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Giving in Thanks *Circle of Caring Donor Offers Gift of Gratitude*

Jeanne Taylor, a long time donor who served on the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation board from 2002-2008, got a first hand look at the value of a hometown hospital late last September.



Jeanne Taylor

She was walking near Southern Oregon University, where she and her husband Jerry are also active supporters, when she tripped on a curb. The fall shattered her elbow.

The Taylors rushed to the Asante Ashland Community Hospital Emergency Department, where Jeanne got quick and compassionate care from a team led by Dr. Gerry Lehrburger.

“The whole experience was good – as good as these things can be,” Jeanne says. “There were no long waits and everyone was very caring.”



Hal Townsend, MD

She went home with a referral to see orthopedic surgeon Dr. Hal “Scooter” Townsend the next day. He scheduled surgery for October 1 and reconstructed her elbow with two plates and nine screws.

“He’s not only a good surgeon, but he’s good with patients, too,” Jeanne says. “I think that helps with healing.” Jeanne started physical therapy right away

and says she has regained nearly all use and range of motion in her arm.

“I thanked Scooter every time I went in, but he said it was a team effort,” she says.

To honor him and the team that provided her care, Jeanne and Jerry Taylor decided to donate through the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation’s Circle of Caring program.

The program provides an opportunity to make a charitable gift to show gratitude to a specific caregiver, team or department and help Asante Ashland Community Hospital care for others.

“We wanted to show how thankful we were for what he did for us,” Jeanne says.

Dr. Townsend says he strives to treat every patient the way he would want to be treated and he’s deeply appreciative of the recognition and gratitude the Taylors showed.

“I love what I do,” he says, “but the thanks is appreciated.”

As a member of the Asante finance committee, he knows the mounting financial pressures small community hospitals face.

“Charitable giving helps keep small hospitals viable,” he says.

From the initial care in the emergency room through her continuing physical therapy, Jeanne says she’s glad to know that kind, competent care is available so close to home.

“That’s a real gift to the community,” she says.

To make your tax-deductible contribution, visit www.achfoundation.org to donate online or download our giving form, or call our office at (541) 201-4015.

Message from the President

New Opportunities Abound for Foundation

In January, I began my two-year term as president of the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation. I'm honored to have been selected for this important role.

For those who don't know me, I've lived in Ashland since 1995. I raised three children here and was active in the Ashland Schools Foundation and Ashland High School Boosters while they were growing up. I am a Certified Financial Planner® with Raymond James Financial Services and specialize in working with women in transition. I've been involved in many community organizations over the years including American Association of University Women, Rotary and Southern Oregon Estate Planning Council. I currently serve on the board of the Rotary Club of Ashland.

My passion for community hospitals began with the birth of my first child in Southern California. The care I received was so personal and supportive that my friends who had their children in larger hospitals were envious. When I was invited to join the Foundation board in 2011, I jumped at the chance to support Ashland Community Hospital. Little did I know there were so many changes ahead.

It's hard to believe it's been 18 months since Ashland Community Hospital merged with the Asante system. We have been working diligently to create a mutually beneficial partnership with the hospital and Asante as a whole. The hospital is stronger and more financially stable than it has been in years. We have experienced many initial successes and see even more good things on the horizon.

One question I still get asked is if our support of the hospital has changed since the affiliation. The answer is no. The Ashland Community Hospital Foundation remains an independent nonprofit corporation with an independent board of directors. All of the contributions we receive support Asante Ashland Community Hospital services. When you make a gift to our Foundation, you can rest assured that it will stay right here in our community.

Our board understands that the needs of Asante Ashland Community Hospital are great and we want to do our part to enhance this critical service. Charitable support will always be important to our hospital. As health care continues to evolve, philanthropy will be more important than ever. I'm excited about our role in helping to expand women's health, add urology services, build a chapel and more.

You are an important partner in the success of our community hospital. Your contributions will help make the difference between great care and excellence. I look forward to working together to make our hospital vibrant and lasting.

