

# FOUNDATIONS JOURNAL

*Celebrate the season; partner for healing & a healthy future for kids! pg. 23*



Michael, a pediatric brain cancer survivor, is now applying to medical school with the goal of becoming a pediatric oncologist



## Dear Friends,

With the shifting seasons and closing of another year, I'm reminded of the many ways your generosity continues to deliver healthier futures across the communities we serve. As the new leader of MultiCare Foundations, my team and I are proud to share this collection of stories that reflect the heart of your impact — stories of resilience, compassion and hope.

From the joyful and giving spirit of our Bridge Builders Youth Heroes to the inspiring leaders of our advisory council in Olympia and our student volunteers in Yakima, your example is being carried on by the next generation.

You'll also find an update on how our new MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's hospital campus is progressing, an enduring symbol of what we can achieve together.

We're honored to spotlight the voices of those who give and receive care in deeply personal ways: a client choosing recovery, a surgeon with a bold vision for breast cancer care, a nurse navigating her own oncology journey and a group of Spokane expectant mothers who are forging strong support networks during prenatal care and beyond.

These stories are a testament to the power of community. They remind us that philanthropy isn't just about giving. It's also about belonging, showing up for one another and building a better tomorrow where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for being part of these stories. I'm grateful to walk alongside you in this important work.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliot Stockstad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elliot Stockstad  
Chief Development Officer, MultiCare Foundations



Since 1991, our generous community has raised \$663,662 through the Toys for Kids campaign, which helps fulfill holiday wish lists for Mary Bridge Children's patients and their siblings. The program partners with hospital social workers to identify families in need, and volunteers shop for the gifts, bringing joy and a sense of normalcy to hundreds of children each year.

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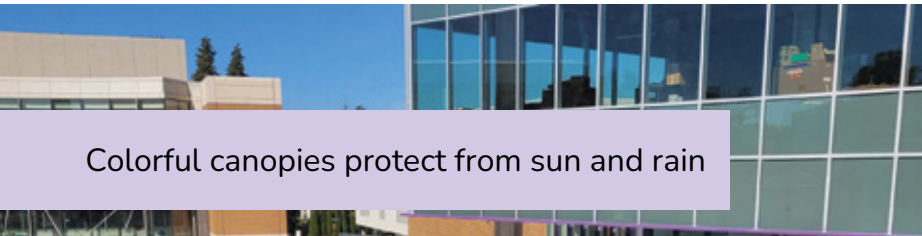
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# Glass finishings to generations of care



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During the season of gratitude, we want to take a moment to express our sincere thanks for each and every one of you who has invested in the new Mary Bridge Children's hospital campus. Your generosity has been instrumental in shaping the future of pediatric health care.

As of mid-October, the existing outpatient center is being connected to the newly constructed expansion. Large radiological instruments and MRI machines were also installed (pictured on page 5), bringing the hospital that much closer to delivering world-class care. Aesthetics are coming along nicely, with all glass now in place on the new tower, flooring and paint beautifying the patient levels, and colorful metal touches gracing the exterior.



Installation of purple glass "fins" on building exterior

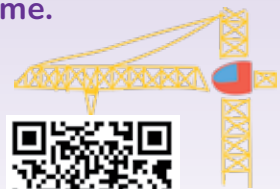




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# Playing sports and video games to paying it forward

“If you have other ways that a 10-year-old boy could help, please call me,” says a 2006 voicemail left for Frank Colarusso, former Mary Bridge Children’s Foundation executive director of development.

That voice belongs to Ben, who had donated his allowance toward a new rocking chair after noticing the neonatal intensive care unit’s (NICU’s) need during his cousin’s months-long stay. Upon discovering his gift wouldn’t cover the total cost of a hospital-grade rocker, he called Frank to learn what more he could do, and ‘Ben’s Rock-A-Thon’ was born.

At that year’s Mary Bridge Children’s Festival of Trees, Ben sat in a rocking chair, spoke on his mission and collected donations, tallying an incredible \$85,000 — more than enough to purchase a chair for every NICU room.

In celebration of his generous spirit, the young boy was honored with the first Youth Hero award at

Bridge Builders, the Foundation’s annual donor recognition luncheon. Ben’s example continues with budding philanthropists like Ryder (15) and Quinn (12).

## Touchdowns and goals for tykes

Ryder was taking a bite of salad at Bridge Builders 2023 when he suddenly heard his name ring out.

