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On the cover: Dr. Bonnet holding a remembrance portrait of his sister, Carol. See page 23 for story.

Left: Logan Health Children's celebrates it's 5th birthday.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gratitude, love, and hope are powerful emotions. Our desire to leave a mark, to empower and make those around us better, is often expressed through philanthropy. Giving happens because, as people, we fundamentally believe in a future that will be better than the present, made more profound by the knowledge that we may not personally experience that future.

We have the privilege of serving as a connector, enabling our patients and community members to find opportunities to exercise their philanthropy. Every day, we see firsthand the powerful difference that gifts of time, talent, and treasure make for our patients and the Logan Health Family.

We understand that giving is an expression of your trust that we will utilize your gift in the best way possible and in the manner that you intended. Thank you for placing your trust in us. This publication is an opportunity for us to share stories of some of the impacts made by philanthropy this year.

As I look back at the year, two gifts come to mind. On their surface, the two couldn't be any more different, yet they share so many things in common. Both gifts were motivated by a deep love and respect for people, both were an expression of hope for the future, and both were a testament to the knowledge that sometimes it is the little things, the small moments, that make the biggest, lasting difference.

Thank you for your belief in our mission and our people and thank you for taking the opportunity to invest in the health and future of our communities. Through your giving comes hope and all the power hope brings.

Warm regards,

Michael Barth
Interim President/Director of Operations,
Logan Health Foundation



CHANGEMAKERS

Honoring the impactful philanthropists and cultivators of hope at Logan Health.

Two new School-Based Mobile Units will traverse NW Montana's roads, made possible by generous donations from the DeBartolo family, Broussard Family Foundation, and Bert and Kari Arnlund to the Logan Health Foundation. This initiative marks a significant step in improving health care access for students, faculty and staff, particularly in underserved communities.

Logan Health's School-Based Health services are essential for providing preventive care, treating acute and chronic conditions, and offering mental health support, all within the school environment. This approach minimizes disruptions to education caused by health issues while ensuring the well-being of students, staff and community members.

These mobile units also extend health care access to rural areas, benefiting economically disadvantaged students who face barriers due to financial constraints and geography.

Learn more at logan.org/schools.



"Kari and I have for many years supported the young people of the Flathead Valley with our long term philanthropy planning. The Logan Health school-based mobile unit was a perfect fit. This Logan Health program gives added access to health care in the Flathead." - Bert Arnlund



"We were blown away by the school-based mobile unit project that Logan Health presented to us, and it took all of 60 seconds to say, 'let's make this happen.' The Flathead Valley community has been yearning for this type of efficient approach to advanced and complete health care, especially the next generation who may be lacking in access." – Broussard Family

BLAZE

Celebrating pioneers in philanthropy, those who spark the paths of generosity throughout our communities.

Honoring a Legacy: The Life and Contributions of Dr. James McCreedy

Medicine and philanthropy are intertwined practices, both guided by a love for people and progress. Dr. James McCreedy embodied this communion, dedicating his life to advancing medical care and enhancing the human condition. As the first board-certified internist in the Flathead Valley, Dr. McCreedy significantly impacted the region's medical history. His leadership was instrumental in establishing a state-of-the-art intensive care unit and pulmonology services at what is now Logan Health Medical Center.

Dr. McCreedy was committed to advancing medical resources in rural Montana and believed in the importance of ongoing education. He could often be found poring over texts in the medical library long after clinic hours, always improving his ability to care for his patients. Before his retirement, he made a significant contribution to the hospital's medical library, perpetuating his lifelong commitment to learning and medical excellence.

On August 23, 2023, a group of current and former Logan Health physicians and staff gathered to celebrate Dr. McCreedy's legacy of care, renaming the Logan Health Medical Center Library in his honor as the James E. McCreedy Medical Library.

Medical libraries are invaluable resources that provide health care professionals with access to the latest research, evidence-based information, and advanced educational materials. "Dr.

McCreedy was not only an advocate for his patients but for the professional growth and continued education of his colleagues and staff," said Heidi Sue Adams, medical librarian at Logan Health's James E. McCreedy Medical Library. "Our library supports continuous learning and professional development, ensuring that practitioners stay informed about emerging medical advancements and best practices. Dr. McCreedy's legacy reflects his commitment to empowering medical professionals to deliver the highest quality of care to our community."

Dr. McCreedy's influence extended beyond his medical expertise. He was known for his compassionate patient care, his role as a mentor, and his dedication to the Hippocratic tradition of medicine. His colleagues remember him not only as a skilled physician but also as a wonderful storyteller, a loving father, a devoted husband, and a true friend.

After a long and brave battle with Parkinson's disease, Dr. McCreedy passed away peacefully with his family by his side on December 15, 2023. Anchored by a commitment to improving lives, he lived graciously and made a lasting impact on his community.