Sincerely,



Liz Murphy, President
Ashland Community Hospital Foundation



Volunteer To Be Part of the Team

Asante Ashland Community Hospital highly values our volunteers. Each year, individuals of various ages, skills and abilities donate thousands of hours to help our staff provide high-quality, compassionate care and promote the well being of our patients and visitors. Our volunteers are committed to being responsive to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all we serve.

If you are interested in meeting new people, learning new skills and serving your community, please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help us with:

- Registration/Information Desk
- Patient Services/Guest Services – Escorting patients and visitors, delivering meals, assisting staff
- Complementary therapy – Reiki or Healing Touch
- Music – Providing music for our patients and staff
- Gift shop
- Spiritual care
- Library/Health Information Center
- Therapy dog visits
- Clerical support

We welcome all individuals 14 and older to apply. To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Dawn Dille, Volunteer Coordinator, at (541) 201-4029 or Dawn.Dille@asante.org.

Gift Breathes Life into Pediatric Care

It's a moment no one ever wants to face. A child unable to breathe is rushed to the emergency room. The situation is distressing for family members and intense for caregivers. When seconds count, nurses and physicians need the right tools at their fingertips.

Caregivers at Asante Ashland Community Hospital were elated to receive a gift from the Gwladys and John Zurlo Charitable Foundation that enabled the purchase of three new fully stocked Broselow Pediatric Code Carts. These carts serve the youngest patients receiving care in our Emergency Department, our Surgery Center, and as inpatients.

A Broselow Pediatric Code Cart uses a special system that assigns children a color based on their length. The color-coded drawers of the cart are stocked with supplies and equipment designed for a child of a specific size so caregivers can swiftly and accurately get exactly what they need for the emergency resuscitation of our youngest patients.

On behalf of the physicians, staff and the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation, we want to express our most sincere gratitude to the Gwladys and John Zurlo Charitable Foundation.



Sandra Slattery Earns 2014 Distinguished Service Award

Sandra E. Slattery was honored with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award at the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation's annual Founders Dinner on February 20. Sandra is currently the executive director of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, and she and her husband, Dennis, are well known in Ashland for their civic awareness and service to the community.

Sandra joined the foundation board in January 2011 and has been a dedicated and active member, serving on the fundraising committee, as vice president in 2012 and as president of the foundation from 2013-2014. Sandra also served on the selection committee, which brought Sheila Clough to our hospital as CEO. Currently, she serves as past president and chair of the fundraising committee.

Sandra's long career with the Chamber began in 1979 after graduating from California State University, Long Beach with a business administration and marketing degree. She has been executive director of the Chamber since 1985 and

has spearheaded many innovative projects, which have been used as models for other cities. Sandra has been honored as the Oregon Chamber Executive of the Year and by Soroptimist International of Ashland for their Women of Distinction Award. She was a founding member of the Southern Oregon Visitors Association and has twice served as president. She is past president of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, past president of the SOU Regional Advisory Board, has served on the SOU Foundation and is currently president of the SOU President's Advisory Council. Sandra also received the ACH Foundation's Outstanding Board Service Award for 2012.

Sandra's passion for the hospital and foundation was never more apparent than when she was a member of the negotiating team during the affiliation process with the Asante health system. She and her fellow team members attended numerous negotiation meetings and worked tirelessly on the affiliation agreement, always keeping the interests of the hospital, foundation and community at the forefront of their minds. Those negotiations resulted in a partnership with Asante that made it possible to keep the hospital here in our community and to maintain an independent foundation committed to supporting Asante Ashland Community Hospital.

Congratulations, Sandra!



