

## Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation - Winter 2022

# FOUNDATION FOCUS

Furthering the mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983



### From the Desk of the Executive Director



As 2022 gets into full swing, we have many exciting Foundation updates to share. The Foundation team, with the support of our Board of Trustees and Members, has been very busy over the past few months growing our new Planned Giving and Grateful Patient Programs, alongside other important initiatives like fundraising for the Hospital's Maternal & Child Health programs.

We were truly amazed by the support of our community members, who helped us raise over \$27,000 to support Washington Hospital's Maternal & Child Health programs.

In January, at the Foundation's Annual Meeting, Trustees voted to disburse more than \$750,000 to Washington Hospital to support with various programs like Nursing Education, equipment for Oncology and Critical Care and continuing costs associated with COVID-19 testing for staff and community members. We also graciously welcomed seven new Trustees and Members to the Foundation family!

And last but not least, I'm pleased to share that as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, I have officially taken on the role of Executive

The Foundation's Planned Giving Legacy Society continues to reach new heights. To date, eight generous individuals have joined our Legacy Society by electing to make a planned gift to Washington Hospital. If you'd like to learn more about how you can create your long-lasting legacy at Washington Hospital, please reach out and chat with us.

In November 2021, the Foundation participated in Giving Tuesday for a second year in a row.

Director at Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation. With the guidance from our Board of Trustees and our committed and generous community members, we're gearing up to make this a strong year for the Foundation in support of Washington Hospital. We look forward to all that 2022 has in store!

Warm regards,  
*Sarah G. Gemski*  
Executive Director, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation



## Welcome New Foundation Trustees and Members - Elected January 2022

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Trustees and Members - With your experience and dedication, we can accomplish amazing things together!

**New Trustees:** Brian Hughes, Joseph Pritchard, MD and Sandra Young  
**New Members:** Phina Chen, Lisa Lorenz, Juliette Phipps and John Schinkel

Click [here](#) for the complete list of Foundation Officers and Trustees.

## Planned Giving: How you can make a difference!



Planned giving is a wonderful way to make a substantial and memorable contribution to a cause you care about while leaving a lasting legacy. With a planned gift to WHHF, you can help ensure that Washington Hospital can continue to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our community for generations to come. There are many different types of planned gifts that may offer unique benefits to you, including Wills and Trusts, Life Insurance Policies, Retirement Assets and Life Income Gifts.

In this edition, we're highlighting one of the most common and simplest types of planned giving vehicles, **Wills and Trusts**. Naming Washington Hospital as a beneficiary of your Will or Living Trust through a charitable bequest is one of the easiest ways you can leave a legacy at Washington Hospital. A bequest may be for a particular dollar amount or percentage of your estate, and often offers the opportunity



to make a more substantial gift than would be possible during one's lifetime. Estate tax savings can also be significant. Speak with your financial advisor today or contact the Foundation for more information.

## Foundation Updates



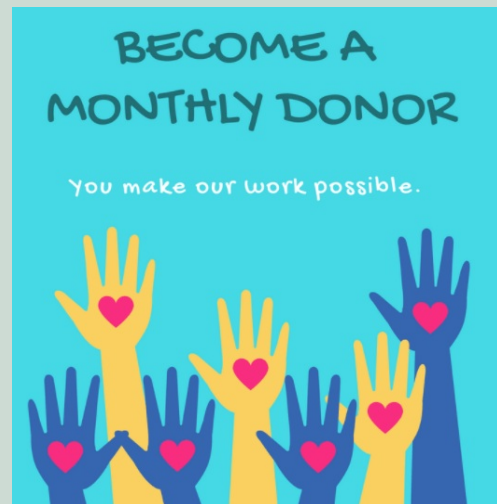
The Foundation received many wonderful in-kind donations over the holidays, including toys, knit hats, blankets, angel gowns and hand-crafted items. These donations were distributed to patients in the Pediatric Department, Birthing Center, Infusion Center and staff in the ICU and were truly a welcome gift over the holidays! The Foundation would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generosity:

**\*Boehringer Ingelheim \*IGM Biosciences \*Kare for Kids \*Mary K. and Staff  
\*Little Apples Learning Centers \*Melanie P \*Scardino Family  
\*Toys for Tots \*Neha W and Family**

## Make a Big Impact with a Small Monthly Gift

Your monthly gift creates meaningful change for the children, families and communities we serve, all year round. As a monthly donor, you can help WHHS plan for long-term solutions to support our communities and ensure that when urgent support is needed, we can provide it. Become a monthly donor today using our new online giving feature. It's easy and convenient, and you can adjust or cancel at anytime. For 66¢ per day, or \$20 per month, you can help us keep our community healthy and strong.

Your gift starts [here](#)



## 35th Annual Golf Tournament

**Save The Date** for the 35th Annual Golf Tournament - **May 5, 2022**. More details to follow soon.



## Annual Foundation Scholarships

Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation will soon announce the open application cycle for two scholarships - the **Douglas Gallacher, M.D Memorial Scholarship** and the **Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship** for high school and college students in the Tri-City area. Details will be available on the Foundation website in March.



## UPDATE: COVID-19 Vaccines, Booster Shots and Testing

**COVID-19 Vaccines and Booster Shots:** Appointments can be scheduled through MyChart or the call center at 510.248.8200. We highly encourage people to talk to their health care provider about their medical conditions and whether getting an additional dose or vaccine for themselves or their children is appropriate.

**COVID-19 Testing:** Washington Hospital's drive-thru and walk-up testing tent is now offering COVID-19 tests to any community member that is symptomatic, or has a confirmed exposure. A physician's order is no longer necessary. As a reminder, testing at this location is not for travel, or sporting events. The tent is located in the parking lot of Washington West at 2500 Mowry Ave., facing Civic Center Drive. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 510.248.8200.



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