Dr. James McCreeedy and his wife, Donna, at the dedication ceremony of the Logan Health James E. McCreeedy, MD, Medical Library in Fall 2023. His enduring impact on medical education is beautifully honored with a handmade sign hanging in the library's reading corner, a tribute to his legacy.

FUTURE FOCUSED

Meet the new Logan Health Foundation Board

On May 20, 2024, the Logan Health Foundation and Logan Health Whitefish Foundation officially merged to form a unified organization aimed at bolstering philanthropic support for both hospitals and throughout Northwest Montana. This integration, driven by a collaborative effort between both respective boards over the past two years, aims to streamline operations, enhance donor engagement, and effectively advance Logan Health's mission through philanthropy. Katie Lesar will lead as Chair of the Board, supported by Libby Fields as Chair Elect and Joe Kola as Chair of the Finance Committee.

The consolidation of these foundations marks a strategic move to optimize philanthropic activities, align goals, improve efficiency, and simplify messaging. With a robust slate of board members representing diverse backgrounds and expertise, the Logan Health Foundation is poised to maximize its impact across the Flathead Valley communities and advance health care initiatives within the region.



Katie Lesar, Chair of the Board

"We hope where we spend our time is an impactful contribution to our families, our friends, and our communities. A strong, healthy community depends on several factors, one of them being a strong local health care system. While certain changes are beyond our influence, the ability to continue to directly impact local health care remains an important opportunity, and I am honored to continue to be part of the foundation supporting Logan Health—the employees, patients, and the community."



Ron Tjaden



Ron Miller



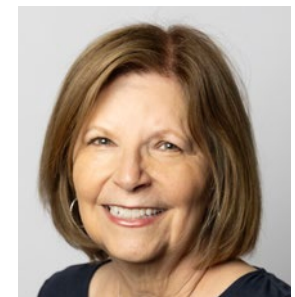
Michelle Hadidi



Eric Schmidt



Michael McCracken



Linda Cornutt

Not pictured: *Deven Robinson, Cassie Baldelli, Kathy Cummings, Janet Leishman, Patti Codiga*



Libby Fields, Chair Elect

“Community is why the Flathead is so special to me. What I enjoy most about serving on the board is being a part of a mission to have local access to exceptional health care and supporting an organization that promotes healthier futures for Montanans.”



*Joe Kola,
Chair of the Finance
Committee*

“Early in my service for the Logan Health Foundation, I reviewed a disbursement report with an entry that caught my eye. It read: ‘wig fittings, \$325.’ If you’ve never put those words together and closed your eyes to think about a loved one standing in a mirror in a difficult moment, trying to find normalcy with an uncertain future, I assure you the power of philanthropy – particularly on the smallest of scales – reaffirms the reasons.”



Marcia Rieke



Grant Snell



Chris Parson



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John Hughes



Jeannie Luckey

GRATITUDE

The Power to Transform and Heal

Gratitude is a profound response that goes beyond emotion; it is an action that strengthens bonds and fosters healing. For many patients, expressing gratitude provides a sense of closure, allowing them to reflect on the care they received and the moments of kindness that stood out during their health care journey. This process can be deeply meaningful, offering an opportunity to turn appreciation into actions that resonate with both patients and caregivers.

Moving Gratitude Forward

Recognizing the role gratitude plays in healing, Logan Health has introduced the Guiding Gratitude homepage at logan.org/gratitude. This platform serves as a dedicated space for patients and families to share their stories of care and extend their thanks to the providers and staff who made a meaningful impact during their health care journey. Whether through personal notes of appreciation or honoring caregivers with a Buffalo Pin, these gestures celebrate the connections formed during care and offer a meaningful way to bring closure to the health care experience.



**GUIDING
GRATITUDE**



The Buffalo Pin Program: Elevating Recognition

The Buffalo Pin Program is at the heart of our Guiding Gratitude initiative, symbolizing strength, resilience, and the interconnectedness of life and health. This recognition program allows patients to honor providers or staff with a donation of any amount in their name, accompanied by the symbolic Buffalo Pin.

Now, the Buffalo Pin Program has been updated with a new hierarchy of recognition. Providers and staff who have received multiple Buffalo Pins can achieve elevated levels of distinction, showcasing their commitment to excellence in patient care. This enhancement celebrates not only the gratitude of our patients but also the enduring dedication of our Logan Health family.

Through gratitude, healing becomes a shared journey — and at Logan Health, we're proud to help patients and caregivers walk that path together.

Visit logan.org/gratitude to learn more.



The Heritage Buffalo pin is a tribute to the dedication and service of our caregivers. This pin symbolizes a deep connection to the values and traditions of Logan Health as a community-focused health system.



The Guardian Buffalo pin honors those caregivers who act as protectors and advocates for their patients and community. This pin is awarded to individuals who have received at least five grateful patient honors.