See the Impact of Your Giving

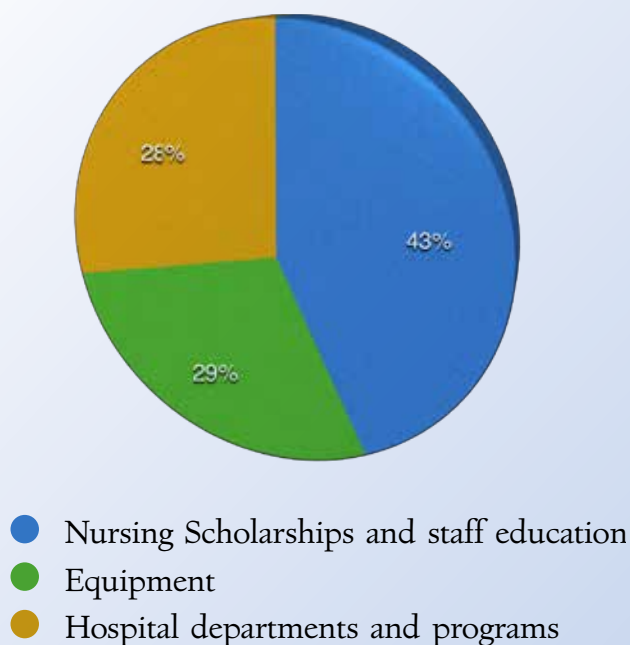
In 2014, the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation received \$649,671 in charitable contributions and endowment earnings. Your donations will be used to purchase new equipment, improve hospital facilities and services, support community programs and strengthen our existing endowments. We would like to thank all our generous donors who made these gifts possible.

2014 Highlights:

- Contributions to our Patrons Campaign and Lights for Life supported the installation of a new digital X-ray suite to serve our Emergency Department and inpatients. *(See page 10)*
- A bequest from the estate of Ruth T. Evans significantly increased the corpus of our Evans Nursing Scholarship Endowment, allowing us to provide eight \$5,000 scholarships.
- A bequest from the estate of Ruth T. Evans and donor designated gifts supported the ongoing work of our Hospice, Home Health and Palliative Care Program and our Charity Care Program to provide care to uninsured patients.
- Grants from the Reed and Carolee Walker Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation and the Ashland Food Cooperative provided funding for nursing services at Ashland and Talent elementary and middle schools.
- A generous contribution from the Gwladys and John Zurlo Charitable Foundation allowed for the purchase of three fully stocked pediatric code carts. *(See page 3)*

- A bequest from the Elmer C. Biegel Family Foundation helped fund the purchase of new equipment for cardiac care at AACH.
- A bequest from the estate of Geraldine Oeser and other donor designated gifts will be used to support the creation of a chapel that will serve patients and families in times of need. *(See page 10)*

Where Your Dollars Went



**Figures based on our 2014 unaudited financial statements.*

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The Tribute Society of Ashland Community Hospital was established in 2010 and recognizes individuals and groups who have had \$1,000 or more donated to Ashland Community Hospital Foundation in their honor or memory through 2014.

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While we've done our best to ensure an accurate list, we understand that there may be errors or omissions. Please accept our sincere apologies.

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A History of Helping

Brian Almquist retired from the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation board in December after 12 years of service and was just named an emeritus board member.

However, the four separate terms he served as a board member since 1999 are just the latest chapter in decades of work Brian has done to help keep Ashland's community hospital thriving.

Brian came to Ashland as city manager in August 1970. The hospital was then a city department, and the new city manager quickly committed to helping it thrive.

He worked closely with five hospital administrators, four of whom were also city employees, and in 1996 helped guide the city's process to privatize the hospital. Then-mayor Cathy Shaw, hospital administrator Jim Watson and Brian worked out a plan to create a new nonprofit corporation that would lease and operate the hospital. The arrangement helped the hospital compete in the marketplace and work collaboratively with other area hospital partners, while freeing it from the political realities of operating as a city department, Brian explains.

After 28 years as Ashland's city manager, Brian retired in 1998, joining the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation board the next year.

Sandra Slattery, executive director of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce who has known and worked closely with Brian for 35 years, said she was pleased to see him dedicate his time in retirement to the hospital and foundation.

