

# INSPIRED IMPACT

MATCHING DONOR PASSION WITH PRIORITY SINCE 1978

## LEGACY OF LOVE:

### Employee Support in Memory of Kennady Trettin

The St. Peter's Health Foundation is honored to announce the creation of the **Kennady Trettin Memorial Employee Assistance Endowment**, a fund dedicated to supporting St. Peter's employees during times of personal hardship.

The endowment was established by Robyn Trettin, a former registered nurse at St. Peter's and loving mother of Kennady Trettin, with support from family, friends, and the broader community.

Kennady, a 15-year-old sophomore at Jefferson High School in Boulder, was known for her vibrant spirit, kindness and the way she made others feel truly seen and valued. She passed away in a tragic car accident in 2024. Her legacy of kindness left a lasting impact on everyone who knew her.

*"In our most difficult moments, we were lifted by incredible community support," shared Robyn. "Through this endowment, we want to extend that same support to others. This is how we keep Kennady's beautiful spirit alive—by showing up for people when they need it most."*



The fund provides financial support to St. Peter's employees facing personal emergencies or unexpected challenges—easing burdens and offer hope during difficult times.

To contribute or learn more about the Kennady Trettin Memorial Employee Assistance Endowment, visit [sphealth.org/Foundation](http://sphealth.org/Foundation).

Though her time was short, Kennady's impact lives on—inspiring us to care deeply, give freely and lead with love.

**"This fund is a powerful reflection of who Kennady was. Supporting our caregivers during times of need honors her legacy and strengthens the compassion that defines St. Peter's Health."**

— Dr. Shelly Harkins

*Former Chief Medical Officer, President of the Regional Medical Center and fund donor*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT:

# Thank You Mike!

**D**uring Hometown Helena on October 30, Wade Johnson, CEO of St. Peter's Health and President of the St. Peter's Health Foundation, shared how the existence of St. Peter's Health reflects a phrase from the Southern African philosophy of Ubuntu: "I am because we are." Wade noted this phrase emphasizes the interconnectedness of humanity and embodies the role of the Helena community in the 142-year history of St. Peter's Health. We were born from the Helena community.

The Vision for St. Peter's Health is, "Together we will serve every patient, every person, every time with exceptional hospitality, compassionate care and high-quality clinical outcomes." Our success as a health system is measured in the overall health and wellness of the community with the understanding that system success is only achieved when community members personally experience our every, patient, every person, every time vision.

St. Peter's Health is thriving today with a grand vision for the future because past and current leaders, volunteer board members, and care team members respect and value our community partners and volunteer support teams.

We honor all the special leaders throughout our history. Today, I want to say thank you to one former leader in particular, Michael "Mike" Munck.

Mike led the St. Peter's Health Foundation as the Executive Vice President from 1991 through 2016. Working with generous donors throughout his career, Mike facilitated philanthropic support for immediate improvements in how care and services were delivered. At the same time, Mike helped donors create endowed funds and facilitated donations through wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities and other types of deferred giving methods. The endowed funds and estate plans he facilitated many years ago are helping fund major efforts today and in perpetuity.

Thank you Mike for your great work that allows all of us be a part of the "I am because we are" community. Your St. Peter's Health family is grateful.

In this second issue of "Inspired Impact" we are excited to recognize donors and friends who are making us better through their generosity. Our next issue in 2026 will celebrate the success of our January 16 Gala, and its many sponsors and donors, along with highlighting more recent donors and their transformational donations. We have much to celebrate. Thank you Helena for being so generous!



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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.

## FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

# Board Welcomes Two New Members



### Suzi Stanger:

Suzi Stanger, a dedicated philanthropist and lifelong runner, has called Helena home for over 20 years. After an MRI at St. Peter's Health revealed a benign spinal tumor that could have led to paralysis, Suzi credits the hospital with changing her life. She and her husband, Jim, pledged \$500,000 to establish the Suzi and Jim Stanger Endowment for Community-Based Services and made a \$50,000 matching gift at the 2025 Gala. Their generosity spans healthcare, education, and the arts. A St. Peter's Health Foundation Board member, Suzi is committed to ensuring all Helena residents have access to exceptional, local care.