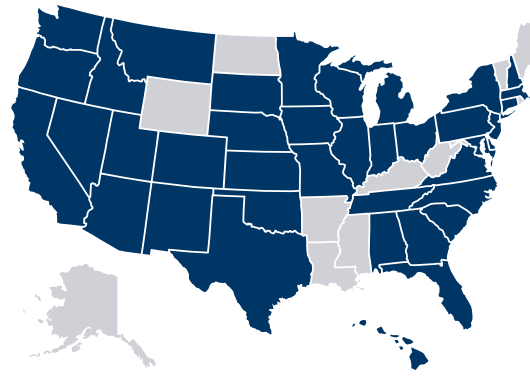
The Legacy Buffalo pin celebrates caregivers who have made a lasting impact on Logan Health and the lives of their patients. This pin is reserved for individuals who have received at least 10 grateful patient honors.



The Spirit Buffalo pin, representing the pinnacle of excellence, is awarded to caregivers who exemplify the spirit of community stewardship through their exceptional leadership and positive impact. This pin is reserved for individuals who have received at least 20 grateful patient honors.

CELEBRATING

Your Impact: 2024 Giving Report



donors residing in 39 different states



4,705 gifts



460 new donors

Who gives to Logan Health?



Employees & Medical Staff



Patients & their Families



Companies



Community Members



Board Members



Foundations

 31 total grants awarded equaling more than **\$4.5 million** in funding

UNRESTRICTED GIVING

Supporting Needs, Maximizing Impact

Unrestricted giving through Impact for Excellence allows donations to be directed where they're needed most—addressing critical needs for our patients, supporting our staff, and enhancing care across Logan Health. Your generosity provides the flexibility to respond to urgent priorities and make the greatest impact.



Infant and toddler
safe sleep sacks
and swaddles



Sara Stedy
devices to
support patient
and staff safety



Bereavement
boxes to help
remember loved
ones



Recreational equipment for S.P.A.R.K. youth program



Transport
chairs for Acute
Service areas



Blood pressure
monitors for
Nephrology
patients to use
at home



Expansion of the
Chaplain program
for spiritual
comfort and care

SUSTAINABLE GIVING

for Advancement

Giving Resource Guide

Use this information for inspiration and guidance as you navigate your end-of-year charitable endeavors.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Shares of stock or mutual funds are an excellent way to make a gift. When you transfer securities to us, you may gain an important tax deduction while avoiding capital gains on the sale.



DONOR ADVISED FUND

As 2024 comes to a close, your Donor Advised Fund is a great way for you to give to Logan Health and the charities and causes important to you.



IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

A great way to make a gift, a QCD doesn't result in taxable income to you and will also count toward your required minimum distribution.



PLANNED GIVING

There are many ways to invest in the future of Logan Health, some of which can result in significant tax savings and income streams. Montana taxpayers can structure their gift to qualify for the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.



UNDERSTANDING THE MONTANA ENDOWMENT TAX CREDIT

A powerful way to be philanthropic while receiving a significant tax benefit.

Gift must be to an endowed fund and structured as a planned gift.

- Endowment can be existing or new: Endowed fund is invested and permanent, percentage of fund balance paid each year.
- Typically, the gift is structured as a deferred gift annuity.

Deduction and the size of the Montana tax credit are dependent on the size of the gift and the age of the donor.

- For example, a 50-year-old donor making a \$10,000 planned gift could receive a \$4,929 Federal tax deduction and a Montana tax credit of \$3,286.



MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT



\$15,000
Individual



\$30,000
Couple



\$15,000
Business

The Montana Endowment Tax Credit directly reduces your income tax obligation.

For more information, contact Michael Barth, Foundation Director of Operations, at mbarth@logan.org or at (406) 858-6881.

This is not tax, legal, or accounting advice. For specific advice on your tax or financial situation or with your estate, please consult a qualified professional advisor.

A LEGACY OF LEARNING

Philanthropic Investments in Education

The Torgerson Award

The Torgerson Award celebrates Dr. Jon Torgerson, a former physician at Logan Health - Whitefish, known for his boundless curiosity and commitment to education.

Dr. Torgerson embodied the traits we admire in a health care provider and teacher: an insatiable quest for knowledge, deep respect for patients and colleagues, steadfast compassion, humility, and a constant drive for personal growth as a caregiver.

This award is bestowed upon a member of the Logan Health - Whitefish medical team who demonstrates exceptional dedication to either advancing their own medical knowledge and/or mentoring others. The award amount is \$1,000.

Danny Kisch was selected as the 2024 winner. He was nominated for the award by the Director of the Whitefish ER, Debbie Mulcachy and his coworker and ER RN, Bess Matson.

“As a former co-worker of Dr Torgerson, Danny embodies his beliefs and values,” said Bess. “To be frank, the ED thrives when he is in it! He ensures that we are stocked for supplies both for the day and throughout the department along with anticipating our needs as doctors and nurses as well as the patients. He is furthering his education by going to nursing school and I can only ponder and believe how lucky this profession will be to have him, as lucky as LHW Emergency Department is!”

