



# 2025 Gratitude Report

*Channeling Generosity into Impact*

## Our Mission:

To raise funds to support Island Health and its commitment to community health.

# A Message From Our President

I have always felt that access to quality healthcare and comprehensive emergency services, particularly in a small rural community is a privilege, not a right. And as we all know today, it's becoming much more challenging for hospitals throughout the country to survive, given the high cost of healthcare and divided political agendas.

Anacortes and surrounding communities have benefitted from being served by Island Health since 1962, and despite many of the hurdles that exist today, the hospital has been able to continue increasing and improving levels of healthcare services available to local residents. This includes the success of recruiting additional well-trained and dedicated medical staff, and new services that meet the current needs of local residents.

The ability to continue with improvements in services is thanks to the generous individuals, local businesses and others who, once again, helped the Island Health Foundation raise more than \$2,000,000 this past year. In 2025 alone, the Foundation was in a position to fund well over \$3,000,000 in support of new services and equipment at the hospital, as well as supporting the addition of Island Orthopedics that has already served over 4,900 patients since its opening last spring. In addition to helping with the funding of state-of-the-art technology, programs to support local students and residents have also been maintained, including sports physicals and mental health programs for Anacortes students. We also support the Community Paramedicine Program provided through the Anacortes Fire Department, and the Emergency Department Social Worker Program. The list goes on.

For the past four years, Island Health has been rated as a 5-star hospital by Medicare, one of only nine hospitals in Washington to earn this honor, and is recognized as one of the top hospitals in the country for superior quality and service. On behalf of the Island Health Foundation Board of Directors and Staff, I want to sincerely thank all of our donors who have helped make a big difference in the growth and level of services at Island Health. We are fortunate to have a very engaged board representing the Anacortes community, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you and hospital leadership in advancing quality healthcare services this year and beyond.



*Denis Law*  
Board President  
Island Health Foundation

## 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

# \$2,030,107

Total Amount Raised In 2025

**732**

Donors

**2,703**

Number of Gifts

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Island Health Foundation in 2025. Your generosity enables us to continue making a meaningful impact where it is needed most.



**\$3,296,759**

TOTAL Grants and Distributions to Island Health in 2025



**\$730,543**

Raised at 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala of Hope—Back to Black



**19**

Iversen Scholarships Awarded



**44,111**

Patients Impacted in 2025

# How We Raise Funds

**Island Health Foundation** (formerly Island Hospital Foundation) was established in 1978 and has spent nearly five decades strengthening care in our community. Through philanthropy—including donations, grants, special events and planned giving—we help fund life-saving and diagnostic equipment, sustain critical programs, expand service lines and support initiatives that improve access to high-quality care.

Below are some of the ways we raise these funds:



## Legacy Gifts

Many of our most significant gifts are made through planned or legacy giving. **Gifts left through wills and trusts**, like the one from Arletta Rae Allen (pictured left), help ensure that future generations will continue to benefit from the same quality healthcare that you value today.



## Business and Foundation Support

Community Care Partners (CCP) are businesses who support the Foundation through gala sponsorships or general giving. In 2025, longtime CCPs Elliott and Molly Johnson of Haven Financial funded a new stair climber for Cardiopulmonary Rehab (pictured left), enhancing rehabilitation services and supporting patient recovery. See the full list of CCPs on page 4.

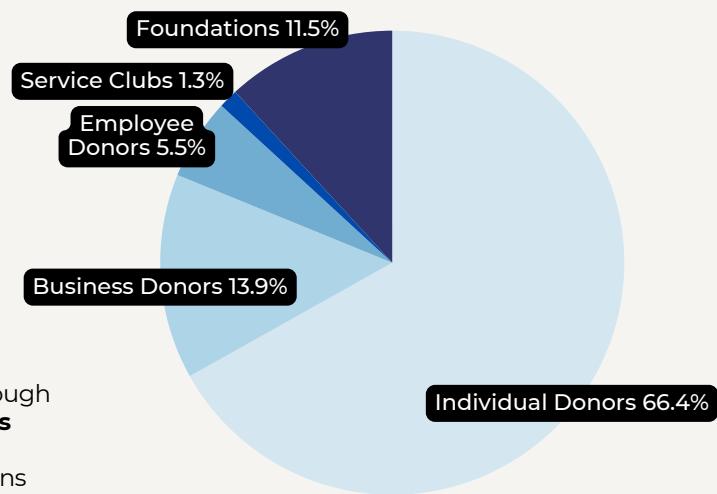


## Service Club Contributions

Local service clubs strengthen our community, and we are grateful that many—including Rotary, Kiwanis, Soroptimist and others—support the Foundation. In 2025, the Kiwanis Sunrisers contributed to our Community Paramedic, while the Kiwanis Noon Club supported our ED Patient Navigator. Together these individuals (Steve and Lauren pictured left) provided compassionate, preventative care to our most vulnerable residents.