"He had an intricate knowledge of the workings of the hospital and he had a personal commitment to keeping it in Ashland," she says. "He had all this experience as an administrator and he was taking that expertise to move the foundation forward."

Brian speaks proudly of the partnerships that have developed among the



hospital, its foundation, school districts, the Chamber of Commerce, Southern Oregon University and other organizations.

"We're fortunate to have wonderful people in so many agencies doing things together," he says. "These partnerships have been very important to Ashland's success."

Brian has served on the foundation's real estate, finance, strategic planning, and most recently the asset management committee as the hospital negotiated a new affiliation with Asante. In 2009, he received the Meese Award for Outstanding Board Service and in 2010 the Distinguished Service Award for service to the community through the hospital and the foundation.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed working with this incredible board," Brian says. "They are ambassadors for the hospital, spreading the message about the hospital and its future."

And as someone who has been a part of the history of the hospital and the foundation, he's confident that our hospital's future is secure and bright.



In 2014, the Circle of Caring program received over \$14,800 in donations in support of the Greatest Needs of Asante Ashland Community Hospital, the Medical/Surgical Unit, the Employee Assistance Fund, the Diagnostic Imaging Department and the Asante Ashland Community Hospital Hospice, Home Health and Palliative Care program.

Donations were made in honor of Zoe Abel, Cynthia Alvarado, AACH Physicians and staff, AACH Hospice, Home Health and Palliative Caregivers, Diagnostic Imaging staff, Medical/Surgical staff, Physical Therapy staff, Amy Baumgart, Emily Brandt, Erin Brandy, Sydney Chandler, Ruth Chapman, Cathy Christian, Ashley Clay, Denise Davis, Jaye DelCarlo, Martha Dixon, Toni Drummond, Dan Emmons, James Excell, Peter Fithian, Chaplain Patrick Fitzsimmons, Joshua Hiatt, Brenda Kizzire, Barb Knox, Elizabeth Markell, Linda McGwire, Dr. Glen O'Sullivan, Tonya Preston, Kenn Rice, Mary Robert, Chaplain Barbara Smith, Anna Spellman, Dr. Bill Steinsiek, Jim Stephenson, Janett Sultzbach, Joyce Templeman, Dr. Hal Townsend, Threshold Singers, Dorise Treiger, Kelly Vittoria, Julie Wiley, Dr. Davis Wilkins, Nate Witemberg, Goldye Wolfe and Syl Zucker for their kindness and compassion as caregivers.



Hillary Seger, MD

Menopause, Hormones and You

Media reports about menopause and hormone replacement can be confusing and conflicting. Learn what hormone replacement can do for you, its effect on conditions such as heart disease and breast cancer, and what alternative therapies are available.

Presented by
Hillary Seger, MD, gynecologist,
Asante Ashland Physician Partners

6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19

Asante Ashland Community
Hospital, West Lobby

To register, call Kathleen Mackris at (541) 201-4015 or email Kathleen.Mackris@asante.org. Seating is limited. Presented by Ashland Community Hospital Foundation

Learning Luncheons

Building A Healthy Financial Future

When: Noon, Wednesday, May 6

Where: AACH Conference Room

Liz Murphy CFP® MBA, ACH Foundation President
Nancy Brewold-Johnson CLU, ChFC, CFP®, MSFS
Independent advisors affiliated with Raymond James Financial Services Inc., Member FINRA/SIPC

Description: As women we know that our nation battles a variety of lifestyle-related health problems including obesity, respiratory illnesses, and heart disease. Common sense tells us we need to take active measures to foster better physical health. And the same is true for our finances. As women we need to be actively involved in caring for our financial health, both present and future. Come learn about how the same approach to building and maintaining good physical health can help us build and maintain good financial health.