DeBartolo Clinical Education Fund

The DeBartolo Clinical Education Fund is transforming professional growth at Logan Health by empowering clinical staff to reach new heights. In 2024, 21 employees received over \$40,000 in support, enabling them to attend conferences, seminars, webinars, and other educational opportunities. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the DeBartolo family, this fund fosters ongoing learning and development, ensuring our team remains at the forefront of innovation and care.



Education-Focused Philanthropy Shapes the Future of Health Care

At Logan Health Medical Center, education-focused philanthropy is transforming health care by equipping the next generation with invaluable real-world experiences and supporting advanced education for clinical staff. Because of philanthropic investments, opportunities like the Neuroscience Internships exist to inspire young, talented students while advancing health care innovations that benefit the community. The Neuroscience Internships provide interns the opportunity to rotate in the neurology, neurosurgery and physical medicine & rehabilitation departments for four to six weeks during their summer break.

The Peter M. Sorini, M.D. Educational Endowment, established in 2016, honors the legacy of Dr. Peter Sorini, a renowned neurosurgeon who dedicated more than 20 years to advancing clinical neurosciences in Montana. This endowment funds an annual internship, offering students immersive experiences in clinical neurosciences. Dr. T.C. Origitano, a Logan Health physician executive who helped launch the internship, emphasizes, "The internship honors Dr. Sorini's legacy and his commitment to advancing medicine through education and curiosity. It represents the best of what Montana has to offer."

Equally impactful is the generosity of the DeBartolo family, whose philanthropic efforts have been instrumental in shaping health care in the Flathead Valley. Their support extends beyond student education, funding opportunities that empower Logan Health's clinical staff to grow professionally and adapt to the ever-evolving health care landscape. By ensuring access to cutting-edge training and technology, the DeBartolo family is supporting a culture of excellence that directly benefits the community.

"The Sorini and DeBartolo Family summer internships represent philanthropy in Action," said T.C. Origitano, M.D., Ph.D, neurosurgeon and physician executive for Logan Health's Neuroscience Services. "Education is a process of engagement and enlightenment. It is an investment in the future of the individual, the profession and our community. There is a 360 degree return on that investment as we launch the careers of our future physicians, surgeons and leaders who will in time return to serve our community. The more you know, the more you can do, and there is much to do."



"I thoroughly enjoyed my internship at Logan Health Neuroscience & Spine, and I am immensely grateful for the invaluable insights it provided into the world of health care and neuroscience. The diverse exposure to various departments was particularly enriching, and my personal highlight was the remarkable opportunity to participate in the operating room. This experience has undoubtedly been a significant benefit to both my personal and professional growth."

- Cooper Stein, 2023 Neuroscience Intern

Philanthropy ignites the spark of knowledge and fuels growth, empowering individuals to learn, innovate, and create a brighter future for our communities.



For more information about the Neuroscience Internships, to make a gift to the Sorini Endowment fund, or discuss opportunities to support health care in our community, please contact Michael Barth at the Logan Health Foundation at mbarth@logan.org.

