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Ron Baldwin's St. Peter's Health care team: Doug Wandke (Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab), Courtney Brink, Mary Smith; Ron Baldwin; Dr. Katrina Maher (Family Medicine) and Dr. Liz Holper (Interventional Cardiology)



Ron Baldwin and Dr. Robert Phillips

LEGACY OF LOVE:

Bridged by Holistic Care

Ron Baldwin never considered himself a heart patient. In 2022, as he prepared to enroll in Medicare, he scheduled a routine visit to establish care with Dr. Katrina Maher at St. Peter's Health. That decision may have saved his life.

During that first exam, Dr. Maher listened closely to a heart murmur Ron had been told since childhood was benign. It did not sound routine. She referred him to Dr. Phillips at St. Peter's Health Cardiology, where testing revealed moderate aortic stenosis. The condition was monitored for two years.

By October 2024, it had progressed to severe. A cardiac catheterization with Dr. Elizabeth Holper confirmed his failing aortic valve and revealed additional concerns. His team coordinated with Providence Heart Institute in Missoula, where Dr. Anthony Caffarelli reviewed advanced imaging. Ron was not a candidate for a minimally invasive valve replacement. Instead, he needed open heart surgery to replace the valve, repair an ascending aortic aneurysm, and correct a myocardial

bridge. Surgery was scheduled within weeks.

The December procedure in Providence was complex, with life-threatening complications but successful. After ten days in the hospital, Ron returned home and began Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation at St. Peter's Health. Guided by nurses and rehabilitation staff, his strength returned and his heart relearned how to respond to exertion.

Ron now describes himself as a poster child for how healthcare is supposed to function, not perfectly, but collaboratively. "This is the holy grail of healthcare," Baldwin says. "When a team finds out what's wrong, monitors the problem and works together to find the right solution and cure. That's how the system should work."

Primary care identified the problem. Cardiology monitored and analyzed it. Providence performed the surgery. St. Peter's ensured the repair would stand the test of time through coordinated, continued care.

It is a story about medicine, but even more, about what happens when people, systems, and timing come together to give someone another chance at life.



Go to foundation.sphealth.org to read Ron's entire story at or scan the QR code.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT:

Funding the Future of Care

In this issue, we celebrate the generosity of our individual, foundation and corporate donors along with grant awards from our government partners. We highlight donations that will improve patient care and celebrate Bobby Spilker for creating our first ever endowed fund for the Emergency and ICU departments.

Donations made years ago are making an impact today. In the last five months, the Foundation Board of Directors approved over \$830,000 from endowed funds for priority capital and program projects. A few examples are:

- \$468,000 for the purchase of four adult anesthesia machines and one pediatric anesthesia machine. *Funded by the William and Pauline Allen Cardiac Cath & Special Procedures Endowment.*
- \$148,600 for enhanced software for the imaging department's mammography system to provide clearer targeted views for our radiologists and a nuclear medicine dosing system for PET/CT scan patients. *Funded by our William and Pauline Allen Cancer Endowment.*
- \$68,000 for a new truck to deliver medical equipment to our home health and hospice patients. *Funded by our Jane Hibbard Hospice Endowment.*
- \$23,000 to fund advanced training for our home health clinician case manager team benefitting the patients they support. *Funded by our William & Pauline Allen Home-Based Care Endowment.*
- \$9,736 for a Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab telemetry monitoring system benefitting 32 patients per day. *Funded by our Leo and Kathryn Hiltner Cardiology Endowment.*

The St. Peter's Health Foundation team is honored to facilitate new donations and grow our endowed fund portfolio, which has an investment return performance in the top 10% compared to Community Foundations as tracked by the Council of Foundations. Donations and endowment growth help our physicians, practitioners and care teams provide high-quality diagnosis, treatment and care while also supporting community-based services that connect our most vulnerable neighbors to primary and specialty care.

The impact of current and past donors has helped St. Peter's Health achieve a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital ranking by The Chartis Center for Rural Health for a third consecutive year. The acclaimed Lown Institute recently named St. Peter's Health a "Top 100 America's Most Socially Responsible Hospital" comparing our equity, value and outcomes to 2,700 other acute care hospitals in the country.

Congrats to CEO Wade Johnson, the St. Peter's Health Board of Trustees and the St. Peter's Health team for these achievements. Transformative projects are in motion. Our past, current and new donors will help make them a reality!



