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Great Nurses for a Great Community

First Cohort of Nurse Residents Graduate



In January, Harrison celebrated its first graduates of the newly established Versant RN Residency Program. 13 RN's completed the intensive 18-week program aimed at providing critical training and support to help ease the transition from student to staff nurse. Funded in part by Harrison Foundation's *Great Nurses for a Great Community Campaign*, the Residency Program is part of an overall effort to enhance recruitment and improve retention of nurses for our community. To learn more about the program or the Campaign please contact us at (360) 744-6760. Information about the Campaign can also be obtained on our website at www.harrisonfoundation.org.

Celebrating 1,000 Open Heart Surgeries

Touching Hearts and Changing Lives

Harrison's cardiac surgery program has a lot to be proud of. The program ranks among the state's best and has consistently been in the top 10% of cardiac surgery programs in the nation. Equally important is the satisfaction of our patients – who consistently rate our heart surgeons and heart care unit in the 99th percentile. And now, yet another milestone has been achieved! In early October, the cardiac surgery team performed their 1,000th open heart surgery. Congratulations to the team who leads excellence at Harrison Medical Center and demonstrates compassion for their patients each and every day.

23rd Annual Festival of Trees

Brings "Joy" to the Community and Support for Harrison's Heart and Vascular Center

Harrison Medical Center welcomed the holidays and the community to its 23rd Annual Festival of Trees over the Thanksgiving Weekend. The event, a tradition for many, raised more than \$285,000; gross proceeds which will benefit Harrison's new Heart and Vascular Center being built on the hospital's Bremerton campus. Beautifully decorated trees were the highlight of the Festival, however kids' activities, holiday vendors and entertainment on the main stage ensured that the Festival was a fun destination for people of all ages. As the signature fundraising event for Harrison Medical Center, the Festival has resulted in more than \$2.8 million in support for important initiatives improving health care for our community.



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Harrison Heart and Vascular Center

A New Front Door for Cardiac Services

Construction has begun on our Bremerton campus and this summer our communities will have access to the new Harrison Heart & Vascular Center. Building on our exceptional outcomes in cardiac care, the Center represents the “next step” in heart care, bringing together the full scope of minimally invasive cardiovascular procedures. The expansion – representing a \$13.6-million investment – significantly upgrades technology and space to support projected community need for the next 10 years. The Center will improve the overall flow of care, as well as comfort for our patients; and ensure that Harrison can continue providing exceptional cardiac care for our communities.



Donor Recognition Event

Faces of Philanthropy



This summer, Harrison CEO Scott Bosch and his wife Gail hosted more than 100 hospital donors at their home for the Foundation’s annual celebration of donors. Attendees included *Harrison Circle* donors (individuals and organizations contributing \$1,000 or more annually) and *Harrison Heritage Society* members (those who have made a future gift to the hospital through estate planning) – all who share a common vision: having access to exceptional medical care close to home. We are proud and privileged to honor the generosity of these donors, knowing that these gifts are making the difference between good care and the very best.

Trees of Life

A Celebration of Life

With each life celebrated, so our trees grow—leaf by leaf; life by life. The *Trees of Life*, an original hand-carved, hardwood sculpture by Sanford Werfel, is the focal point in the lobby of the Women’s and Children’s Center at Harrison Silverdale. Tribute gifts celebrate the life of your newborn, children, spouse, parents, or departed loved one and benefit Harrison’s Pediatric Care Fund. By participating in the *Trees of Life*, you will celebrate a life while also helping to enhance the health and welfare of children in our community through Harrison Medical Center. If you have any questions, please contact us at 360-744-6760. Information can also be obtained on our website at www.harrisonfoundation.org.



Have You Named Harrison Medical Center in Your Will?

Each year Harrison receives gifts from individuals that have been made to the hospital through their wills. Some we are aware of, others come as a surprise. While all are welcomed, we would love the opportunity to recognize and thank these donors while we can — whether privately, or through membership in our *Harrison Heritage Society*. If you have made a gift or want to know more about how you can include Harrison in your will or other estate planning, please call the Foundation office at 360-744-6760.

The Foundation’s purpose is to nurture enduring philanthropic relationships to support exceptional medical care at Harrison Medical Center for our community.