PLANNING

for the Future

How Planned Giving Supports Health Care in Montana

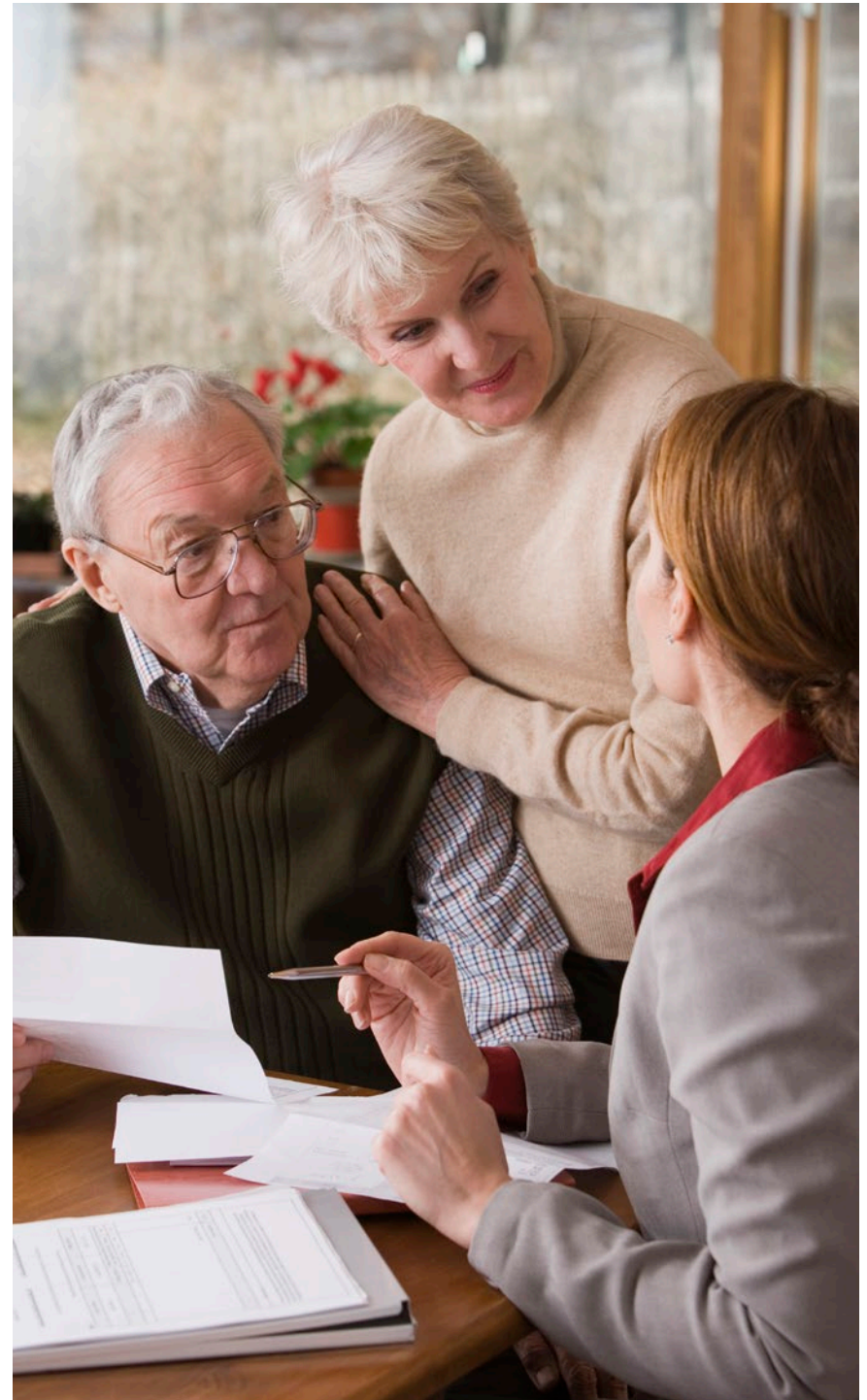
Planned giving through the Logan Health Foundation offers a powerful way for you to create a legacy of quality health care for Montanans. Gifts like these play a crucial role in sustaining Logan Health's services, ensuring essential resources are available to meet the health care needs of communities across our region. When you choose to include Logan Health Foundation in your financial plans, you provide ongoing support for programs and empower our people to benefit Montana's health care landscape.

Through a variety of planned giving options—such as bequests, charitable gift annuities, and trusts—you can craft a gift that reflects your values and leave an enduring impact. Bequests, for example, allow you to designate a specific gift in your will, creating flexibility and control over your legacy. Charitable gift annuities offer another option, providing a reliable income stream to you while ultimately shaping Logan Health's future.

"Planned giving enhances health care today and creates sustainability for a future we can only imagine," said Michael Barth, Interim President of Logan Health Foundation. "These lasting gifts support ongoing medical needs, enable adaptation to change, allow us to incorporate new tools and technologies, and ensure innovative and comprehensive health care remains accessible in Montana. You will create a ripple effect that impacts generations. I welcome those interested in establishing a gift or including Logan Health in their estate plans to connect with us so we can honor and celebrate their generosity and philanthropic legacy in the present."

The Logan Health Foundation's website offers a dedicated section on planned giving, with resources to help you explore different options and find what best aligns with your financial and philanthropic goals. The foundation's team is also available to offer personalized guidance, assisting you in navigating options and establishing plans that feel right to you.

To learn more about planned giving options or to receive a free planned giving guide, visit logan.org/foundation or contact Michael Barth at (406) 858-6881.



HONORING EXCELLENCE

Logan Health Employees Champion the John Fitch Surgical Services Excellence Award

Logan Health's Surgical Services employees have come together to honor the legacy of their friend and colleague, John Fitch, by supporting the John Fitch Surgical Services Excellence Award. This annual award recognizes surgical services staff who exemplify John's dedication to excellence, collaboration, advocacy, and positive change. Over the past year, clinicians and staff from Surgical Services have generously contributed more than \$40,000 to support the award's endowment, ensuring it will inspire and reward exceptional care for years to come.

The award not only serves as a tribute to John's extraordinary commitment to his patients and team but also as a reminder of the values he upheld daily. Each year, the recipient of this honor is selected for their outstanding contributions to Surgical Services and their embodiment of John's legacy of selflessness and dedication to excellence in care.

"Being the recipient of this award was a great honor to me. John was such a hard worker, always dedicated to doing what was best for his patients and his team. I strive every day to do the best for my patients and my team, just as he did. I hope that John's legacy lives on through others who go above and beyond, like he did, and will receive this award for all their hard work." - Nicole Harms, the inaugural recipient of the John Fitch Surgical Services Excellence Award.

The John Fitch Surgical Services Excellence Award represents more than just recognition—it celebrates the heart and dedication of those who go above and beyond to improve care and support their teams.

