

The Value of Community Support

Year-End Results for Harrison Foundation

The Foundation continues to experience growth thanks to increasing community recognition about the value of having a regional medical center that can provide exceptional care, close to home. In calendar year 2008, the Foundation received total gift commitments (including cash and pledges) of more than \$3.1 million, including more than \$2.4 million in support of the *Great Nurses for a Great Community Campaign*. "The Campaign is certainly giving us an opportunity to reach out to the community in a new way," said Stephanie Cline, foundation director. "People have been very receptive to hearing news about Harrison, including learning more about the nursing initiative that is benefiting from the community's support through the Campaign."

Great Nurses for a Great Community Update

Residency Program Coordinator Hired

Sharon LaCrosse, RN, MSN has been hired to help design and launch Harrison Medical Center's new Nurse Residency Program. The proposed program will integrate the hospital's current department-based programs, into a systemic approach that will consistently "onboard" all new nurse grads hired to Harrison. The program responds to a critical issue in the nursing pipeline – specifically the acknowledged "preparedness gap" between a new nursing school graduate and seasoned staff nurse. According to Cindy May, chief nursing officer, "With the nursing shortage looming, our healthcare future depends on these new nurses. It is absolutely critical that we provide support – and further clinical training – to aid their transition to confidently provide quality care at the bedside. Additionally, the new Nurse Residency Program will also help expand the medical center's capacity to serve as a clinical training site, for both nursing students and new hires—a valuable recruiting tool in a competitive hiring environment."

Kitsap Credit Union Makes an Exceptional Gift

Business Community Supports Healthcare

Kitsap Credit Union has committed \$100,000 to Harrison's *Great Nurses for a Great Community Campaign*. To date, their gift is the largest to be made from a community organization. Other gifts from businesses include \$25,000 by Rice Fergus Miller, Architecture and Planning, LLP, and \$25,000 from Stirrett-Johnsen Inc.

For Kitsap Credit Union and its employees, the gift is a natural extension of a deep commitment to giving back to the communities it serves. "When we look at the issues that affect our quality of life and are integral to the strength and vibrancy of our communities, nothing is more fundamental than having access to quality health care," said Elliot Gregg, President/CEO of Kitsap Credit Union. "We know that our employees and our members can appreciate the efforts Harrison Medical Center is making to provide safe, quality care for the community, including recruiting and retaining the very best nurses."

Leaving a Nursing Legacy

Have you named Harrison in your will?

Designating Harrison Medical Center Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, either as a defined amount or as a percentage of your remaining estate, is a powerful way you can support the *Great Nurses for a Great Community Campaign*. "So many people are grateful to Harrison for the good care that they have received over the years. If we were able to make more people aware of the opportunity they have to make a gift to Harrison through their will, the impact would be massive," said Stephanie Cline. "In the case of the Campaign, gifts via wills are a wonderful way to acknowledge nurses in our community, and are an important part of sustaining the nursing initiative well into the future." If you have made a gift, or want to know more about how you can include Harrison in your will please call the Foundation.

As the philanthropic arm of Harrison Medical Center, the Foundation's purpose is to nurture relationships that inspire community support through charitable giving and volunteering. These gifts help support Harrison's mission to make a positive difference in people's lives by providing exceptional medical care ... now and in the future.