## IHF Donation Income Streams



## Gifts from Individuals—including Employees and Grateful Patients



Most donations to the Foundation come from individual donors, including **employees, community members and grateful patients**. Employee gifts—like that of Jarica Quick, RN (pictured above with Pearle Peterson)—are especially impactful and have a ripple effect, strengthening our hospital, inspiring community confidence, and expanding the care we provide to patients and families.

## 22nd Annual Gala of Hope



Island Health Foundation's 22nd Annual Gala of Hope—*Back to Black*, held April 26, 2025, was a record-breaking success, raising **\$730,543 in support of Island Health**. Of that total, **\$455,503 was designated for the purchase of the da Vinci 5 surgical robot**, advancing minimally invasive care for Island Urology, Gynecology and General Surgery.

# The Impact We



**IHF is proud to support  
5-star care at Island Health.**



## LABOR & DELIVERY

Labor & Delivery received new fetal monitoring carts and additional equipment.



## DA VINCI 5 SURGICAL ROBOT

Support for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala of Hope facilitated the purchase of the da Vinci 5 surgical robot.



## ISLAND ORTHOPEDICS

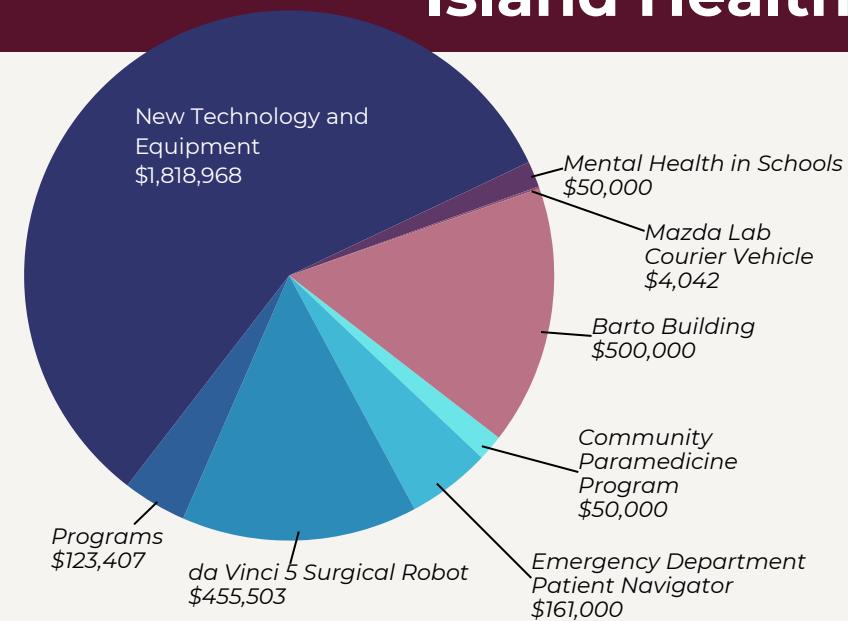
IHF was proud to support the purchase of new equipment to support the opening of Island Orthopedics. Since its opening, Island Orthopedics has seen well over 4,900 patients.



## ISLAND SPECIALTY CARE

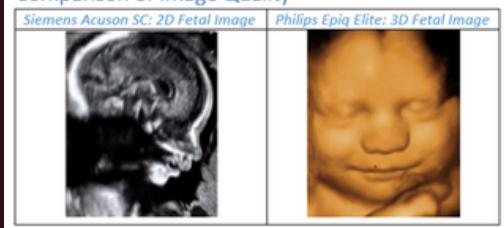
Thanks to Jerry and Jan Barto—and several other generous donors—IHF funded the renovation of Island Specialty Care - 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, now known as the Barto Building and home to Island Pulmonology and Island Urology.

