

Foundation Focus - Winter 2023

Furthering the Mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System Since 1983



Photo: Washington Hospital's Critical Care Team celebrates Critical Care Awareness week in 2022, recognizing the commitment of critical care clinicians and staff to providing high quality patient care at Washington Hospital

From the Desk of the Executive Director



It's hard to believe that 2023 is already off and running! Here at the Foundation, we've started out the New Year strong by planning for an

exciting year of events and new ways of supporting Washington Hospital.

The support from our generous community in 2022 has set us up for a successful year ahead. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge all the ways our community has come together over the past year to ensure Washington Hospital can continue to deliver the highest-

At the January **Annual Meeting of the Foundation**, we welcomed 2 new trustees and 11 new Foundation members. Each of them bring unique expertise and energy, and we look forward to many years of partnership in support of Washington Hospital. Trustees also voted to disburse \$651,723 in donations to the Hospital to support a number of programs & equipment needs for Maternal & Child Health, the ICU, Palliative Care, Nursing Education & Surgical Services. Read more below for a note from the ICU team about the great impact this support has on patient care.

Our **Legacy Society** continues to grow! There are 7 families who have shared with us an intention to include the Hospital in their Will

quality, patient-first care to every resident of our community- just like it has since 1958.

In November for **Giving Tuesday**, you helped us raise over \$7,000 in donations for maternal & child health programs at Washington Hospital to purchase supplies for new families in need, education for expecting parents, and funding for community advocacy events to bring awareness to maternal mental health challenges.

In December, our community came together to celebrate at our **Holiday Tree Lighting**, complete with with a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus, students from the CA School of the Deaf, the James Logan Jazz Singers and many of you. Thank you for helping us spread the holiday cheer and build new friendships with local organizations and community members.

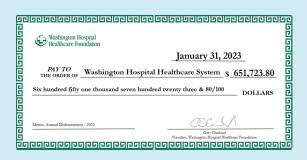
All of us at the Foundation are feeling confident about the exciting year of growth ahead of us. We continue to expand our Foundation family through new supporters, new trustees & members, and a future new staff member!

or estate plans. Some are Trustees, patients, past staff members or longtime supporters of the Hospital, and each of their gifts, no matter the size, is a commitment to the future and longevity of Washington Hospital. If you are interested in learning more about planned giving, I invite you join our upcoming **seminar on February 7**.

We have an exciting year of events ahead and we hope to see you all there. We're hosting the **36th Annual Golf Tournament** at the Club at Castlewood on **Thursday, May 4th**. Plans for a fun and inclusive **Top Hat Gala** are also underway, with the event taking place on **Saturday, October 14th**. I encourage you to reach out if you'd like to volunteer or serve on an event committee. We would love your input and support.

As always, we'd like to express our gratitude for all that you do for our community. It is because of you that Washington has become such a pinnacle of patient care, both locally and nationally. Please reach out if you'd like to get involved, join the Foundation, or learn more about any of our programs. We'd be happy to have you!

Your Impact on Patient Care



In January, Trustees voted to disburse \$651,723 to Washington Hospital to support equipment needs in the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion, surgical tables for the Hospital's operating rooms, educational materials for new parents, compression garments for lymphedema patients, clothing for patients experiencing homelessness and much more.

"The entire staff extend gratitude to the Foundation for recognizing the need for patient care equiptment and advanced staff education. Due to the generous



In 2022, you helped equip the Intensive Care & Intermediate Care Units with over \$355,000 in funds to provide technically advanced, safe and high-quality care to patients. Donations from the community helped purchase:

- A Sonosuite Ultrasound
- 20 mobile isolation stations for PPE to protect patients & staff
- 7 pupilometers to assist in early detection of neurological changes
- 34 advanced education modules for

donations from community members, we have been able to continue to provide the best possible patient care"

-Erin Brooks, Nurse Manager Critical Care & IMC Units

- nurse training in post-cardiac surgery care, EKG dysrhthmia & essentials of critical care
- and much more!

Welcome New Foundation Trustees and Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Executive Officers, Trustees & Members. They each bring a diverse range of expertise, and we look forward to accomplishing amazing things together!

