified nurses at Harrison.



## Giving the Gift of Time



Thank you to all who supported the 8th annual Parent's Night Out. Hosted by Harrison's Pediatric Rehabilitation Department, this annual holiday party for the patients of pediatric rehabilitation and their siblings provides parents and caregivers with a rare kid-free evening. With the support of many staff and 83 volunteers, the annual event gave 38 sets of caregivers the 'gift' of time and provided holiday entertainment for 73 children. In addition, the Santa Store volunteers wrapped 316 toys also donated for the evening to fill the gaps for families stressed economically by the hardships of caring for a medically fragile child. Harrison's Pediatric Rehabilitation Program serves 200 children with physical and/or learning disabilities due to illness, injury or congenital causes; who without this program would have to endure the additional burden of traveling to Seattle or Tacoma. We applaud the many donors who give their money and time to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families.

## Caring for Victims

Harrison Foundation's SANE Fund has many loyal supporters whose gifts have provided thousands of dollars to Harrison's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program. Last year, charitable gifts provided three nurses the opportunity to attend the National Sexual Assault Nursing Conference where they learned about the latest advancements and best practices in the highly specialized field of forensic nursing. Harrison's

SANE Program, established 15 years ago, employs nine SANE certified nurses who compassionately care for sexual assault victims. Our SANE nurses facilitate the victims healing process and ensure that they are not further traumatized by the evidence gathering exam. Not only is the program critical in supporting the recovery and well-being of sexual assault victims, the collection of forensic evidence and providing testimony is essential in helping to prosecute sex offenders.

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## Giving Hope a Place to Grow

The Les & Betty Krueger Family Healing Garden, funded entirely by charitable gifts, officially opened in September. On top of the roof adjacent to both Radiation Oncology and the Inpatient Treatment Unit on Harrison's Bremerton campus, the healing garden is open to all patients, families, and staff at Harrison. Since opening, it has become such an important part of patient care that nurses often suggest spending time in the garden as part of a patient's daily plan. The garden provides patients with a beautiful outdoor space to escape the confines of

hospitalization. It also provides gathering spaces for families and working areas for hospital therapies. We thank Les and Betty Krueger and all the donors who have given this garden its roots. "The garden is a legacy that will carry on from month to month, and year to year, bringing hope to patients," says Judie, wife of a former patient, who encourages others to consider a donation in honor of their loved ones



and in gratitude for the care they have received at Harrison.

## Bringing Comfort



The gift of a stuffed animal has tremendous impact in a hospital or clinic, bringing calm and comfort to the recipients. Harrison Medical Center relies on the community's ongoing support to ensure that "fluffy friends" are available for staff to distribute to our littlest patients who are often overwhelmed by a hospital visit. Thanks to donors, new stuffed animals bring smiles to hundreds of Harrison Medical Center patients who need a dose of warm and fuzzy.

## Providing Early Detection

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in Washington state, including more than 200 new cases each year in Kitsap County alone. Yet many women can't afford the screenings needed to detect the disease. Because the survival rate for cancer is significantly higher if it's caught in the early stages, it is important for every woman to have regular screenings. Fortunately for women in Kitsap County, Harrison Medical Center Foundation has been working to provide more women with the opportunity to receive the critical screenings they need through the establishment of the Women's Health Screening Fund. By collaborating with the local network of providers contracted by the national Breast, Cervical, and Colon Health Program (BCCHP) to offer free screening exams to low-income, uninsured, or underinsured women, the Foundation is helping to shore up the known gaps in the system – using the

Women's Health Screening Fund to cover the cost of these exams when the federal/state funding runs out, or when women don't meet the age criteria (40–64). "We are standing behind the current system and extending the safety net that already exists in the community," says Stephanie Cline, Executive Director of Harrison's Foundation. "We want to put the gift of early detection and the chance for a higher survival rate in the hands of those who don't have it." Today it is estimated that the BCCHP is able to serve only 25 percent of those who qualify, so the need for financial assistance is tremendous. Thanks to the Angie Harrison Memorial Guild and both the Soroptimist International of Greater North Kitsap and Port Orchard, the Fund has received great support. If you would like to join us in our efforts, please consider a charitable donation to the Fund. Your gift could save the life of a woman who is a mother, a daughter, a wife, a neighbor, or a friend.

# More Ways to Make a Difference

## Include Harrison in Your Will

Most people share a simple wish: to make a difference. With a simple gift, you can. By including Harrison in your estate planning you can make a difference for years to come. If you have belongings, you have an estate. Deciding who receives your assets after you pass is estate planning. You don't have to be wealthy to benefit from charitable planning; nor does the gift have to be monumental, to be meaningful! There might also be benefits to your heirs. To learn more about the opportunities and the potential benefits, please visit our website at [www.harrisonfoundation.org](http://www.harrisonfoundation.org) and take a look at our newly expanded Planned Giving page.

## Join one of Harrison's Giving Circles



We invite you to help transform health care at Harrison by joining one of our Giving Circles. Each level of membership brings with it unique benefits (including membership in our *Friend of Harrison Program*) and the knowledge that your gift is helping to make a good hospital...the very best, through your charitable support. Membership levels include: Harrison Circle – for members making exceptional annual contributions of \$1,000 or more; Pillars of Philanthropy – for our generous benefactors, honoring donors with cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more; Harrison Heritage Society – for future support of Harrison Medical Center; this society honors donors who have named Harrison in a planned gift. If you would like more information about the *Friend of Harrison Program* or Harrison Foundation's Giving Circles visit [www.harrisonfoundation.org](http://www.harrisonfoundation.org) or call the Foundation office at (360) 744-6760.

## IRA Charitable Rollover

The IRA Charitable Rollover is back. If you, or someone you know, has an IRA and is older than 70 ½, the charitable IRA rollover legislation allows you to transfer lifetime gifts up to \$100,000 using funds from your IRA without undesirable tax effects. Please visit our recently expanded website for more information about this and other aspects of planned/estate giving.

## Thank You to our Foundation Partners

Our Foundation Partners are organizations who make a contribution of \$10,000 or more annually, demonstrating a commitment to Harrison Medical Center and the health of the community. If you would like information about becoming a Foundation Partner please contact the Foundation office at (360) 744-6760.



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