Thanks to the generosity of Logan Health employees, the endowment continues to grow, providing a lasting tribute to John's legacy and fostering a culture of excellence within Surgical Services. **To learn more or to contribute to this meaningful initiative, visit logan.org/donate or contact Dena Tomlinson in the Logan Health Foundation at dtomlinson@logan.org.**



OUR GENEROUS

Logan Health Family

Employee Giving and Granting

Each year, the Employee Philanthropy Council (EPC) conducts an annual grant process that empowers Logan Health departments to apply for funding, enabling employee-led initiatives. The funds for these grants are generated through generous donations by our Logan Health family.

This year, EPC distributed just over \$20,000 to fund the following initiatives to support:

- **The annual membership fee for Schwartz Rounds** supports forums for caregivers to share and reflect, fostering empathy and resilience.
- **Six isolation carts for Brendan House** enhance infection prevention, ensuring a safer environment for all.
- **Nine child-friendly IV poles for the Pediatric Inpatient Department** bring comfort to young patients during treatment.
- **A Butterfly iQ3 Probe and one-year membership for LHMC Emergency Department** improves diagnostic accuracy at the bedside.
- **Outdoor equipment and indoor activities for the S.P.A.R.K. program** inspire growth and confidence in children.
- **Cow Interactive Wall Mount, Horse Activity Wall Mount, and Rockville Audio for patient waiting areas at Logan Health - Cut Bank Rural Clinic** create an engaging and calming environment for patients of all ages.
- **Wall Mounted Lead Apron Holder and Leaded Glasses for Logan Health - Cut Bank Radiology Department** enhance safety and organization for staff and patients during imaging procedures.
- **An ACSM-ACS Cancer Exercise Specialist Course** equips Logan Health Medical Fitness Center employees with advanced training to better support cancer patients in their recovery journey.

TOP WAYS EMPLOYEES GIVE:



1. Payroll deduct



2. Peer-to-peer fundraising events



3. Year-end gifts online



Members of the Employee Philanthropy Council (EPC), representing departments across Logan Health, gather by a 2023-funded project: a water bottle filling station installed this summer in patient areas and common walkways to promote sustainability and convenience

BREAST CANCER

Care Support

A Community United for Breast Cancer Care

This October, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our community came together with generosity and determination to support breast cancer care through donations to Save a Sister and the newly established Carol's Fund Endowment. From fundraising events to generous donations, your contributions are making a lasting impact on the lives of women in the Flathead Valley. Together, we're turning awareness into action and hope into healing.

About Save a Sister

Save a Sister initiative is a collaboration between Logan Health and the Flathead City-County Health Department. The initiative's goals are to improve women's access to screening mammography, educate the community, and promote breast cancer awareness and prevention through outreach activities. Save a Sister also supports postoperative durable goods that often are not paid for by insurance.



For the past six years, Michelle Beck and her team at JCPenney in Kalispell have been raising funds and awareness for Save a Sister in remembrance of loved ones lost or impacted by breast cancer. Their dedication honors these lives while making a meaningful difference for women in our community.



Blue Cow Car Wash joined the fight against breast cancer this October by dressing their beloved blue mascot in a pink ribbon and raising funds for Save a Sister. Their creativity and generosity brought awareness and support to women in need across our community.



Love Lindsey Boutique brought hope to life with their Hope in the Heart of Montana sweatshirt, raising funds for Save a Sister throughout October and November. Their generous effort is making a lasting impact on breast cancer care in our community.

Although retired from medicine since 2007, Dr. Jim Bonnet, former Logan Health breast surgical oncologist, continues to find ways to care for his community. In September 2024, on behalf of his sister, he established Carol's Fund at the Logan Health Foundation through a \$1 million endowed gift. From funding advanced diagnostic equipment to supporting coordinated care at the Logan Health Breast Center, the fund ensures that every woman has access to the resources she needs. Its impact will continue to provide hope, access, and life-saving support for generations to come.



PacificSource Health Plans made a generous investment in advancing breast cancer care by supporting Carol's Fund to grow its endowment and funding the purchase of a second breast MRI coil. Their support is expanding access to life-saving screenings and ensuring women in our community receive the care they deserve.



About Carol's Fund

Carol's Fund is an endowed gift created in memory of Carol Ann Bonnet, who battled breast cancer for years before her passing in 2003. An endowed fund is a sustainable and permanent source of support, with the principal invested with a portion of the fund's balance available to provide ongoing financial support. Investment appreciation and others making additional gifts to Carol's Fund will ensure a growing annual impact to support prevention, treatment, and healing through coordinated care and critical services.

For more information on Save a Sister and Carol's Fund, to make a gift to the funds, or discuss opportunities to support health care in our community, please contact Dena Tomlinson at the Logan Health Foundation at dtomlinson@logan.org.

