

Your Impact

How your support is making a difference.

HARRISON
FOUNDATION

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You Are Ensuring Exceptional Healthcare For Us All!

Dear Harrison Supporter,

Care about me. Keep me safe. Help me heal. Keep me healthy.

Your gift to Harrison Medical Center Foundation is critical to transforming these words into outcomes for patients and their families.

From the moment a patient arrives at Harrison Medical Center, they feel our commitment to our mission: to make a positive difference through exceptional healthcare. This commitment shows in the quality, compassionate care that each and every patient receives, regardless of their ability to pay.

Your impact on just one patient's life can be immeasurable. Last year, more than 13,000 patients were admitted to inpatient care at Harrison, and more than 100,000 patients were served in our emergency rooms and urgent care centers, illustrating the far-reaching power of the generous support provided by donors like you.

No matter the type or the size, every gift makes a difference and every donor matters as we work together to make healthcare better, for our region, our community, and you.

Whatever touches your heart – from the birthing of a baby to the lifesaving open heart surgery – your gift supports Harrison in providing exceptional and compassionate care for all.

We are excited to share the difference your gifts make. We have highlighted a few of our recent projects that have benefitted from the gifts of our valued donors.

Gratefully,



Stephanie Cline
Executive Director

As the philanthropic arm of Harrison Medical Center, the Foundation's purpose is to nurture relationships that inspire community support through charitable giving and volunteering. These gifts help support Harrison's mission to make a positive difference in people's lives by providing exceptional healthcare ... now and in the future.

You Call it a Charitable Gift.

We Call it Optimizing Wellness

Since its inception in 2006, Harrison's Integrative Health program (formerly Complementary Therapies) has had a wide-reaching impact on patients, families and staff at Harrison Medical Center campuses.

Integrative health modalities have been proven to reduce pain, relieve stress, and create a sense of calm in those receiving medical care – supporting and enhancing the healing power of conventional medicine.

One very special modality – therapeutic music – has brightened the spirits of many Harrison patients.

Last year, your gift enabled us to purchase two Reverie Harps, which are easy to hold and play, allowing patients to make their own soothing tones and feel the relaxing vibrations of the strings.

Edith Enns, Certified Clinical Musician (CCM) who has been providing harp music in the hospital since 2009, recently came across two patients that not only benefitted from receiving therapeutic music at Harrison, but have continued to use music for themselves. After being inspired here, both patients bought musical instruments. One purchased a Reverie Harp –

just like that used in the hospital and when recently admitted, she brought the harp with her. The other bought a hand piano, started taking lessons and brought it when she was admitted. She stated, "Being exposed to the benefits of music while I was a patient inspired me to continue at home, when I play music the pain is so diminished and at times I don't even feel pain while playing. I cannot thank you enough for providing therapeutic music to your patients."

Another modality – art therapy – promotes healing, coping, and emotional renewal by providing empowering, expressive and creative therapeutic art interventions during hospitalization. No experience in art is needed to take part in or benefit from art therapy. Our creative art therapists spend time with each patient, helping them choose an appropriate activity to help express emotions and advance their journey towards healing.

Your gift has a very real impact on our patients lives and Harrison's robust Integrative Health Program would not be possible without your support.



We Call it Standardizing Care

In today's fast-changing healthcare environment, capital equipment needs often exceed the hospital's available resources. Over the years, your support has provided the resources needed to help meet the demands. And you have done it again! Because of your support we were able to standardize non-invasive positive pressure ventilation (NPPV) practice at Harrison.

NPPV has become the standard of care for respiratory insufficiency and refers to positive pressure ventilation delivered through a non-invasive nasal mask, face mask, or nasal plug.

Unfortunately the NPPV units that were in use throughout Harrison were added over time, resulting in five generations of model variations. Your support enabled the purchase of nine new machines, replacing the model variations and standardizing NPPV practice at Harrison.

"Our new NPPV machines (V60 BiPap) provide the latest capabilities in airway management and will assist our efforts in the ICU to continue to provide the highest quality care

possible." Says Keith Sprague, Director of Critical Care.

Keith added, "This purchase directly impacts our ability

to increase the quality of care provided to our patients, potentially preventing patients from being placed on ventilators. Ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) is a quality metric that we track and report on. Decreasing the number of patients and days on the ventilator decreases the risk of VAP."

Excellence in care is directly linked to the critical support you provide. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve.



We Call it Exceptional Healthcare.

We Call it Expanding the Care

Harrison is the cancer care leader on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas and our Harrison HealthPartners Hematology & Oncology office in Bremerton is a very busy place: seeing up to 100 patients walk through their doors each day.

The clinic provides outpatient cancer services including on-site laboratory services and chemotherapy treatment without the drive to Seattle. We are proud to be able to offer our patients the most up-to-date treatments and, when appropriate, access to clinical trials through our participation in regional and national cooperative groups.