Liz Murphy

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Nancy Brewold-Johnson

The Pros and Cons of Using a Corporate Trustee

When: Noon, Tuesday, September 29

Where: AACH Conference Room

Jon Muir, Vice President, Trust Consultant,
Raymond James Financial Services Inc., Member FINRA/SIPC

Description: Many people have set up revocable living trusts. They need to have chosen a successor trustee to properly administer the trust. Have they chosen the right one? Is it a person or a company? There are pros and cons to each. Come learn more at this presentation.

Your Advance Directive, Are You Ready?

When: Noon, Wednesday, November 4

Where: AACH Conference Room

Gary Turner, Attorney at Law
Davis, Hearn, Anderson & Turner, PC

Description: Advance Directives aren't just for the elderly--experts say it's never too early to have one in place in case of an accident or sudden, unexpected illness. Join us to learn more about what you will need to prepare your plan.

For more information contact Kathleen Mackris at (541) 201-4015 or Kathleen.Mackris@asante.org

A Sanctuary in Our Hospital

We at Asante Ashland Community Hospital realize that it is often necessary to have difficult conversations during times of health crises. Frequently patients, family members and their caregivers need a quiet place to have these conversations and to reflect on the information given to them.

Because we are sensitive to the spiritual and emotional needs of our patients, their families and our caregivers, we are embarking on a long awaited project to create a sacred space where all can find refuge. Our chapel will be a haven for patients, their loved ones and staff of any spiritual tradition and will be a place to pray, meditate or reflect.

The foundation will work with AACH chaplain Rev. Pandora Canton to create a space that represents various faith traditions and welcomes those with no faith tradition: a sanctuary where all are welcome. We hope to reflect the diversity of our community in our hospital chapel through interfaith symbols, sacred writings and ritual.

If you would like more information on this exciting new project, please contact Janet Troy at (541) 201-4014 or Janet.Troy@asante.org

Our Image is Improving

Digital X-ray suite upgrade complete

In 2014 we asked our community to help fund a new digital X-ray suite to serve our Emergency Department and inpatients. Donors stepped forward and through their gifts to the Patrons Campaign and Lights for Life, they contributed over \$126,000 to bring this technology to Asante Ashland Community Hospital.

The digital X-ray suite was completed earlier this year and features mobile technology that allows the technician to perform the necessary diagnostic at a patient's bedside. This creates a more comfortable experience for our patients and allows for shorter exam times. The technology also provides significantly lower doses of radiation and improved diagnostics.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the generous donors who contributed to our 2014 Patrons Campaign and Lights for Life.

2015 Patrons Campaign

Supporting women's health

The health care needs of women are unique, whether it's your wife, sister, daughter, mother or grandmother. At Asante Ashland Community Hospital, we recognize that every woman is special and needs care based on her individual needs.

During its strategic planning process in early 2014, AACH identified women's health, along with imaging and surgical services, among its top five areas for opportunity and expansion.

The hospital is known for providing high quality, patient-centered care to women throughout our community through its Family Birth Center and Women's Imaging. Ultimately, AACH plans to offer an array of holistic services for women under one roof that will focus on their complex health care needs throughout the many stages of their lives with services close to home.

This journey to expand women's health care services will take several years, but knowing that every journey begins with a first step, the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation will devote its 2015 Patrons Campaign to the first phase of this long-term effort.

Plans are underway to add and expand important services including imaging, breast reconstruction surgery and gynecological surgery. Contributions will be used to purchase new imaging technology and surgical equipment, and to create a fund to support the health care needs of underinsured women in our community.

If you would like to partner with the foundation to improve women's health, please call (541) 201-4015, send a gift in the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.achfoundation.org.



Leaving Your Legacy

A scholarship to help a nursing student achieve her dream. Seed money for a chapel at Asante Ashland Community Hospital. A new home for the Home Health, Hospice and Palliative Care team. Operational support for departments including the Family Birth Center, Volunteer Program and Hospice. A gift to meet the hospital's greatest needs. These are just a few examples of how thoughtful donors have chosen to remember our hospital through their estate plans.