Foundation President: Sophia Ahmad

Vice President/Past President: Gary Charland

Treasurer: Craig A. Silcox **Secretary:** Eileen Riener

New Trustees: Cathy Avon & Joan Bobrink

New Members: Dr. Aaron Barry, Joe Chu, Natalja Hyman-Correa, Jeanette Ip, Maria Inciong, Chuck Kennedy, Capt. Carlos Leyva, Keith Parker, Bridget Russell, Alexis Hyman-Stauffer & Matthew Stauffer.

Click <u>here</u> for the complete list of Foundation Officers & Trustees



L-R: Craig A. Silcox, Sophia Ahmad, Gary Charland & Eileen Riener

Foundation Updates



The Spirit of Holiday Giving

Many generous donations were made to patients in December. **Yvonne W.** & **Donalyn D.** crocheted blankets and hats for the babies; **Mary K.** & **staff** donated care packages for patients in the infusion center, and **Boehringer Ingelheim, IGM Biosciences, Payal S.** donated toys for pediatric patients and families. **Foundation**



Charitable Giving - Estate Planning

Planned giving is an easy way to make a big difference in an organization you care about. By making a gift to the Hospital through your Will, estate plan or IRA, you can help ensure that Washington Hospital can continue to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our community, now and long into the future. President, Sophia Ahmad & Hospital employee, Renay Cardenas, coordinated a large Toys for Tots donation. Shayna Mann, Office Manager, said "Patients and families genuinely appreciate the thoughtful gesture of receiving toys over the holidays".

Piecemakers Quilting Guild donated beautiful handmade quilts to the patients in the infusion center. Karl, who is a patient of the Infusion Center, was so happy to receive this quilt and said "it reminded me of my grandmother who I adored and miss so much. I felt like I got a hug from her today"

Thank you to our community for their kindness and generosity to our patients.

By making a planned gift, you'll become part of a generous & forward-thinking group of individuals who have committed to the future of Washington Hospital and to the health and wellbeing of our community. Legacy Society members receive invitations to exclusive yearly events, including regular coffee discussions with CEO, Kimberly Hartz, the next of which will be taking place in March.

We invite you to join us on Tuesday
February 7 at 5:00 pm in the Anderson
Auditoriums, Washington West to learn more
about planned giving and the benefits of
philanthropy. There is no ask or obligation of a
commitment for those who attend.
Click here to register.



36th Annual Golf Tournament

Save The Date for the 36th Annual Golf Tournament - **Thursday, May 4** at the Club at Castlewood. Funds raised will help support surgical services at Washington Hospital.

Email **foundation@whhs.com** or click below for more details when available

Click below if you would like to be contacted about the Golf Tournament

I'd like to participate!

I'd like to volunteer!



"Scott provided top notch care for me as I recovered. He helped me through my darkest hours and made all the difference in my physical & mental recovery.

Say Thank You to Hospital Staff

Did you or a family member receive wonderful care at a recent stay at Washington Hospital? The *Honor a Caregiver Program* invites individuals to thank a physician, nurse or staff at Washington Hospital who went above and beyond for you or a loved one. Gifts received pay tribute to a staff member while also providing essential resources to the program or department of your choice. When a gift is made, the person whom you are honoring will be sent an letter sharing your gratitude, but

Others provided great care as well. I really appreciate all the CCU nurses and doctors" - Recent Washington Hospital patient.

keeping the gift amount confidential. Any gift, big or small, makes and impact and lets our staff know how much their care is appreciated.

Read More

Save the Date: Upcoming Foundation Events

- Planned Giving Program **Charitable Giving Seminar**, Tue, Feb 7, 5pm
- Legacy Society Member Coffee w/Kimberly Hartz: Wed, Mar 29
- The 36th Annual Golf Tournament: Thu, May 4, The Club at Castlewood
- Planned Giving Program Charitable Giving Seminar, Wed, June 21
- Legacy Society Member Luncheon: Tue, Sept 12, Casa Bella Restaurant
- The 37th Annual Top Hat Gala: Sat, Oct 14
- Giving Tuesday: Tue, Nov 28
- Holiday Tree Lighting: Dec 2023



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