One of the busiest rooms in the clinic, the infusion room has been bursting at the seams to meet the needs of the community. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended last year's Harrison Gala, the Foundation is able to support an important renovation project in the clinic which adds four additional infusion chairs – for a total of 20 – while also creating a more useful space. In addition, three individual nurse stations will be created within the infusion space, as well as a room with five new workstations.

"While it is a place no one really wants to be, we are pleased that this support from our donors allows us to offer a more comfortable place for our patients to receive their chemotherapy treatment," said Stephanie Cline, Harrison's Foundation Director. "Not only is this a generous gift to the many people in our community who use the infusion room, it is also a gift to those who care for them."



We Call it Advancing Education

Each year Harrison Foundation happily supports the Learning in the Olympics (LITO) symposium coordinated by the West Sound Advanced Practice Association. In its eighth year, the annual nursing conference was created with a goal of providing a quality educational experience for nurses living and working on the Kitsap Peninsula. Now held at Kitsap Conference Center, LITO's scope have been extended to meet the needs of nurses from across the northwest region.

The day-long event includes a variety of educational topics to enhance the nurse's ability to provide patient care across the spectrum of health and illness and provides continuing education credits – required to maintain their license.

In addition to providing the important funding needed to put on the conference, your support also provides the resources for several nurses to attend this valuable learning conference.

We Call it the Best of the Best

Launched in September 2009, Harrison's Versant RN Residency Program is effectively accelerating our nurse residents' competence and confidence in caring for patients – meaning safer, better care for you, or the people you care about. And due to the reputation of the Versant Residency Program, hiring managers agree that the program allows them to hire the best of the best.

The Residency Program alums are proving to have both the skill and the will to lead change! Recently, Resident Alums Jenna Chontosh, RN; Alyssa Smith, RN; and Corinna Stout, RN developed a house-wide Diagnostic & Pre-Op Checklist. With a focus on patient safety, they worked with clinical educators, managers, and subject matter experts from seven departments in an effort to appropriately prepare patients for special procedures and operations. The result – increased patient safety and improved patient outcomes by reducing delays in

procedures and eliminating possible errors. They were recently showcased at the 10th annual Versant Client Conference!

In addition, Harrison's Corinna Stout, RN, BSN was selected as the grand prize winner of a Versant sponsored essay contest! Her essay focused on competency-driven excellence and will be showcased in a future issue of the Versant Connect newsletter.

Gifts through the *Great Nurses for a Great Community* campaign have fueled the successful recruitment, training and retention of competent, confident and compassionate nurses! Simply but sincerely, thank you.



Pictured from left to right are: Jenna Chontosh, RN, Float Pool; Alyssa Smith, RN, 3 West; and Corinna Stout, RN, Float Pool.

More Ways to Make a Difference

KITSAP WINE FESTIVAL at HARBORSIDE FOUNTAIN PARK

Join us on Saturday, August 8, 2015 for the seventh annual celebration! Get your tickets today!

Macy's will partner with Harrison Foundation to invite customers to participate in Macy's tenth annual "Shop for A Cause" charity shopping event on August 29, 2015. Purchase a \$5 shopping pass for exclusive savings in every Macy's store. Passes will be available in June.



The Importance & Legacy of Planned Gifts at Harrison

In the hardscrabble beginnings of Kitsap County, medical care wasn't easily come by. A handful of physicians served a formidably wide area, braving rough roads and treacherous waters to reach a far-flung population. Despite these doctors' valiant efforts, medical care rarely reached the pioneer, the mill worker, and the logger. Neighbors frequently filled the breach.

This spirit of shared burdens and mutual benefit was especially apparent in 1918 when the area was hard hit by the virulent "Spanish Flu." The influenza outbreak—which would claim millions of victims around the world—quickly subdued the County. Among those responding to the suffering were Benjamin and Angie Harrison, a hardware merchant and his teacher wife.

The contributions of the Harrison's didn't end with the epidemic. Their experience in the influenza wards resulted in a firm conviction that medical care was everyone's right. For years following, the Harrison's devoted most of their resources and energies to the concept of community healthcare, nurturing the hospital through a variety of locations and identities. As a final gesture of their commitment, the Harrison's made a substantial gift in their will to the hospital that would eventually bear their name.

From beginnings borne in response to community need, today their legacy flourishes at Harrison Medical Center, whose mission remains focused on meeting community needs by making a positive difference in people's lives through exceptional healthcare.

Today we continue to be sustained by the generous spirit of individuals who give what they can. Gifts of all sizes advance the medical center's mission and are essential to providing our community with the best healthcare possible.

The Foundation's website can help you learn more about the ways you can support the work of Harrison, including through planned estate giving. Visit our website at www.harrisonfoundation.org. You can also reach Stephanie Cline directly by email, at stephanie.cline@harrisonmedical.org or call (360) 744-6761.

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