“It was really surprising because no one told me beforehand,” he recalls of being crowned a Youth Hero. “But it was great.”

A year prior, Ryder’s mom and football team manager Jennifer had encouraged him to channel his passions into doing good for others. Empowered, the seventh grader asked his friends and relatives to pledge an amount per touchdown during his season in support of the children’s hospital that has been there for so many of his peers.



Ryder's initial efforts, assisted by Jennifer and dad/coach Thomas, brought in an impressive \$7,355. In eighth grade, he invited his Tides Cruisers team to join his '4 Tykes' fundraiser and engage their own networks to magnify their impact for Mary Bridge Children's. Now in high school, Ryder hopes to build similar momentum with his lacrosse team.

"It feels really nice to be able to do something that you enjoy doing and to help other people, as well," he shares. "When you accomplish something, it feels really awesome, but then when you do it for other people, it feels a lot better."

### **A gift sparked by Mario and friends**

Like Ryder, Quinn also chooses to champion kids, though his story begins with a hospital stay.

In fifth grade, he came to Mary Bridge Children's with an inflamed appendix, requiring surgery. While recovering, Quinn was thrilled at the opportunity to play Mario Kart from his medical bed — a welcome distraction from pain and discomfort. Post-discharge, he

saved enough of his allowance to buy a gift card for Child Life Services' gaming program, which employs interactive technology to help patients heal, cope and feel like kids again.

"I gave because it helps people feel better when they're not feeling good," Quinn explains.

Word of his generosity spread, from a post on MultiCare Foundations' blog to winning the Youth Hero award at Bridge Builders 2024. It wasn't long before others were rallying to Quinn's cause, including his Tacoma Tigers Baseball Club coach and team.





“Coach saw the article about me and then they started raising the money,” he says. “One day, we went and brought all the money and counted it and turned the \$500 into the bank. Then we bought Nintendo cards for the hospital.”

### Family legacies

Quinn and his family before him have long seen the value in investing in Mary Bridge Children’s, be it delivering video game gift cards, funding sleeping chairs so caregivers could spend the night in their sick child’s hospital room, serving on the Mary Bridge Children’s Foundation board and more. Both his mom Jodi and grandma Wendy — one of the first-ever Mary Bridge Children’s patients — are currently board members.

The fourth-generation donor has also inspired his younger sister Addison, 10 (pictured next to Quinn), who made her first contribution to Child Life in July.

“We love to see our children give to others and their community,” Jodi says.

Philanthropy has caught on with Ryder’s 11-year-old sister Siena, as well. The runner and soccer player is thinking of doing her own version of 4 Tykes called ‘Miles for Smiles,’ leveraging her athletic prowess into dollars for children in need.

“Giving back is super important to the core of our family,” Jennifer shares. “I love watching the character development and just the idea that they could be changing one family’s life.”

## Puyallup High School (PHS) cheerleading

BRIDGE BUILDERS 2021 WINNER



Every September, PHS Vikings cheerleaders hold a Yellow Out football game for Mary Bridge Children’s pediatric cancer care. Squad members like Taylor sell yellow fan items and wear beads in their yellow hair bows in solidarity with Beads of Courage™ participants — young patients with severe illnesses who tell their journeys through colorful baubles.

“It’s cool seeing how little things can go a far way,” Taylor shares. “I also think

it means more to the kids when efforts come from someone their own age.”

Taylor’s mom Autumn works for Mary Bridge Children’s and loves seeing her passion live on.

“As a kid, I always knew I wanted to be in health care,” she explains. “To see your kid have similar passion to give back and help others — it makes your heart so happy.”

# Q&A: Launching local breast cancer care

Get to know Yarrow McConnell, MD, MultiCare Cancer Institute's medical lead for breast oncology, who's spearheading a donor-supported movement to expand access to lifesaving cancer care in East Pierce County.

## What's MultiCare Cancer Institute's vision for breast oncology?

World-class breast cancer care close to home, which boils down to access, continuity and research. Women deserve expert care when they need it most. Once treatment begins, our focus should be coordinating services, so their experience isn't fractured or siloed. Lastly, we want the latest advancements readily available in daily patient care. Our goal is for every woman to feel like we've got our arms wrapped around her.

## What role does community generosity play?

It's so valuable. Not only are donors and volunteers essential to the community spirit that helps women feel supported on their journey, but they also drive cutting-edge work. New technology, treatments and care options are all critical to healing. Philanthropy helps provide all of that.