If you would like to extend your support of Asante Ashland Community Hospital to make a lasting impact, there are several gift options to choose from. Whether you would like to put your donation to work today or benefit us after your lifetime, you can find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family and support Ashland Community Hospital Foundation.

The easiest and most common ways to support us after your lifetime are through a charitable bequest and beneficiary designations. Relationships and situations change, and these gift options can be modified at any time to meet your changing needs.

Charitable Bequest

Creating a will is an important way to extend your love, care, generosity and gratitude to family and friends. It is also an excellent way to support our mission. Still, many adults of all ages do not have a will.

If you die without a will, your estate will be divided according to laws in the state where you live. The resulting transfer of assets may be very different from what you had wished. While certain family members likely will receive part of your estate, close friends or charities that you wanted to remember will not be included.

Only you know the special circumstances of your family members and heirs.

That is why it is important to discuss these factors with your attorney. Some things to address include how you want to distribute your estate, whom you want to be executor and what charities you wish to support.

It is also important to ask your attorney about a living will and a durable power of attorney in case you become incapacitated. Your attorney may suggest other components, but be prepared to talk about these items so you will be in a position to have a document drafted that accomplishes your wishes.

Beneficiary Designations

Although many people think of a will as the easiest way to transfer assets after their lifetime, it doesn't cover everything. In fact, retirement plans, IRAs and life insurance are not controlled by the terms of your will and use separate beneficiary forms to determine who receives them.

These beneficiary designations trump your will when it comes to passing along these assets at your death, making them effective and easy ways to leave a legacy. Your assets may never reach your intended recipients if you've failed to keep the beneficiary designations up to date. Experts suggest reviewing them every two to three years when you review your entire estate plan.

Retirement Plans and IRAs

If you want to make a difference at our hospital after your lifetime, consider a tax-wise gift from your retirement plan or IRA. A retirement plan or IRA is typically the largest source of assets that generate taxable income when paid to a beneficiary. More than half of your retirement plan assets could be subject to income and estate taxes. Therefore, if you are considering an estate gift, it is usually better to leave taxable assets to us and giving nontaxable assets (such as stocks and real estate) to your loved ones.

Life Insurance Policies

Maybe you once needed life insurance for your loved ones, but now your family's requirements have changed. Why not use the insurance policy to help advance our mission? Not only will you make a substantial gift at a relatively low cost, but it is revocable at any time should you need to change your plans.

The Ashland Community Hospital Foundation website offers many tools to help you navigate through estate planning options. The site is available to you at no cost and with no obligation. Visit the site at www.achfoundation.org and click on the Gift Planning page. There you will find more detailed information on charitable bequests and beneficiary designations, plus a variety of gift planning strategies and resources to help you select the right type of gift for you, your family and the charities that are important to you.

If you include Ashland Community Hospital Foundation in your plans, please use our legal name and Federal Tax ID.

Legal Name: Ashland Community Hospital Foundation

Address:

P.O. Box 98, Ashland, OR 97520

Federal Tax ID Number: 93-0691238

We want to work with you to create a gift that best fits your circumstances and our needs. To learn more about including us in your will, please contact us today.

Next Steps

- Contact Janet Troy at (541) 201-4014 or Janet.Troy@asante.org for additional information on bequests or to chat more about the options for including Ashland Community Hospital Foundation in your will or estate plan.
- Seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor.



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Drive 4 UR Community

Please join us from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 2 at Butler Ford for an opportunity to test drive a car and have Ford Motor Co. donate \$20 to the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation. Ford will donate up to \$6,000 and the money raised will support initiatives to enhance patient care.



There will be food for purchase and great music for entertainment. All participants will be entered in a prize drawing. Bring your friends and come down to Butler Ford and support your community hospital! Special thanks to Butler Ford for choosing to support Asante Ashland Community Hospital.

ACHF Vision

Our vision is to inspire philanthropy to enhance Asante Ashland Community Hospital services.

ACHF Mission

Our mission is to solicit, steward and grant funds to support Asante Ashland Community Hospital.