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ST. PETER'S HEALTH FOUNDATION MISSION:

Inspiring a culture of giving that supports exceptional and compassionate care for our community's health and well-being.

Meet Foundation Board Member Patrick Murray

Patrick Murray moved to Helena in 2022 after selling STP Investment Services, the Philadelphia-based company he founded and led as CEO. In recognition of his leadership and entrepreneurial success, Patrick was honored by the Philadelphia Business Journal as a "40 Under 40" recipient.

Now semi-retired, Patrick is engaged in nonprofit and community service. He serves on the board of Camp Mak-A-Dream, a nationally recognized cancer camp located west of Helena that supports children and adults affected by cancer. He is also a board member of Old Salt Co-Op / The Union, where he brings a non-rancher perspective, and serves on the Advisory Council for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, which works to fund pediatric cancer research, raise awareness, and support families.

Patrick volunteers as a youth soccer and basketball coach. He also serves on the Helena Youth Soccer Association board and is passionate about strengthening community connections through service. He lives in Helena with his wife, Dava.



Meet EMS Services Manager Chris Mulberry

Born in Lorain, Ohio and raised in several states, Chris spent much of his youth in Colorado before moving to Helena in November 2024. He began his EMS career in 1995 in Colorado's San Luis Valley, later earning his Paramedic certification at Swedish Medical Center in Denver and his Critical Care Paramedic certification in 2017.

A lifelong learner and proud "huge nerd," Chris is inspired by Sir William Osler and even Sherlock Holmes. For him, emergency and pre hospital medicine are about gathering subtle clues, thinking critically, and solving complex problems in real time. The intellectual challenge and unpredictability of each call are part of what he loves most.

At St. Peter's Health, Chris values serving both as a paramedic and as a leader in a system grounded in community. He appreciates that care here is centered on neighbors, friends, and visitors, with a focus on doing what is right for patients.

Chris and his wife, who also works in the Emergency Department, have three daughters ages nine and seven year old twins. As a family, they are enjoying Helena and are proud to call Montana home.



New versatile splints improve Emergency care

The Helena Area Community Foundation and Lewis and Clark County granted \$1,944 to purchase eight Shishman Traction Splint devices for the St. Peter's Health ambulances.

The splints are compact, lightweight, and adjustable, making them suitable for both adults and children. Unlike most splints that require separate adult and child sizes, doubling cost and storage space, these versatile devices take up less room in ambulances and airlift cockpits. They are quick to apply, radiolucent (so they can stay in place for X-rays), and provide effective stabilization for femur and lower limb fractures. By reducing pain, controlling bleeding, preventing further injury, and improving transport outcomes, these splints help EMS teams deliver faster, safer, and more coordinated care.



St. Peter's Health is recognized as a Pediatric Capable Facility through Montana's Pediatric Prepared Emergency Care Program, reflecting our commitment to providing high-quality emergency care for children in our community.

THE GALA



A Record-Breaking Night for Emergency Care

On January 16, Helena showed up in a big way for Gala 2026, rallying behind our Ambulance and Emergency Department teams and helping us break every previous attendance and fundraising record.

The evening was packed with energy and generosity from start to finish. Premier Gala Sponsors and Board members, Suzi and Jim Stanger, inspired 75 additional sponsors through their generous \$50,000 Premier Sponsorship. Even before the ballroom doors opened, Gala sponsorships, individual reservations and cash donations reached \$322,500.

Momentum continued to build throughout the night. The silent and live auctions brought spirited bidding and raised tens of thousands more. Our Emergency Room physicians, Lewis and Clark Emergency Physicians, stepped up with a generous \$50,000 matching gift that

energized the room and inspired giving during the Live Drive. The match was met and then exceeded, creating one of the most exciting moments of the evening. The wine pull, raffle and other event night fun kept the celebration going strong.

By the end of the night, Gala 2026 had raised a record breaking \$578,600, surpassing last year's total. It was a joyful, high energy celebration filled with laughter, generosity and community pride.

Proceeds will fund a new ambulance and critical equipment for our emergency teams, who respond to more than 7,300 ambulance calls and care for over 26,000 patients each year.

Thank you to everyone who made it a success. We'll see you on Saturday, January 30 next year!



Celebrating the Delivery of Extraordinary Care

Dr. Ana Nast was dressed and ready for the Foundation Gala when she received a call that one of her patients was in active labor. Instead of heading to the celebration, she headed to the hospital. Her date, tuxedo and all, waited patiently while she delivered a healthy baby. She finished close to midnight. While the Gala celebrates extraordinary care, that night Dr. Nast was living it.



