

Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation - Spring 2023

FOUNDATION FOCUS

Furthering the mission of Washington Hospital Healthcare System since 1983



In May, the Foundation received thoughtful donation of teddy bears from the American High School Key Club. These bears were distributed to the Pediatric Department and Emergency Room to share with young patients and their siblings.

From the Desk of the Executive Director



I hope summer is off to a great start for each of you! It's been a very exciting time for the Foundation, as we recently

welcomed our new Development Director, Shannon McDaniel, to the team (yes, another Shannon!) She brings a wealth of experience in philanthropy and community engagement from the American Heart Association and other non-profit organizations, and we are so lucky to have her energy and expertise. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Shannon!

In April at the Foundation's Quarterly Meeting, Trustees voted to disburse more

Looking forward, we have a handful of exciting events happening this summer and beyond. Our Planned Giving Program continues to grow rapidly, attracting a lot of interest from the community. Our next free **estate planning and charitable giving seminar** will take place on June 21st at 5pm at Washington West, RSVP [here](#). Join us to learn about all the tax and other benefits of philanthropic giving, and how you can leave a lasting legacy at Washington Hospital.

We'll be hosting our 2nd annual **luncheon for members of our Planned Giving Legacy Society** on September 12th at Casa Bella Restaurant. Please let us know if you're considering a planned gift to the Hospital or if you've already made one. We'd love to formally

than \$59,000 to Washington Hospital to help purchase supplies for the Palliative Care Department, baby care bundles for new families in need, clothing for patients experiencing homelessness, neurosurgery equipment and more, bringing the total disbursed to the Hospital in FY23 to \$711,000! Together with your support, we continue to help Washington Hospital grow and provide a full spectrum of high-quality care to all patients in our community. Thank you for all that you do.

On May 4th, the **36th Annual Golf Tournament** took place at the Club at Castlewood with 124 golfers and 4 teams of bocce players. The Tournament raised more than \$120,000 in gross philanthropic support for surgical programs and equipment at Washington Hospital! Thank to you all sponsors, golfers and community members who made this event such a success.

welcome you to our special Legacy Society of members.

And don't forget about Top Hat! Our Committee has kicked off planning for our **37th Annual Top Hat Gala**, scheduled for **October 14th, 2023**. Mark your calendars because this will be an event you don't want to miss, and a happy return to Top Hat traditions of years' past!

Foundation Trustees and Members, please join us for the next **Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, July 25th at 4:30pm** in Washington West and Zoom. As always, we couldn't do this without each and every one of you. Thank you for being a part of the Washington Family!

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

36th Annual Golf & Bocce Ball Tournament

Proceeds totaling over \$120k!

On May 4, The Foundation welcomed golfers and for the first time, bocce players, to the 36th Annual Golf Tournament at The Club at Castlewood. The tournament brought together friends and community members to raise money for surgical services at Washington Hospital. Funds raised will help meet the rising patient demand for critical and lifesaving surgical procedures by funding state-of-the-art surgical equipment and technology for the Hospital's Operating Rooms.

For 35 years, the golf tournament has raised money for Washington Hospital. The Foundation is thrilled to announce it was yet, another successful year, with proceeds totaling over **\$120K!**



The day featured an 18-hole golf tournament, bocce ball competition, putting contest, prizes on the golf course, silent auction, a cocktail reception with an award ceremony and much more! This year, the tournament was held on the Hill Course with 124 golfers enjoying a spectacular day among friends and colleagues, while 16 bocce ball players battled it out on the bocce courts.

The tournament is held in memory of Gene Angelo Pessagno, a founding member of the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation and longtime Fremont business owner. We'd like to recognize the recent passing of his widow, **Laura Pessagno**. Laura was a founding member of our Service League, a longtime Foundation Trustee and a vibrant contributor to our Hospital. We are grateful to the entire Pessagno family for their support over the years.