## What local breast health care developments excite you?

Myself and Elaine Jayne Buckley, MD, are now providing breast surgery services on the MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital campus. East Pierce patients previously had to travel for this type of care. What's more, Come Walk With Me (see page 23 for additional information) funds are helping us launch a dedicated breast health clinic, so women have a space designed for their experience. It's a monumental change.

## What's fulfilling about championing this work?

First: My interactions with patients. I love every story of inspiration and strength and hearing how they're recommitting to life after treatment. Second: Having a whole community behind us in this work is invigorating. Cancer care isn't an easy field, but we press on and move forward for our daughters, granddaughters and everyone who will need us this year, next year and 20 years from now.



Discover how philanthropy is driving care forward at MultiCare Cancer Institute:  
[give.multicare.org/oncology](https://give.multicare.org/oncology)



# Hope in high gear

April Bowden walks around Wapato Park, pointing at familiar offshoot trails and brush clearings turned into temporary camps.

“I used to live right here,” she says.

Only a year removed from these surroundings, April’s memory hasn’t had long to fade. Now, she’s living proof of her creed: “As soon as you change your mind, you can change your whole life.”

## The strength to accept help

In June 2024, April had been unhoused for eight years. As she was walking her new puppy Bossy Boy between U.S. Interstate 5 and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, she met mental health advocate Brandon Rabisa and Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare’s Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition (HOST) team.

“We talked to her and learned she wanted to get out of there and get off the streets,” Brandon recalls.

Supported by donors and administered by the Washington State Health Care Authority’s Recovery Support Services, the HOST program provides outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness and other health challenges, including substance use disorder (SUD). Multi-disciplinary teams offer behavioral health, medical, rehabilitative and peer services in the field to those without consistent access to care.

By that evening, the team had found a hotel room for April and soon helped her enroll in SUD treatment.

“They stored my stuff and made sure I had everything I needed,” she reflects. “They gave me a safe place without being overpowering or overbearing. It was a big relief that they were with me every step.”





As April began her recovery journey, Bossy Boy was temporarily placed with a foster family.

“To find someone that would take care of my dog while I took care of my life was amazing,” she says.

### **Charting a professional path**

While regaining her footing, the HOST team helped April overcome barriers to employment. Now equipped with documents like a birth certificate and social security card, they further connected her with a position driving shuttle buses for Pierce Transit.

April still remembers how it felt to share the news of her job offer.

“The excitement was electric,” she says. “When I was homeless for those years, I never felt like I had anybody. So, knowing I have this team of people that’s cheering me on has made me feel like, ‘You’re not alone; we’re in it with you.’”

That steady income enabled April to find an apartment, reunite with Bossy Boy, pay her bills, buy a car and even start putting some money away. In May, she used those savings to graduate from National Standard Trucking School in Milton with her Commercial Driver’s License.

Today, April is behind the wheel full-time as a semi-truck driver. She credits her many achievements to the wraparound support of people like Brandon, peer specialist Tesla Hanrahan and the entire HOST program.

While it’s been a group effort, Brandon knows that April’s determination has made all the difference.

“She just has so much drive,” he explains. “We can want it for every client we work with, but she’s wanted it from the get-go. She’s the real hero in all of this.”



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April Bowden



### Rediscovering hope

April's new reality has her seeing life through a different lens.

"For so long, I was just stuck in survival mode," she explains. "Now, it's dawned on me that anything is possible, and I never used to look at the future like that."

Everyday moments remind April just how far she's come. While parking her truck recently, she encountered someone from her past — who looked up and didn't recognize her. Realizing the distance she'd put between herself and her previous life, April was moved to tears.

"It felt so unbelievably good," she reflects.

To celebrate one year of recovery, April decided to skydive.

"If you had told me over a year ago that I'd be living on my own, driving semi-trucks and leaping out of planes, I would have laughed at you," she says.

### A community-backed effort

Donors are essential to HOST's ability to deliver whole-person care, allowing more clients to access critical support for transportation, basic needs and housing — all of which help build lasting stability.

"Having this kind of funding, especially for housing, is really the difference-maker in whether we change someone's life," Brandon says.

April thanks everyone who donates to the program that's given her a new trajectory and hopes it will impact even more people in her situation.

"HOST made it possible for my entire life to turn 180 degrees, from ruins to riches," she explains. "Not riches like money — it's more fulfilling than that. My life is rich because I know I have a second life now, and it's an amazing one."