One Lucky Ticket, A Beautiful Cause

One of the most exciting moments of the evening was the drawing of our Ring Raffle winner. This year's one of a kind ring, valued at \$8,200, was custom designed and handcrafted in platinum by Master Jeweler Corey Johnson of Eaton Turner Jewelry. The stunning piece features a 1.50 cttw princess cut Yogo sapphire accented by 0.40 cttw natural diamonds. Only 100 tickets were sold at \$100 each and they sold out.

Cindy originally purchased one ticket, then decided to go back for another. As she shared, *"When you buy a raffle ticket, you're donating to a wonderful cause. Plus, I love the beautiful work of Corey and Katrina."* That second ticket turned out to be the winner.

Thank you to Corey and Katrina Johnson for their continued generosity and craftsmanship, and congratulations to Cindy on her beautiful new ring.

Emergency Physicians Give A Life-Saving Match

At Gala 2026, the Lewis and Clark Emergency Physicians made an extraordinary impact by pledging a \$50,000 1:1 match for the Live Drive. Their commitment energized the room and inspired generosity — the match was met and then exceeded, resulting in \$152,495 raised to support our emergency teams.

Lewis and Clark Emergency Physicians P.C. provide critical emergency medical services at the St. Peter's Health Emergency Department, a 15-bed facility offering 24/7 care for acute illness and injury, including medical screening, urgent procedures, and stabilization. The group of board-certified physicians and experienced physician assistants deliver high-quality, patient-centered care when it matters most.

Their dedication to compassionate care is reflected in the experiences of families they serve. Recently, one parent shared how Dr. Coil turned a frightening moment into a reassuring one when her toddler was brought to the Emergency Department after swallowing a magnet. What could have been a long, stressful visit was instead calm and efficient. Dr. Coil eased the child's fear by chatting about



The leadership and expertise of Lewis & Clark Emergency Physicians are at the heart of our hospital's life-saving work.

her shoes and playing along in a way that put her at ease. By the time the visit was over, the whole family felt cared for — and the daughter even said she wanted to see the doctor again.

This heartfelt story is just one example of how Lewis and Clark Emergency Physicians combine expertise with kindness for patients and families across our community.

Honoring a Champion of Critical Care

More than four decades ago, Bill and Bobby Spilker's connection to the St. Peter's Health Foundation began when the Foundation itself was still in its infancy.

At the time, the Foundation had only two staff members, a director and an administrative assistant. Recognizing the need for stronger community presence and leadership, Bobby was invited to serve on the first volunteer Foundation Board. That inaugural board helped raise funds to bring St. Peter's first CT scanner to Helena, an extraordinary milestone in advancing local healthcare.

Years later, Bill was asked to join the board as well. A gifted fundraiser, he was known for his ability to inspire generosity in others. When the Foundation director asked him to teach the board a class titled "How to Ask People for Money," Bill embraced the opportunity. He approached fundraising not as a challenge, but as an invitation, an opportunity to help people invest in something meaningful. His leadership continued when St. Peter's proposed a \$48 million hospital expansion. Bill was asked to chair the

committee responsible for raising \$3.8 million to support the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit. Under his guidance, the committee not only met the goal, but surpassed it, strengthening critical care services for the entire region.

In the years that followed, Bill himself received care in both the Emergency Room and ICU.

"With Bill's background, it is not surprising that I would look to the Foundation to memorialize him," Bobby says. "He was a patient a few times in both the Emergency Room and the ICU and received exceptional care."

This endowment continues Bill's efforts during the Critical Care Campaign from 2005 to 2007. It ensures that the areas he championed, the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, remain strong, equipped, and prepared to care for others in their most vulnerable moments.

Through this lasting gift, Bill's legacy of leadership, his generosity and his commitment to community healthcare lives on, supporting critical care today and for generations to come.



The Barbara "Bobby" J. Spilker Emergency and Intensive Care Endowment in memory of William M. Spilker, Chairman, Critical Care Campaign, 2005-2007

Through Bobby Spilker's generosity in memory of Bill, this fund provides lasting support for improvements, technology, and equipment in the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, strengthening critical care for our region for years to come.