Swing Fore a Sister Tournament

Each July, the women of the Eagle Bend Ladies Golf Association come together for a purpose far greater than golf. Through their annual Swing Fore a Sister tournament, these women have united their passion for the sport with a mission to improve breast cancer care in the Flathead Valley. For over a decade, their efforts have raised more than \$350,000 for Logan Health's Save a Sister program, which helps women in the community access and afford life-saving screenings and coordinated care.

This year's tournament was no exception. With 128 golfers across 32 teams, the ladies once again demonstrated the power of community, raising funds to purchase a Lateral Arm Upright Biopsy Accessory—a vital addition to Logan Health's imaging services. This device enhances biopsy procedures by providing a safe and accurate approach to hard-to-reach areas of the breast. For many patients, this means fewer surgical interventions, less discomfort, and quicker results.

"For difficult-to-reach areas in the breast, the lateral arm allows easier access in an extremely accurate and safe way for the patient," said Dr. Scott Alexander, Vice President of Northwest Imaging and Logan Health Mammography's lead interpreting physician. "This technology complements our current minimally invasive biopsy device, enabling us to address challenging cases while sparing patients the risks and recovery associated with surgery."

For many participants, this annual tournament is quite personal. "My mother passed away in her mid-40s after battling breast cancer for four years," said Julie Cavanaugh, who has been part of the event for years. "Cancer has had a very direct impact on my life, as well as my siblings."

The Swing Fore a Sister tournament has grown into a cherished tradition, fueled by the dedication of the women who organize and play, as well as the generosity of local businesses, corporate sponsors, and community donors. "We've been hitting the fairways for 15 years, dedicated to raising funds that support breast diagnosis and treatment options in our community," said Bernadette King, this year's tournament co-chair. "I want to give back to our community and make a significant impact for all women."

In addition to funding medical advancements like the lateral arm biopsy accessory and last year's updated MRI coil, the tournament promotes awareness and encourages preventive care.

These efforts ensure that women across the Flathead Valley have access to timely screenings and appropriate technologies that can detect breast cancer early, when it's most treatable.

The Swing Fore a Sister tournament takes on more than just the responsibility of an annual fundraiser—it's a celebration of community, resilience, and hope for all those who have been affected by breast cancer. Through their dedication, countless women facing breast cancer have received care that is not only necessary and deeply personal, but also life-changing.





Meet Sally!

Sally Holand is a petite and inspiring burst of sunshine. She’s a mother and grandmother, has lived an exciting and fulfilling life, singing backup for Jerry Lee Lewis and Ricky Nelson, meeting Elvis Presley, and holds firm to her belief that kindness is the best quality one can possess. As a Logan Health Medical Center volunteer for 12 years, her service extended further as she represented the volunteers on the Foundation board for eight years, ensuring their contributions were impactful. At the beautiful age of 85, Sally remains actively involved in community activities. This year, she participated in CycleMT, riding in support of children’s causes, demonstrating her ongoing commitment to making a positive impact on the community she loves.

“I love volunteering at the Medical Center because I get to meet people in my community and really do something worthwhile,” she says. “My father always said that it’s important to give back for all of the blessings we’ve received; and so I have. And what a joy it is.”

VOLUNTEERISM

In Action

For over half a century, the volunteers at Logan Health Medical Center have been integral to its daily operations, ensuring smooth functioning for patients, customers, and staff alike. With a dedicated force of over 135 active volunteers contributing more than 30,000 hours each year, their impact extends far beyond logistical support. These remarkable individuals embody a spirit of philanthropy, annually supporting a variety of system-wide events and initiatives, including the celebrated CycleMT event. Their commitment not only enhances the well-being of those they serve but also exemplifies the power of community engagement and generosity.

“Our volunteers here at Logan Health Medical Center have such a giving spirit that it was natural for them to want to create a team and participate in CycleMT, benefiting those in need. They represent the heart of our community, and they enthusiastically go the extra mile in everything they do. They have so much to be proud of, including having the oldest rider at CycleMT for the last 2 years and placing our team among the top 5 in gathering donations.”

Whether riding on a stationary bike, or just giving a friendly smile to people as they walk through our doors, our volunteers provide everyone with inspiration to be kinder, more compassionate people. I think this is why our volunteer program continues to grow and why they stay volunteering here at Logan Health. They make everyone’s day a little brighter and feel valued in return.” - Sheri Stout, Logan Health Medical Center Volunteer Manager



CYCLEMT

Pedaling Towards Possibilities

A Space for Independence

Thanks to the generosity of participants and supporters of Logan Health's CycleMT event, 10-year-old Jaxen now has a bathroom designed to grow with him. Born with infantile Pompe disease, Jaxen faces challenges with speech and mobility, but that hasn't diminished his sharp mind or artistic spirit. As Jaxen grows, having a space that accommodates his needs is essential for fostering his independence.

CycleMT is a stationary bike relay, which supports children and young adults (under age 21) with medical hardships that are not covered by other means of funding. The event serves children all across the state of Montana, Logan Health patients and non-patients alike. Support through CycleMT helped fund the transformation of the Hoch family's existing bathroom into an ADA-compliant space, ensuring convenience and privacy as Jaxen navigates his teenage years.

