Did you know the word inspire, when translated from the original Latin, means “to breathe life into?” This is why it seems the perfect name for our newsletter.

Your philanthropic support breathes life into our work here at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center. The $5.2 million donations in cash, in-kind and planned gifts this year significantly expands the depth and breadth of our much-needed programs and services throughout the community. We are deeply grateful.

Your support is inspiring to us and the caregivers with whom we work. It is a testament to the way you live your life, the values you hold, the community you love, and your conviction to leave the world a better place.

Philanthropy is often the inspiration that serves as a catalyst for attracting world-class physicians, giving more patients access to life-changing solutions, putting innovative devices in the hands of surgeons, and helping us expand our continuum of care to the most vulnerable among us. From newborns to the terminally ill, your support enhances the quality and access to comprehensive health care. Here are just a few examples:

- Thanks to your support, our Cancer Center received $602,000 for patient care and cutting-edge equipment to help those facing one of the biggest health challenges of all.

- Thanks to you, the Cardiovascular Center and Wound Healing Center received $112,000 for patient rehabilitation and advanced equipment, giving our community members the best chance at recovering from serious heart problems.

- This last year, your generosity provided $102,000 for advanced technology and facility updates, making the delivery and hospital stay for each mom and baby the wonderful experience it should be at the Childbirth Center.

Each of you has a personal story or reason that inspires you to support our work – and we would love you to share them with us. Please know we are driven, every day, by that inspiration and by your belief in our mission.

Peace,

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Outpatient Therapy Restores Vitality

The first thing you'll notice about Al Flett is his cheerful, jovial personality. With a mischievous twinkle in his eye, Al describes his passion for restoring old Studebakers. Unfortunately, Al's zest for life has been repeatedly threatened by chronic pain and limited mobility. He has been through five major surgeries including spine and shoulder surgery and a hip replacement.

Al describes the surgical services and rehabilitative care he's received at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center as “the best I've ever had,” and he credits the staff of the Outpatient Therapy department for his ability to walk without a cane or walker. Before therapy, Al could only stand and work for about 30 minutes before needing a one-hour rest break. Constant pain and the inability to participate in normal activities made him feel grumpy and miserable. Now that he can work in his shop for a full eight hours and participate fully in church and other favorite activities, his sunny disposition has returned.

Soon, patients like Al will be served in our brand new state-of-the-art Outpatient Rehabilitation Center located on St. Joe's main campus in the former Cancer Center. The 12,500 square-foot facility will feature two gyms, 15 treatment rooms, an education center and hydrotherapy pool. PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation is raising capital funds to help cover a portion of the $2.7 million project cost. For more information or to contribute, please contact Karen Haggen at 360-788-6851.
Thank You Generous Donors!

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