### Mary Pat Belzer:

Mary Pat Belzer, a Helena native and Capital High graduate, earned her degree from Gonzaga University and began her career as an auditor with Moss Adams LLP before moving into executive recruiting with Orion Resources in Seattle. After returning to Helena to raise her four children, she became deeply involved in the community, volunteering with the Capital High Booster Club, Meals on Wheels, and local school activities. Now, with more time as her children grow older, Mary Pat is excited to give back in new ways. She proudly joins the St. Peter's Health Foundation Board to support local healthcare and community wellbeing.

## NO ONE DIES ALONE:

# Dignity, Compassion and Sister Elizabeth



At St. Peter's Health, the No One Dies Alone (NODA) program ensures that terminally ill patients are never left without comfort and presence in their final moments. Trained volunteers offer quiet companionship, spiritual support and the simple but profound act of being there—especially for those without loved ones nearby.

In memory of Sister Elizabeth Henry the Foundation Board of Trustees created the **Sister Elizabeth No One Dies Alone Endowment**. This new \$100,000 endowment will support volunteer training and comforting items like prayer books, music and items of comfort to ease the transition for patients on comfort care. This program carries forward the legacy of Sister Elizabeth Ann Henry, a devoted nurse and champion of hospice care, who helped bring NODA to life at St. Peter's Health. Her immaculate compassion and belief in the dignity of every person—right up to their final breath—continues to inspire.

## 2025 VOLUNTEER IMPACT



**150**  
Volunteers



Approximately  
**10,500**  
Volunteer Hours



**\$341,250**  
Financial Value

# FRED C. OLSON LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE: Empowering growth through education

**T**he Patricia Hoksbergen/Hunter Endowed Scholarship Fund was created to help St. Peter's Health team members grow and thrive through education. This fund supports degrees, certifications, and skills training—especially in areas critical to our workforce—strengthening our mission of learning, innovation and continuous improvement.

The fund has supported numerous employees pursuing their healthcare goals while balancing the demands of their roles. Their stories reflect both dedication to our patients and a strong commitment to personal and professional development.

Katie Quigley, a recipient, shared:

*"I want you to know how much we appreciate your support. I'm proud to be part of a team that cares deeply for our community and each other. This program not only supports quality patient care but also helps us grow as professionals—something made possible by generous donors like you."*

The impact of this scholarship is also meaningful to its supporters. Clark and Douglas Hunter, Executive Directors of the Patricia Hoksbergen/Hunter Endowed Scholarship Fund shared:

*"Dad's sister, my aunt Patti Hoksbergen, received professional and compassionate treatment at St. Peter's Hospital while battling cancer. Our family is forever grateful for that experience. The cornerstone of her care was the skills and compassion shown by all that treated her. Patti would be honored to know her estate is assisting St. Peter's team members in developing and growing their skills so they can continue helping others."*

Each scholarship helps shape the future of care at St. Peter's Health—by empowering those who serve to reach their full potential.

Continued contributions will allow even more employees to pursue their education, gain confidence in their futures, and strengthen our community's health for years to come.



Fred C. Olson employee education endowed scholarship recipients with Dr. Lee Harrison.

## Scholarship recipients honored

**T**hursday, September 25, marked an evening hosted by St. Peter's Health Foundation to honor scholarship recipients of the Fred C. Olson Learning and Development Institute who have completed their education. The event, held at the St. Peter's Health Education Center, brought together St. Peter's employees, donors and community members to celebrate the achievements of healthcare professionals who have advanced their education and skills through the support of these scholarships.

The Olson Learning and Development Institute awarded 82 scholarships this year, totaling more than \$116,000.

The Fred C. Olson Learning and Development Institute is dedicated to honoring and continuing the work of longtime Helena physician Dr. Fred Olson. The institute leads employee education, training and development initiatives, and manages numerous employee education scholarship programs.



