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20 Years of the Gala of Hope

Twenty years ago, local community member Bev Martin started the first ever Gala of Hope: Denim & Diamonds (picture center in photo with 2023 Gala Chair Shannon Hayes, IHF 2023 President Dr. Paul Hammer, IH CEO Elise Cutter, and former IHF Executive Director Janie Crane). After losing her husband to cancer, Bev was faced with a choice: "Are you going to suffer, or are you going to serve?" She chose to serve, and because she did, countless patient lives have been touched by the funds raised over the years at the Gala of Hope.

At the 20th Annual Gala of Hope in 2023, over \$500,000 was raised, including \$335,145 in support through Heartstrings 'Raise the Paddle', making a transformational impact on a department at the center of healthcare: Diagnostic Technologies.



For many patients, Diagnostics Technologies are the key to their care plan, and having the best technology close to home makes a big difference.

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2023-2024 GRATITUDE REPORT

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GALA OF HOPE

Join us April 27, 2024

www.myIHF.org/gala-of-hope

Island Health Foundation Celebrates 45 Years!

Forty-five years ago, a group of visionary neighbors saw a need to support our small community hospital and created the Island Health Foundation. Today, thanks to the ongoing generosity of donors, IHF has reached every corner of Island Health, supporting its growth from a small hospital to an award-winning healthcare system.

The millions of dollars donated since 1978 have nurtured numerous programs and services - from establishing an endowment that serves as a steady undercurrent of stability, to supporting community health initiatives, aiding patients in need, upgrading essential technology, and transforming healthcare in ways unimaginable 45 years ago.



Elliott Johnson
President
Island Health Foundation

For more than 45 years, the Island Health Foundation (IHF) has been dedicated to enhancing the current and future health care needs of Anacortes residents, visitors and our surrounding community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of IHF, I want to thank the many individuals, businesses and foundations who in 2023 helped us raise over \$2M. Your donations made it possible for Island Health to add new life-saving technology and state-of-the-art equipment, improve facilities, provide mental health services in our schools, offer community health classes and screenings, and take a huge step forward in support of the hospital's Emergency Services Project.

I want to take a moment to thank outgoing IHF Board Members Brian Hayes, Connie Miller and Laura Brown-Snider and Executive Director Janie Crane for their years of generous and dedicated support. At the same time we are thrilled to welcome new board members Denis Law, Cameron Hunt, Sandy Norris and Jeremy Price, and new Executive Director Marta McClintock to our team.

In this report, we are excited to celebrate some of the successes your generosity made possible. At the same time, we are looking to the future knowing that our small public hospital continues to face financial challenges due to the gaps between the cost to run our hospital and the revenue received.

Again, we are incredibly grateful to all of you and we hope that you will continue to partner with us as we create a healthier community together.

Your support is critical in helping sustain 5-star quality healthcare close to home.

IHF Supports Emergency Services Project

Island Health has undergone a major update to facilities to enhance emergency services so you, your loved ones and neighbors have access to emergency care when needed most. Island Health is relocating the helicopter pad from the north parking lot to the roof of our Acute Care Unit. This project also includes updates to the Emergency Department (ED) and Main Entrance (24th Street). IHF is proud to support this effort with a major gift of \$1.5M. Key highlights and benefits of the project include:

- ✓ Relocate helicopter pad to roof, closer to the Emergency Department
- ✓ Enhance building security for patients and staff
- ✓ Improve flight path for airlifts
- ✓ Create a true “front door” to Island Health on 24th Street
- ✓ Enable expansion of the 24th Street parking lot for expanded clinic space
- ✓ Improve patient flow and wayfinding



Thank you for giving the gift of a warm welcome to babies at Island Health.

Donations in support of #GivingTuesday helped IHF purchase a new "Panda Warmer" for our Birth Center.

Panda Warmers are present at every single birth and help ensure babies in our community get the best, safest and warmest welcome.

Cover: HF Sinclair presents a donation for a portable X-Ray machine to Island Health. Pictured are: Steve Lang, General Manager of HF Sinclair; Duane Dent, Safety ER Specialist; Elise Cutter, CEO of Island Health; Leslie Symonds, IHF Relationship Manager; Lisa Lee, Diagnostic Imaging Manager and Kris Carol, X-ray/CT Technologist



DID YOU KNOW?
Island Health has a Level 3 Trauma designation and is a Department of Health Level 2 Category organization for both stroke and cardiac events. In order to receive and maintain these distinctions, patients must have access to CT technology 24/7.
Your support of Diagnostic Technologies through the 2023 Gala of Hope supported the continuation of this vital emergency service to our community.

YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

2023 DONATIONS HELPED FUND:

- Panda Warmers for the Birth Center
- Mental Health support through our award-winning Schools Intervention Program
- New Technology and Equipment
- ED Patient Navigator
- Urology Department Support
- Diagnostic Technologies including: upgrade to HD Mammography, MRI Safe Monitor, Portable X-Ray Unit & Detector Trauma X-Ray Room
- Mental Health General Support
- Patient Relief Funds
- COL Richard Iversen Scholarship Fund
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Funding

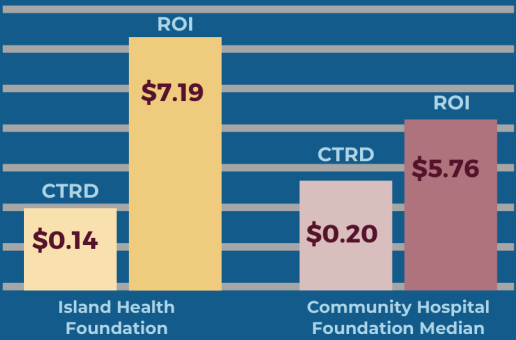


- Cancer Care/Oncology Relief Funds
- Chaplain Services
- New Treadmill in Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation
- Emergency Services Project - Helipad, renovated spaces and many upgrades to the Emergency Department



- Health Education Classes & Screenings
- Diabetes Education Classes

LOWER COST. HIGHER RETURN.



Stewardship Metrics 2023

Cost to Raise a Dollar (CTRD) measures efficiency. Return on Investment (ROI) measures effectiveness.

Island Health Foundation ranks in the top 25% of community hospitals and has been recognized by the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy with High Performer Status.

THANK YOU! We gratefully acknowledge all the individuals, foundations, organizations and businesses that made it possible for us to fulfill our mission and commitment to the health of our community.

\$2,091,303

Total Amount Raised 2023

711

Total Number of Donors



We thank these businesses for championing healthcare close to home.



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