## 2025 Grants and Distributions to Island Health \$3,296,759



- Over \$1,000,000 funded in December 2025 for capital equipment including three (3) HD ultrasounds and two (2) echocardiogram systems
- Over \$500,000 to help renovate the Barto Building – Island Specialty Care, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street
- \$700,000 to purchase equipment to help open Island Orthopedics
- \$800,432 provided for new technology and equipment through designated donations to Labor and Delivery, Surgical Services, Urology, Cardiopulmonary and many other departments
- \$455,503 raised during “Heartstrings” to help purchase the da Vinci 5 surgical robot
- \$161,000 to support our Emergency Department Patient Navigator Program
- \$50,000 to support the Community Paramedicine Program in partnership with Island Health and the Anacortes Fire Department
- \$50,000 to support mental health in our schools
- \$4,042 to continue lease of Mazda lab courier vehicle
- \$123,407 to support programs including diabetes education and nearly 50 health education classes, as well as Pastoral Care Services and our Patient Relief Fund

### Comparison of Image Quality



## NEW ULTRASOUNDS FOR IH

The Foundation raised funds through our holiday campaign to purchase three new 4D ultrasounds—a huge step forward from our existing 2D black and white systems.

**In 2025, the Island Health Foundation impacted nearly every department at Island Health and partnered with Island Health employees, medical staff and care teams to support 5-star care.**

# Made in 2025



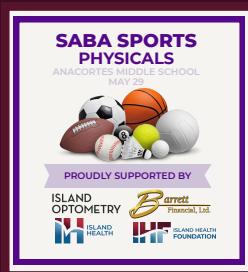
## MENTAL HEALTH

IHF continues to support mental health in our local schools through a partnership with NWESD and through events including our Youth Mental Health Night held last fall featuring Island Health Child Psychiatrist Dr. Shad Ali. This event was open to all members of the community. To watch his presentation, please scan the QR code.



## SPORTS PHYSICALS

IHF partnered with Island Health, Barrett Financial and Island Optometry in the spring of 2025 to ensure every student, regardless of financial status, had access to a comprehensive sports physical.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

IHF is proud to support the *Colonel Richard Iversen Scholarship* which honors the memory of the late Colonel Richard Iversen. In 2025, we provided career development opportunities for 19 employees of Island Health.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH

IHF is proud to fund community health education classes, including diabetes education, for free or at low cost.

Scan the QR code for a list of upcoming classes.



## Community Care Partners

Thank you to the following businesses and service clubs who committed their support as Community Care Partners for 2025.



American Health Connection • Anacortes Lions Club • Anacortes Rotary Club • Banner Bank • Barrett Financial • Botesch, Nath & Hall • Bubba Sudz • Burton Jewelers • CarePayment • Chandler's Group • Christ Episcopal Church • Cigna Healthcare • ConocoPhillips Polar Tankers • Corebridge Financial • Corient • Crothall Healthcare • Dakota Creek Industries • Edward Jones – Troy Kunz • Evans Funeral Home • Farmers Insurance – Curtis Payne • Haven Financial • Heritage Bank • HF Sinclair • IMA • iNK Home Inspections • Karla DeCamp Photography • Keystone Construction • Kiwanis Club of Anacortes • Kiwanis Sunrisers • Knights of Columbus • LabCorp • Marathon • Merchants Credit Association • Nantucket Inn • North Sound Oral & Facial – Pardeep Brar, DMD • Ogden, Murphy, Wallace Attorneys • Pathnistics • Peoples Bank • Quantum Construction • Rakan Alduaij Photography • Restorix Health • Skagit Radiology • Skagit Woodstock • Somnia Anesthesia • Soroptimist International Club of Anacortes • Team Health • Team Kelli Lang • Thomas Cuisine • Tradewinds Insurance • Vertical Images Northwest • Virginia Mason Franciscan Health • Western Washington Medical Group • Wipfli • Your Story Foundation



## SKAGIT WOODSTOCK



If your business is interested in becoming a Community Care Partner, please contact the Foundation or scan the QR code to learn more.

For the past eight years, IHF has received generous funding from **Skagit Woodstock** and **Your Story** to support cancer care in our community. Thanks to these two independent groups and their annual events, IHF is able to support cancer patients through many parts of their journey—including lab work, diagnostic imaging, certain surgeries, and supportive infusion therapies. IHF also offers a robust **Medical Relief Fund** that helps cover transportation, lodging and other unexpected costs that often arise during cancer treatment.