“I would like to thank our generous sponsors, especially Platinum Sponsors, Fremont Bank and Gonsalves & Kozachenko” said Sophia Ahmad, President of the Foundation. “I would also like to thank all of our golfers, bocce players and volunteers who generously supported the tournament and Foundation.” The Foundation is grateful to all supporters. Click [here](#) for the complete list of sponsors and donors.



In memory - Laura Pessagno

Planned Giving - New Ways to Give



ESTATE PLANNING & CHARITABLE GIVING SEMINAR

Wednesday, June 21 5:00pm-6:00pm

Cost: *FREE*

Anderson Auditorium, 2500 Mowry Ave, Fremont

Refreshments will be provided

Through planned giving, donors establish their personal financial goals in a tailored estate plan that includes a gift to a charitable institution like Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation. Planned giving offers personal income and tax benefits for you and your family, while making a difference for patients throughout our community for years to come. We encourage you to consult with your financial advisor to discuss the tax implications of planned gifts. Common planned giving arrangements include wills and trusts, life insurance policies, retirement assets, life income gifts and even real estate. By considering a planned gift, you will join a special group of supporters as a member of the Legacy Society, an generous group of community members who are helping to ensure a strong future for Washington Hospital. Read more in our **planned giving brochure**.

We invite you to join us on **Wednesday, June 21 at 5:00 PM** in the Anderson Auditorium to learn more about Planned Giving and all various tax and other benefits of philanthropy from Estate Planning Special Counsel, Richard Schachtilli. This is a complimentary, purely informational 45-minute seminar, open to the all who are interested. Click **here** to RSVP.

Foundation Updates



37th Annual Top Hat Gala



Scholarships Announcement



Meeting Reminder!

Plans are underway to bring Top Hat back to pre-pandemic days of a hosted garden reception, elegant seated dinner, fabulous live entertainment... and more! Save the Date for **Saturday, October 14**. Contact the Foundation to secure your sponsorship or reserved dinner seat. More details to come.

The Foundation announces the open application cycle for **The Douglas Gallacher M.D. Memorial Scholarship** and **Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship** for high school & college students in the Tri-City area Details are available [here](#).

A reminder for all Trustees & Members that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Foundation will take place on **Tuesday, July 25th at 4:00pm reception/4:30 pm meeting begins**. We strongly encourage all who can to attend, as important Foundation and Hospital Updates are shared, and they're a great way to network with fellow community members!



Road to Wellness: Washington Hospital Family Health Fair

This summer, enjoy a free family-friendly day including interactive health and fitness challenges, giveaways, sit in a fire truck, music, dancing and more! **Saturday, July 29 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Click [here](#) for more information.

Share Your Story of Patient-First Care

Washington Hospital invites patients and their families to honor a physician, nurse or staff by sharing their personal experience of patient-first care, or by making an impactful gift to the Hospital. Such a commitment in honor of a caregiver provides immediate gratification to our clinical teams and gives long-term sustainable support for continued growth and enhancements to the entire health care system. Share your story **today**.



'I spent two weeks in Washington Hospital and am grateful and appreciative to each and every member of the nursing staff. Each of them were knowledgeable, helpful, compassionate and treated me with dignity and respect. It would be difficult to single out just one' - Recent Washington Hospital patient



Welcome - Foundation's new team member

The Foundation would like to welcome our new Director of Development, **Shannon McDaniel**, who joined the team in early April. Shannon will be responsible for major fundraising initiatives, and will support planned giving and board relations. Please give a warm welcome to Shannon next time you see her!

UPDATE: COVID-19 Tests and Vaccinations

Washington Hospital and Washington Township Medical Foundation are no longer administering COVID tests or vaccinations in the tent at Washington West. We are partnering with Haller's pharmacy who provide COVID tests by appointment and vaccinations for those 3 years and older, on a walk-in basis. Haller's pharmacy is open every day. Please refer to their [website](#) for more details.



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