PacificSource grants support housing, patient care



St. Peter's Healthcare workers partnered with United Way of the Lewis & Clark Area for a yearly Point-in-Time Count, a snapshot of sheltered and unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness.

St. Peter's Health Foundation received \$40,000 in grant funding from PacificSource to improve access to care and help stabilize lives. The PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement granted \$25,000 to the Housing is Healthcare program and the Community Health Excellence Grant provided \$15,000 to expand the Patient Assistance Program.

"At PacificSource, we know health starts long before someone enters a clinic. Stable housing, transportation, and basic resources are critical," said Erik Wood, PacificSource Enterprise Market President.

The Health Housing is Healthcare Program connects people experiencing homelessness or housing instability with medical care, behavioral health services, treatment, public assistance, and housing resources. In 2025, the program supported more than 60 people.

The Patient Assistance Program removes financial barriers to care by providing support for transportation, gas cards, medications, and medical supplies not covered by insurance. In 2025, the program distributed \$205,254 in assistance, fulfilling 1,929 requests and serving 1,183 patients and their families.

Valley Bank Gift Supports Replacement Ambulance

Valley Bank made a \$250,000 leadership gift to the St. Peter's Health Foundation to support the purchase of a replacement ambulance.

The investment strengthens emergency response across a five county region in southwest Montana, where crews respond to more than 7,300 calls each year and travel over 1.3 million miles delivering care. Teams also provide medical coverage for more than 120 community events annually.

“Dependable ambulance services save lives every day,” said Wade Johnson, CEO of St. Peter's Health. “This leadership gift directly strengthens our ability to respond quickly and safely when every second counts.”

St. Peter's Health operates a fleet of 10 ambulances and partners with 19 surrounding fire departments, most of them volunteer, to provide coordinated emergency



response across rural and remote communities.

Valley Bank President Mark Anderson said the gift reflects the bank's commitment to community safety and access to reliable emergency care.

This gift that will ensure that St. Peter's Health Ambulance Services continues to provide high quality emergency response services across the five-county region supporting the lives of thousands.



St. Peter's Health Peer Support Specialists wear new customized jackets and beanies that enhance team visibility and pride while supporting patients in crisis.

NAMI Helena Grant Expands Crisis Support

St. Peter's Health received a \$23,999 grant from NAMI Helena to strengthen care for patients and families experiencing mental and behavioral health crises.

Funding supports sensory training for EMTs and nurses, Carter Sensory Kits for children in crisis, trauma recovery technology, counseling support for Peer Support Specialists, and customized professional attire to enhance their visibility.

St. Peter's Health is the first health system in Montana to implement Carter Sensory Kits, used by first responders and hospitals in 44 states.

Together, these investments strengthen compassionate care across Emergency, Ambulance, Mobile Crisis Response, and Peer Support programs.

Elks Gift Strengthens Infant Care

A generous gift from the Montana State Elks Association is enhancing care for newborns at St. Peter's Health.

The donation to the Women and Children's Fund provided two specialized syringe pumps that deliver precise, small amounts of nutrition to fragile infants requiring advanced feeding support. The equipment helps ensure babies can remain close to home while receiving safe, high quality care.

Last year, St. Peter's Special Care Nursery served 90 babies and their families.

These pumps will support improved outcomes for infants who need extra help in their earliest days.

The Montana State Elks Association, representing 23 lodges statewide, has a long history of supporting community health and youth programs. Their investment reflects a shared commitment to strengthening Montana families.



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The Emergency Center Care Closet

Each year more than 26,000 community members arrive in our emergency center seeking help and care. And of those, 2,600 are children under the age of 14. Many people arrive because of accidents, their clothing soil or torn. Others require medical interventions that result in their clothes being cut away. And many arrive scared and unprepared, in distress and without basic necessities.

In these critical moments, our medical staff utilize the Emergency Center Care Closet to support practical needs and to promote comfort and help reduce stress and anxiety.

A gift during Greater Helena Gives to the St. Peter's Health Emergency Care Closet will help stock essential items including:

- Sweatpants and sweatshirts for patients whose clothing has been damaged.
- Socks and warm layers for those exposed to the elements.
- Blankets for warmth and reassurance during long ER waits or stays.
- Travel-size hygiene kits with soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste.
- Snack kits for patients and caregivers during ER waits.
- Diapers and wipes for infants and toddlers.
- Small stuffed animals, activity books and comfort items for children in our ER or during an ambulance call.

**May 6-7, 2026**

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