**82**

Scholarships  
awarded in 2025



**\$116,000**  
Total scholarship  
support in 2025



**321**

Employees awarded  
since June 2021



**\$646,384**  
Scholarship support  
since June 2021

# THANK YOU

## 2025 Golf Tournament

### Sponsors and Participants



#### PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE ST. PETER'S HEALTH FOUNDATION PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

— helping our most vulnerable patients access healthcare and items needed for healing. Last year, 947 patients in-need were supported with transportation assistance, medicines, durable medical equipment and more.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## THE GALA

JANUARY 16, 2026

*Supporting St. Peter's Health  
Emergency and Ambulance Services*

Learn more at  
[bit.ly/2025SPHgala](http://bit.ly/2025SPHgala)



## Sock Sew

Make stockings for St. Peter's Health patients

DECEMBER 1, 2025

ST. PETER'S HEALTH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
EDUCATION CENTER  
9:00 AM



A benefit for Helena-Area Hospice Patients

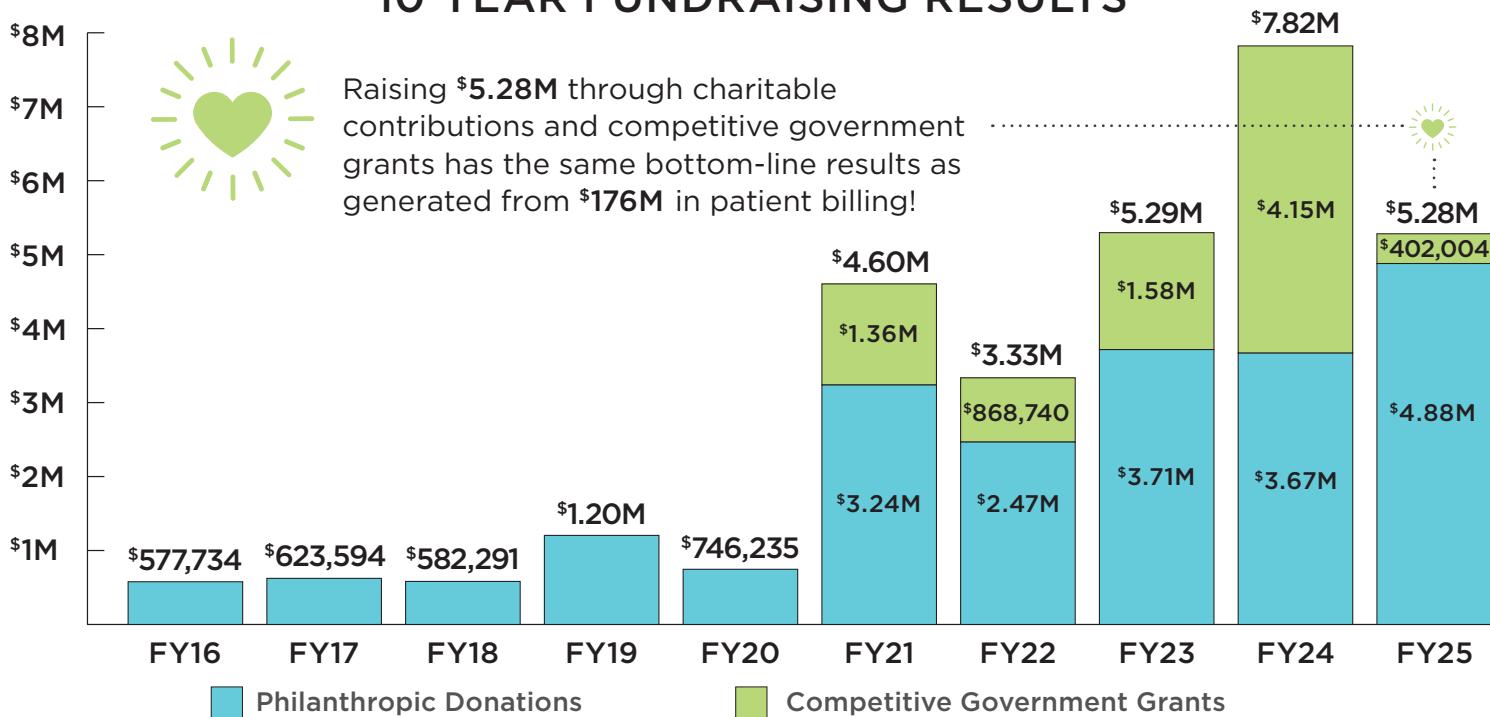
DECEMBER 11, 2025

HELENA CIVIC CENTER  
DOORS OPEN: 4:30PM, PROGRAM STARTS: 5:30PM

For more information on our upcoming events,  
contact Bennett MacIntyre at [bmacintyre@sphealth.org](mailto:bmacintyre@sphealth.org)