# The Need



## WHY ARE DONATIONS NEEDED?

Philanthropy plays a vital role in closing the financial gap between the true cost of delivering healthcare and the reimbursement received from insurance providers and government payers. Generous giving to the Island Health Foundation keeps high-quality care close to home and ensures essential resources are available to meet the evolving needs of our small, rural, public hospital.

## On The Horizon

### 23RD ANNUAL GALA OF HOPE

While we celebrate the incredible successes of 2025, there is still so much to do!



Inpatient care teams are excited for upgrades and renovations to patient rooms which will result from donations from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala of Hope.

### Foundation to Launch Inpatient Room Campaign

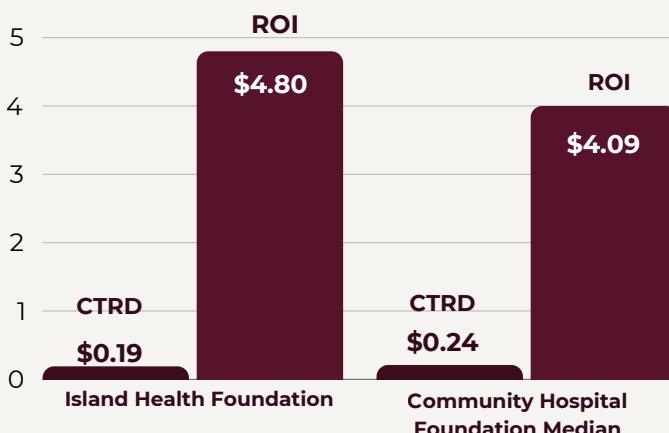
The 23rd Annual Gala of Hope—*The Heart of Healing*—will raise funds to **modernize the hospital's 25 inpatient rooms**—spaces that have served our community for more than 20 years.

These renovations will create quieter, more welcoming rooms with modern technology that improves comfort, safety and efficiency for **patients, families and caregivers**.

Read more about our April 25, 2026 **Red Ball** on the back cover of this report. Or scan here to learn more.



## Lower Cost. Higher Return.



### Stewardship Metrics 2025

- Cost to Raise a Dollar (CTRD)** measures efficiency. The Foundation spends \$0.19 to raise \$1. This is below the national average for health organizations of \$0.24 to raise a dollar.
- Return on Investment (ROI)** measures effectiveness. For every dollar invested in the Foundation operations, almost \$5 is returned to Island Health.

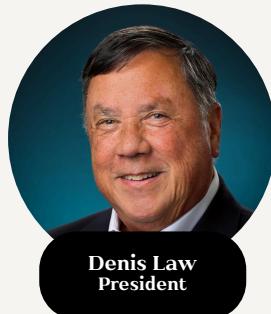
Island Health Foundation ranks in the **top 20%** of community hospital foundations and has been recognized by the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy with **High Performer Status**.

# Our Team



The Island Health Foundation Board and team are dedicated to advancing our mission of enhancing healthcare and wellness in our community. With fresh perspectives, diverse expertise, and a shared commitment to making a difference, this team brings renewed energy and vision to our organization. Together, we look forward to building on our legacy of support for Island Health and fostering impactful connections with our generous donors and partners.

## 2026 Board of Directors



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## 23RD ANNUAL GALA OF HOPE

The Heart of Healing  
*a love letter  
to our patients and families*

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Swinomish Casino and Lodge



Join the 2026 Gala Committee (pictured above) for a sumptuous and festive **Red Ball**

The 23rd Annual Gala of Hope—*The Heart of Healing*—will raise funds to modernize and renovate the 25 inpatient rooms in our hospital—spaces that have served our community for more than two decades—and are now in need of some serious tender loving care.

Philanthropic support will make this transformation possible.

*For tickets and gala information, visit [myihf.org/gala-of-hope](http://myihf.org/gala-of-hope).*

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Let's continue creating a healthy community together.

### Donate Today:

Scan the QR code above or follow the link below to make a donation.

[islandhealthfoundation.org/donate](http://islandhealthfoundation.org/donate)

### Planned Giving:

Consider leaving a legacy of support by including Island Health Foundation in your will or trust.

### Meet With Us:

Stop by the office or call 360.299.4201 to make an appointment.

### Participate in the 2026 Gala:

Scan here for more information:



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