



# 2026

## ISLAND HEALTH FOUNDATION SPRING IN REVIEW



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#### Our Mission:

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



*Building a healthier community.  
Together.*

Your Island Health Foundation has been busy!

In this Spring 2026 newsletter, we are excited to share updates on several important initiatives and milestones made possible through the generosity of our community. Most notably, we are celebrating the record-breaking success of our **23rd Annual Gala of Hope** and the tremendous momentum behind our campaign to modernize 25 inpatient rooms at Island Health. We are profoundly grateful to every individual, family and business whose support is helping transform patient care at Island Health.

We also continue to invest in critical equipment, like a new echocardiogram and three 4D ultrasounds, plus essential programs that strengthen the health and well-being of our community every day. These include mental health support in our schools, the Community Paramedicine Program, the Emergency Department Patient Navigator, medical relief grants, and health education initiatives that expand access to care and resources for those who need them most.

Because of your generosity, our small public hospital continues to remain at the forefront of innovation, compassion and exceptional care. Your support touches countless lives across our community, and we are honored to partner with you in advancing the mission of health and healing.

Thank you for sharing your heart with Island Health.

With gratitude,

*Denis Law*



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# 23RD ANNUAL GALA OF HOPE



This year's "Heartstrings" Raise the Paddle officially launched the Foundation's **\$1.6 million campaign to modernize 25 inpatient rooms at Island Health**. These spaces have cared for more than 58,000 patients over the past two decades and are now desperately in need of some tender loving care. This important project will transform the rooms—adding smart beds, in-room computers and additional advanced technology, updated finishes and more to better serve patients, families and care teams.

The 23rd Annual Gala of Hope was a record-breaking success, welcoming **374 guests and raising nearly \$1.2 million** in support of the project. A few highlights from the event:

- 374 guests dressed in their finest red and black tie attire
- 48 generous sponsors from our business community and hospital vendors
- Nearly 100 Island Health employees joined us, including 27 current or retired physicians
- 19 exciting live auction packages—including 3 unforgettable travel video introductions
- A \$6,096 shopping spree at Burton's Jewelers
- An unforgettable evening led by incredible auctioneer and radio host, Gee Scott



To see the videos shared at the Gala of Hope, visit our YouTube channel



The **Island Health Foundation Philanthropy Award** was established in 2018 to recognize Jerry and Jan Barto for their extraordinary generosity and transformative commitment to the patients, programs and future of Island Health. Since then, the Foundation has proudly honored individuals, businesses and community partners who have gone above and beyond in their support of healthcare in our community. This year, the Foundation was honored to present four Philanthropy Awards recognizing outstanding contributions in the Individual Donor, Business, Service Club and Volunteer of the Year categories.



Jan Iversen  
*Individual*



Quantum Constuction  
*Business*



Anacortes Noon Rotary  
*Service Club*



Karla DeCamp  
*Volunteer of the Year*

# Celebrating One Year of Robotic Surgeries at Island Health!

In May 2025, the Island Health Foundation helped purchase the da Vinci 5 surgical robot for Island Health. Over the past year, our surgical teams have utilized this state-of-the-art technology to perform **over 140 procedures** with **greater precision, smaller incisions and improved recovery times for patients**. From routine procedures to more complex cases, this innovation has allowed us to provide safer, more advanced care right here in our community.



## May is Mental Health Month

Island Health continues to respond to the need for mental health services for youth and families across our community:

- Through a **partnership with the Northwest Educational School District (NWESD), two mental health professionals are now supporting students across seven local schools.**
- In the **Emergency Department, patient navigation and crisis intervention services** provided support to more than 900 patients in 2025, connecting individuals and families with essential mental health, housing, substance abuse, and social resources.
- The Foundation's **Patient Relief Fund** also continues to provide flexible, barrier-free support for counseling access and urgent patient needs.

These programs reflect Island Health's ongoing commitment to strengthening mental health resources and ensuring compassionate care is available when and where it's needed most.

The Foundation hosted a special event last year focused on youth mental health led by Island Health Psychiatrist Dr. Shad Ali.

To watch Dr. Ali's presentation, **"Is My Kid Ok?"** please visit our YouTube channel here:



**Shad Ali, MD**  
Psychiatrist

## May is Women's Health Month

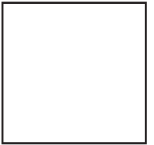
May is Women's Health Month—a time to recognize the importance of preventive care, early detection and whole-person wellness for women of all ages. Island Health and the Island Health Foundation are proud to support women's health through compassionate care, advanced Diagnostic Imaging services and programs that help women in our community access the care they need close to home.

In celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Foundation will also host a **Women's Health event this October featuring Island Health physicians speaking on breast health, hormone replacement therapy, bone density and more**—with opportunities for attendees to ask questions in an intimate setting. Guests will also enjoy a super silent auction featuring upscale clothing, handbags, jewelry, home décor and more. To learn more or be added to the invitation list, please call the Foundation.



## Thank You & Best Wishes In Your New Role!

Our sincere thanks to Mason Cole for his dedicated service as Foundation Operations Coordinator over the past two years. His hard work, creativity and commitment have made a lasting impact on the Foundation. While we will miss Mason in this role, we are excited to share that he will be transitioning into the position of Volunteer Services Supervisor at Island Health. This new opportunity reflects his passion for supporting others and his ongoing commitment to our organization. Please join us in congratulating Mason on this exciting next chapter!



*Thank You*

**to our 2026 Community Care Partners for  
championing healthcare close to home.**



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Pictured: Molly & Elliott Johnson of Haven Financial with Pearle Peterson of Island Health Foundation

The Community Care Partner (CCP) Program offers businesses a meaningful way to support Island Health and invest in the future of quality healthcare.

Call Pearle Peterson at 360.299.4962 to learn more about becoming a CCP.

Thank you **Barrett Financial** for  
being the Presenting Sponsor  
for SABA Sports Physical Night!

**SABA SPORTS  
PHYSICAL NIGHT**

ANACORTES MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MAY 28, 5:30 - 7:30

Island Health Foundation, Island Health and Island Optometry are proud to partner with SABA to provide sports physicals, made possible through the generous support of Presenting Sponsor, **Barrett Financial**.

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