# POWER OF PHILANTHROPY

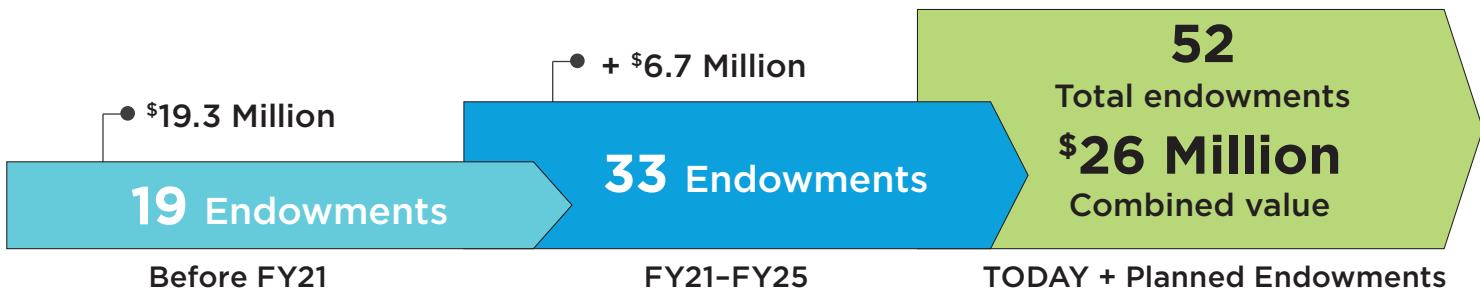
## 10 YEAR FUNDRAISING RESULTS



### MAY 31, 2025 - MARKET VALUATIONS

### INVESTING IN TOMORROW THROUGH ENDOWMENTS

Your generosity fuels a lasting legacy. St. Peter's Health Foundation Endowments are carefully invested so that a portion of earnings can provide ongoing, annual support for vital health programs—ensuring your impact continues for generations.



FY25: JUNE 1, 2024 - MAY 31, 2025

### ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO ST. PETER'S HEALTH: \$4,382,957



We're grateful for our Generous Donors and Partners who invest in local healthcare programs and services with their giving.

Thanks to you, FY2025 was a year of impact.

# TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Project Linus lead—Gina Loss—delivering blankets to the Women and Children's Unit.

## Sewing Volunteers Bring Comfort

St. Peter's Health Foundation held a June 10 luncheon to honor individuals and groups who donate handmade quilts, blankets, hats, and more to patients across St. Peter's Health, including those in Hospice and Home Health.

Honorees included the Arlene Mathews Sock Sew, a 71-year tradition with 10,000+ holiday stockings; Project Linus, with 970+ blankets last year; Knots of Love, donating 1,200+ items for cancer and NICU patients; and Karrie Fairbrother, who's made 3,000+ baby sunhats to promote melanoma prevention. Newer contributors like Friendship Quilters and longtime supporters Busy Hearts also continue to bring comfort and care.

These heartfelt gifts provide not just warmth, but dignity and emotional support. We are deeply grateful for the generosity and creativity of each volunteer who helps make healing more human.



## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

St. Peter's Health is proud to partner with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a global early literacy program that mails free books to children monthly from birth to age five.

On June 23, the Women & Children's Unit welcomed Teal Whitaker, Director of Community Engagement, and Montana First Lady Susan Gianforte, the program's state sponsor, for a visit and discussion with St. Peter's leadership and Foundation staff about expanding local access.

The Imagination Library mails over three million books monthly across five countries and is active in all 56 Montana counties, offering free books to every child statewide.

By promoting sign-ups, St. Peter's is helping families build home libraries and foster early literacy—supporting child development from day one.



## Legacy of Life Society Luncheon

On Tuesday, June 3, members of the St. Peter's Health Legacy Society gathered for a special luncheon featuring updates from CEO Wade Johnson and leadership.

This roundtable-style event offered an inside look at recent successes, upcoming projects, and key challenges shaping the future of healthcare at St. Peter's. Intimate events like this are among the meaningful benefits of the St. Peter's Health Legacy Society membership—connecting our most forward-looking supporters with the impact of their planned gifts.