**This season, your kindness can be someone's turning point. Scan now to help healing begin:**



# Small steps today, big impact tomorrow

In 2024, donors like you gave over \$3 million through realized legacy gifts. Your financial choices now make a transformative difference for the next generation of care.

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*Please notify us if you've already included MultiCare in your plans, so we can say thanks!*





# It takes a village to bring a child into the world

Streamers, gift bags and baked goods are baby shower mainstays. What's not so typical? Having eight expectant mothers collectively celebrating their upcoming births.

This was the scene — complete with friendship bracelet making and onesie tie-dyeing — at a recent CenteringPregnancy appointment.

Earlier this year, MultiCare Inland Northwest Foundation supporters helped bring the group prenatal care model to MultiCare Rockwood Clinic – OB/GYN & Midwifery Center.

“Where with traditional prenatal care you spend a short amount of time with your provider one-on-one, this is a two-hour long visit where you get one-on-one time with a provider, as well as most of the time is spent in the group,” explains Dani Whitmore, a certified nurse-midwife at the clinic. “We’re creating an environment where our patients are able to make friends and get support.”

A Centering group consists of up to 12 pregnant patients due in the same month who meet with

Dani for 10 prenatal visits. After taking their own weight and blood pressure, the moms participate in facilitated discussions and enjoy interactive activities, tackling topics from nutrition to labor preparation to breastfeeding.

Not only does this approach create community and provide access to care — a challenge across many OBGYN offices, says practice manager Kiara Ficklin, MBA, CMA — but research also shows that group prenatal care lowers the risk of preterm birth and low birth weight, while increasing patient satisfaction.

## Meet Addison and Jaclyn

Addison Harrod, M.Ed, and Jaclyn Wardell, RN, are part of Rockwood Clinic’s first Centering cohort.

A work-from-home mom of a 2-year-old and two goldendoodles, Addison craved stronger, in-person connections when navigating her second pregnancy.

“When this opportunity for Centering came about, it really excited me because I don't get to interact with



From left, Addison and Jaclyn are part of Rockwood Clinic's September 2025 Centering cohort

a lot of people except for virtually," she explains. "Being able to have this group of women that I can share my experiences with and get my feelings and my stresses and my fears validated is so nice and has helped so much with just not feeling alone."

Like Addison, Jaclyn also has a 2-year-old and embraced the chance to do prenatal care differently. A pre-op MultiCare Deaconess Hospital nurse herself, she asked to join the group even as her baby was due a month before everyone else's.

"I'm new to the area, and it's a new way to make mom friends," Jaclyn says. "There are a lot of second-time moms in this group, which is so fun because pregnancy with a toddler is different than a first pregnancy. We've been pregnant before but being able to relate as moms is so helpful, as well.

"We plan to keep up with each other and get together with all of our babies," she continues. "It's going to be so nice to have the support of other moms who are going through the same thing at the same time."

#### **A passion project realized through philanthropy**

Dani remembers her own pregnancy journey as being very isolating. Not yet a nurse or midwife, she was the first of her friends to have a baby.

"Pregnancy is hard," Dani says. "Pregnancy is isolating, especially when you don't have good family support. It's why I really wanted to see how we can create this group prenatal care."

Buoyed by Foundation donations, Dani, Kiara and the Rockwood Clinic team are lifting up moms like Addison and Jaclyn, affording that critical peer-to-peer connection as early as 12 to 16 weeks.

"Without the donors, we would not be doing this," Kiara says, noting Centering's costs, like annual licensing, extensive training and expensive patient books. "These women wouldn't have the sense of community without the donors' help."

Jaclyn echoes that gratitude.

"New moms need so much more support than their spouse and family," she says. "Thank you to the donors for getting this started. They say it takes a village, and it really does."

# Nurse finds purpose, gratitude in her fight

Katie Dutton, RN, is no stranger to MultiCare's South Sound hospitals. In 2022, she joined the health system as a float nurse, starting each shift in a different inpatient unit. Over the course of a year, Katie worked in over 20 units across five hospitals.

Her familiarity with MultiCare Cancer Institute, however, didn't begin until she became a patient herself.

## Searching for answers

Katie first noticed blood in her stool while she was a travel nurse. Doctors thought it was hemorrhoids and recommended more fiber, which didn't resolve her symptoms. In 2023, Katie established primary care at MultiCare Family Medicine Center with Marissa Robinson, MD, who promptly ordered a colonoscopy.