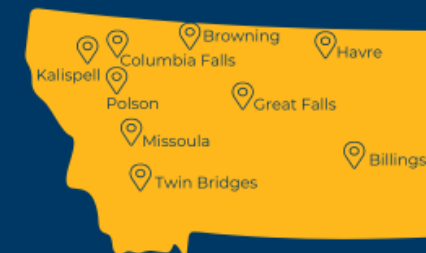
"Upgrading our bathroom has been life-changing for Jaxen," shared Erin Hoch, Jaxen's mom. "This project gives him the freedom to do things on his own, and as a parent, there's no greater gift than seeing your child thrive. We're so grateful for this program and the incredible support that made this possible."



Since 2023, Logan Health granted resources to children and families in need across Montana, including items and services such as:

-  Adaptive Bikes
-  All-Terrain Strollers & Wheelchairs
-  In-Home ADA Retrofits
-  Therapy Tools & Equipment
-  Pet and Animal Therapy

19 Children Supported Through CycleMT



CycleMT continues to bridge the gap for families like the Hochs, turning barriers into opportunities for growth and independence. This year's CycleMT event raised more than \$111,000 to support children and young adults (under age 21) with medical hardships that are not covered by other means of funding.

Save the Date! Join us March 8, 2025 for Logan Health's 3rd annual CycleMT. Learn more at logan.org/cyclemt

This summer, the Logan Health Foundation proudly participated in the Whitefish Community Foundation's Great Fish Community Challenge, a campaign that inspires generosity and raises awareness for Flathead Valley nonprofits. Since its inception in 2015, the Challenge has raised over \$28 million for more than 90 local organizations.

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, this year's Great Fish Community Challenge raised just over \$75,000 to purchase essential equipment for the labor and delivery units in Whitefish and Kalispell, enhancing care for Flathead Valley moms, babies, and families.



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HOPE AND HEALING

For Our Pediatric Patients

NICU Hall of Hope & Pediatric Hall of Heroes

The Hall of Hope & Hall of Heroes is a series of images featuring “before” and “after” images of patients from where their journey with Logan Health Children’s began to where they are today. The intention of the display is to bring hope and healing to current patient families and honor the experiences of past patients.

The NICU Hall of Hope was unveiled last summer on the 4th anniversary of Logan Health Children’s opening. This year, we unveiled the Hall of Heroes as part of the 5th anniversary celebrations.

All patients were nominated by a committee of physicians, nurses, social workers, and child life specialists.



SHANNON
 Born: November 2, 2009
 Gestation: 32 weeks
 Weight: 4 pounds, 8 ounces
 NICU stay: 35 days



JORDANA, 11



When Jordana was six years old, she was exiting her school bus with her two older siblings when she was hit by a car that failed to stop and suffered a diffuse axonal traumatic brain injury. Jordana required intubation, intracranial pressure monitoring, a PICC line, and eventually needed a 3-tube placed while in a disordered state of consciousness for the majority of the three month-long stay at Logan Children's. Jordana transferred to a coma recovery program in Houston, Texas, where she continued to recover and grow stronger every day. Jordana is now more adventurous than ever. She is an avid skier and has even competed in the Special Olympics Winter Games!

LEAH
 Born: August 20, 2013
 Gestation: 33 weeks
 Weight: 3 pounds, 3 ounces
 NICU stay: 63 days



BEN, 11



Ben was diagnosed with Clear Cell Sarcoma (kidney) when he was eight, just two years after being diagnosed with diabetes. Unfortunately, the tumor burst in his abdomen, and he was life-fighted to Denver for emergency surgeries and to begin chemo and radiation. He was able to complete treatment in Killepelt and was inpatient for most of those seven months. Ben's scans were clear for 18 months, and then a growth appeared on his liver, a recurrence of the cancer. More surgery, chemo, and radiation followed by a stem cell transplant, where he was inpatient for much of that time. Ben is an old soul warrior with a heart of gold.

CLAIRE
 Born: November 7, 2020
 Gestation: 26 weeks, 3 days
 Weight: 2 pounds
 NICU stay: 110 days

BRINA
 Born: November 7, 2020
 Gestation: 26 weeks, 3 days
 Weight: 2 pounds
 NICU stay: 156 days



FINNLEY, 9



Finley was born with a rare genetic mutation and Severe Combined Immunodeficiency. These diagnoses caused chronic infections, lung damage, skin issues, and adrenal insufficiency, resulting in two bone marrow transplants before she was four and countless hospitalizations. When Finnley was six, she suffered a cardiac arrest and stroke. She spent the next two years in Houston and Seattle hospitals, working so hard to learn how to move her body, eat, and talk again. Even though she still endures chronic and, quite often, life-threatening health issues, Finnley is finally home where she loves to paint, do puzzles and show off her vast collection of mini figures.