*St. Peter's Health Legacy Society is comprised of people who have directed a gift to St. Peter Health in their will or estate plans. For more information contact Beth Warner — [ewarner@sphealth.org](mailto:ewarner@sphealth.org) or (406) 444-2343.*

# Marilyn Hudson's Meditation Garden Gift

**N**estled just steps from St. Peter's Health Cancer Care is a quiet sanctuary: a pond surrounded by vibrant flowers, trees, the gentle chatter of birds and sun-dappled benches that offer a moment to breathe. For patients like Justin Yancy, currently undergoing cancer treatment, it's more than a garden. "We're outdoor people," Justin shared. "Most of the time, patients are stuck inside for chemo. But out here—it's serene. I'm not into meditation, but I love the water, the birds, the peace. You get an hour during infusion where the diagnosis fades. Thank you for caring enough to provide a space like this."

Thanks to a transformational planned gift by St. Peter's Health Legacy Society member and longtime Foundation supporter Marilyn Hudson, this treasured space is now permanently supported. The **Marilyn Hudson Meditation Garden Endowed Fund**, in honor of Timothy Maxwell Daem and his grandfather, Robert "Bob" Maxwell, both beloved members of Marilyn's family. This reflects her deep-rooted commitment to family and community. Marilyn created the fund to ensure the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the Meditation Garden



Becky and Justin Yancy

"Planned giving is about leaving a legacy," Marilyn shared. "My hope is that this space continues to offer healing and joy to every person who spends quiet time there."

It's a lasting tribute, and a reminder that beauty and nature can all be part of the healing process.

*To learn more about leaving a legacy through a gift contact Stephen Mason at [smason@sphealth.org](mailto:smason@sphealth.org) or Beth Warner at [ewarner@sphealth.org](mailto:ewarner@sphealth.org).*

## Becker's Recognizing St. Peter's Health and CEO

For the fourth year in a row, St. Peter's Health CEO Wade Johnson, FACHE, has been named to Becker's Hospital Review's **"Community Hospital CEOs to Know"** list.

The list honors leaders advancing accessible, high-quality care through services like acute care, primary care, rehabilitation, and public health.

Becker's highlights the role of CEOs in shaping healthcare by developing strategies to improve patient care and expand services tailored to local needs.

Johnson has been CEO since 2017.



Becker's Hospital Review named St. Peter's Health in Helena one of its **"100 Great Community Hospitals"** for 2025—one of only two Montana hospitals to receive the honor.

"This recognition reflects our team's commitment to compassionate, innovative, and community-focused care," said CEO Wade Johnson. "We're proud to address local health needs through programs that improve outcomes both in and outside our system."

St. Peter's was recognized for behavioral health initiatives, chronic disease management, and addressing housing insecurity. St. Peter's is also the first in Montana to offer transcranial magnetic stimulation for depression, a hospital-based home dialysis program, expanded perinatal mental health services and Montana's first breast milk donation site.

*Becker's selects hospitals based on nominations and data from sources like U.S. News & World Report, Healthgrades, and CMS. Recognition cannot be purchased.*





JUNE 1, 2024 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025

# FY2025 IMPACT



**\$5,282,506**  
Dollars Raised



**2,909**  
Gifts



**\$4,880,502**  
Philanthropic Donations  
Support to SPH



**\$402,004**  
Government Grants  
Received

## DONOR FUNDS SUPPORT ST. PETER'S HEALTH PRIORITIES.

### Workforce Solutions Projects

- Awarded \$646K in scholarships to 321 employees.
- Expanded employee child care capacity from 44 to 180 children.
- Increased scholarship funds from 7 to 19, securing \$3.3M in commitments since October 2020.

### Community Based Service Projects

- Supported 22 housing-insecure patients
- Reduced ER visits by 60%.
- Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) served 300+ patients; 75% avoided ER treatment.

### Mental and Behavioral Health Projects

- Launched Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) for depression (Jan 2025) for adult and teen depression treatment.
- Added Peer Support Specialists to assist patients in crisis.

### Innovative Healthcare Delivery Projects

- Opened \$5.3M Nephrology & Dialysis Clinic (Feb 2025).
- Funded Forensic Nurse Program.
- Provided \$144K in assistance to 1,000+ patients in 2025.