



Close **emergency care** when you need it

Did you know St. John Medical Center's Emergency Department (ED) is one of the busiest in the state? It has more than 50,000 patient visits each year.

You may be amazed that so many people need our ED. But after all, the population in Cowlitz County just topped the 100,000 mark.

The ED is being renovated! And there has been a flurry of activity around the ED entrance lately.

We are increasing the number of beds from 22 to 38. We are also adding 14,000 square feet to the department. These changes will let the ED staff work more efficiently.

With these changes, St. John's ED will be ready to handle just about anything. From accidents in the home to student sports injuries to emergencies that involve many people, like a chemical spill or railroad

or mill accident, you should take comfort in knowing that you are close to a top-notch facility.

You can help! The price tag for renovating the ED is \$9.5 million. We are paying for this in a variety of ways.

- The St. John Medical Center Foundation has received grant funds from regional foundations. These groups believe a state-of-the-art emergency department is essential.
- Physicians and medical center staff and employees have participated.
- Local families and individuals have made gifts as well.

The Foundation set a goal to raise \$500,000 for the ED renovation. To date we have received \$280,000 toward that goal.

This is a big and important project. We still need your help raising the funds to finish it.

Have you been to the ED? Or do you just want to support the health of your community? Show your thanks with a donation. Just send your gift to the Foundation in the envelope provided. Every gift truly counts!

For more information, contact the Foundation at **(360) 414-7900**.

Even a little means a lot.
Your gift can help us complete
the ED renovation.

The new Emergency Department entrance opened in April 2007 and features the K. T. Henderson memorial fountain. It signals the start of many changes that will take place over the next few years. We hope the changes will make the medical center even better for our patients.