A scope revealed a polyp too large to remove during the procedure, but a biopsy came back negative for cancer. That's when she was referred to colorectal surgeon Laila Rashidi, MD, and medical oncologist Jennifer Slim, DO, at donor-supported MultiCare Cancer Institute.

While cancer was suspected, multiple scans and tests were inconclusive. But Katie's team kept digging. A fourth biopsy of the polyp finally confirmed their suspicions.

"I'll never forget — it was Black Friday when Dr. Rashidi called me to tell me the results," Katie recalls. "Cancer in the mass was finally found. I started chemo within a week."





### **A quick response**

Katie initially went through eight rounds of chemotherapy, surgery to resect the tumor and two additional months of chemo. Her partner Drew was by her side at every appointment.

In May 2025, a follow-up scan showed a tiny nodule on Katie's lung, which pathology verified was metastasis from her now stage 4 colorectal cancer. Two months later, she underwent minimally invasive surgery using the Ion robotic-assisted bronchoscopy system at MultiCare Cancer Institute – Tacoma General Hospital. One of only three systems in Washington state, it allowed Katie's surgeons to safely identify and remove the nodule rather than wait for the cancer to grow big enough to cut out, risking further spread.

"I'm very, very lucky MultiCare has one of these systems," she says. "Today, there's no evidence of disease in my body, and I'm feeling healthy and strong, which I'm grateful for."

### **Experience inspires action**

After her diagnosis, Katie knew she needed a role that could accommodate her treatment schedule. An open position at the MultiCare Cancer Institute – Gig Harbor clinic seemed meant to be.

"I realized I needed people who knew me and understood what I was going through," she explains. "I also loved the idea of working in oncology because I felt like I could make my experience mean something, and I could turn this seemingly horrible thing into helping others."

Katie has not only found a support network in her colleagues, but also a new way to connect with patients.

"It's been really therapeutic for me to work there," she says. "I can really connect with my patients because I've been through what they're going through. It makes me feel like we're fighting together — like we got this."

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#### **A future shaped by generosity**

Backed by generous community support, MultiCare Cancer Institute is building a robust, statewide network to provide exceptional cancer care, while minimizing the need to travel. In Gig Harbor, donors are helping expand treatment spaces, fund state-of-the-art equipment and ensure personalized navigation throughout a patient’s journey.

As both a care team member and former patient, Katie is excited for what’s ahead.

“I’m looking forward to our patients continuing to have access to the most modern treatments and the best care teams,” she explains. “Advancements happen fast. Ten years ago, my diagnosis would mean lifelong, palliative chemo. Investing in growth and development really does save lives. I believe it saved mine.”





# Empowering families, inspiring future providers

When Matthew Henriques signed up as a volunteer for a community outreach opportunity, it was simply another requirement on the path to earning his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU) in Yakima. But what began as checking a box quickly became a meaningful experience.

In his final semester, Matthew and fellow students volunteered with ACT! at MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital, a 13-week, evidence-based program that helps families build healthier habits through nutrition education and exercise.

Designed for children ages 8 to 14 with a body mass index above the 85th percentile and their parents/guardians and siblings, ACT! empowers each family member to make lasting lifestyle changes together. Participants engage in hands-on cooking demonstrations, learn about portion sizes and food labels, and get moving with fun, interactive physical activities through a joint gym membership at the Yakima YMCA.

“It gave me a powerful opportunity to use my education and give back to my community,” Matthew reflects.

## **Diving in and making an impact**

After observing the first few sessions, PNWU students led ACT!'s physical activity portion

themselves, creating stretches, games and challenges tailored to a diverse group of participants.

“Our goal was to amplify what the program was already doing and keep it enjoyable,” Matthew shares. “We had a blast.”

Last year, more than 150 community members participated in ACT! across four sessions in English and four in Spanish. Survey results show 94 percent ate more fruits and vegetables daily, 83 percent cut back on sugary drinks and screen time dropped by 80 percent. Nearly half chose to keep their YMCA memberships.

Matthew is grateful to have played a role in helping families increase their health knowledge and make more informed choices.

“The ACT! program is doing an amazing job reaching kids and their parents, and it was an honor to volunteer,” he says.

Thanks to generous donor support through Memorial Foundation, ACT! continues to expand, inspiring future health care providers like Matthew and equipping Yakima Valley families with the tools, information and confidence to lead healthier lives.



## Thurston County's next difference-makers

In Thurston County, the future of health care philanthropy is in good hands.

MultiCare Capital Foundation's Next Generation Advisory Council is bringing together emerging leaders and community advocates to help address the region's growing health needs.

### United for a purpose

Launched in January 2025, the council will provide fresh perspective and insight into MultiCare Capital Foundation's fundraising priorities, while giving these passionate professionals an opportunity to develop their health care knowledge and connections.

"This group is a bridge to the future," says Cecelia Loveless, MultiCare Capital Foundation executive director. "By centering their voices and development, we're strengthening our philanthropic work today and empowering our leaders of tomorrow."

Meeting bimonthly, the 18-person council participates in educational sessions about health trends, engages in networking and leadership development experiences, and helps share the Foundation's mission of supporting MultiCare Capital Medical Center.

"What's exciting is the council is just getting started and figuring out what goals they want to pursue," Cecelia explains. "We want them to inform their own direction because they have such a passion for this community."

### A legacy of service

Hayden Milligan (pictured above in a white floral dress) joined the council at its inception — with longstanding ties to Olympia. As a child, her family owned an animal hospital on Steamboat Island, and she watched her parents regularly give back through Rotary, hospital boards and after-school events.



Now raising four kids with her husband while working for WellHaven Pet Health, Hayden is committed to carrying on those same values.

“There’s something about being home in Olympia and serving the people who served you growing up,” she explains. “It’s just really, really motivating.”

Coincidentally, Hayden was already familiar with Capital Medical Center before joining the council. When she was young, her dad made veterinary house calls for the hospital’s founder, Angela J. Bowen, MD, who became a close family friend.

“Dr. Bowen was an amazing force to be reckoned with,” Hayden reflects. “I’m honored to be part of something that she was part of.”

### **Investing in hometown care**

Hayden’s children have taught her even more about the importance of care close to home. She’s appreciated taking her kids to a nearby Mary Bridge Children’s pediatrics clinic and wants to expand that level of local access for even more services and specialties.

“Wherever I can lean in and support MultiCare, my hand is raised — both hands are raised to help,” Hayden says.

Her first council meetings have given her confidence that she’s in the right place.

“I looked around the room and thought that these are the future movers and shakers of doing good here,” Hayden shares. “I want to be with these people.”

The council member looks forward to discovering what her greater community needs from health care and philanthropy, while staying grounded in what real impact can look like.

“Maybe there’s a family that I don’t even know, and never will know, that will benefit from the energy and passion I have to make sure somebody has a health care resource in their time of need,” Hayden says.

# MultiCare Foundations *Events*

## Recaps

### Crush for Cancer

During Memorial Foundation's inaugural Crush for Cancer dinner auction on September 4, Yakima Valley came together to champion oncology care through MultiCare Cancer Institute – North Star Lodge. The event honored local patients and families, celebrating their collective strength in the fight against cancer.

[memfound.org/crushforcancer](http://memfound.org/crushforcancer)



### Golf to Give Classic

At Memorial Foundation's annual Golf to Give Classic on September 18, community members teed off in support of children's health care programs at Yakima Memorial and Children's Village.

[memfound.org/golf](http://memfound.org/golf)

### Rock the Foundation

At MultiCare Health Foundation's Rock the Foundation fundraising party on September 27, attendees saw how investing in emergency and trauma care at MultiCare Tacoma General and Allenmore Hospitals strengthens our community through Lucas Smiraldo's story, whose life was saved by a donor-powered, in-field whole blood program.

[rockthefoundation.org](http://rockthefoundation.org)





### Sip, Savor, Support

Guests dined for a great cause at MultiCare Capital Foundation's inaugural fundraising brunch on October 3. Proceeds will help build a comprehensive breast health center at Capital Medical Center — the first of its kind in the region.

[give.multicare.org/capital](http://give.multicare.org/capital)

### Come Walk With Me

On October 4, over 2,000 pink-clad participants hit the streets of Sumner, walking and fundraising in support of breast cancer patients and critical breast health programs at Good Samaritan through MultiCare Cancer Institute.

[comewalkwithmenow.org](http://comewalkwithmenow.org)



## Upcoming



Proceeds across Festival of Trees events will benefit the new Mary Bridge Children's hospital campus expansion, so more kids like Iris can access world-class pediatric care

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- ✦ **Gala | December 6** 👠  
 This black-tie affair features a gourmet dinner set for royalty, live tree auction and high-energy entertainment by SWAY; tickets are \$350 per person.

[festivaloftreestacoma.org](http://festivaloftreestacoma.org)



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