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St. Joseph Hospital is a 253-bed, two-campus medical center in Bellingham. As Whatcom County’s only hospital, St. Joseph Hospital provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including 24-hour emergency and trauma care, neurosurgery, the Cardiovascular Center at St. Joseph Hospital, the Center for Joint Replacement and the Cancer Center.

Our dedicated physicians and staff have earned St. Joseph Hospital recognition as a 100 Top Hospital in America and as a top-ranked facility for patient quality initiatives in Washington state. We aspire to be among the top 10 hospitals in the country.

Care for Everyone, Today and Tomorrow

From birth through life’s transitions, St. Joseph Hospital is here for individuals and families throughout the region. As a nonprofit hospital, St. Joseph Hospital reinvests any earnings above costs in community health care needs. St. Joseph Hospital serves everyone with the same level of compassionate, quality care regardless of ability to pay.

Generous support from our community to the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation allows St. Joseph Hospital to maintain up-to-date facilities with advanced medical technology and to ensure access to care for everyone, today and into the future.

Our Vision
Every PeaceHealth patient will receive safe, evidence-based, compassionate care—every time, every touch.
Advanced technology funding allows St. Joseph Hospital to provide high-quality care to the people who live in our community. Your Circle of Care gift allows the hospital to accelerate replacement of outdated equipment and ensure that doctors are using the best tools available to meet patient needs.

Parts inside of the human body shift around every day. Even minute to minute. It’s not something patients often think about, but Dr. Michael Taylor’s success in treating cancer depends on knowing just where cancerous tissue is. A radiation oncologist at St. Joseph Hospital for 14 years, he uses a linear accelerator to deliver high-energy X-rays to kill cancer cells. He is careful to pinpoint the cancerous area without exposing healthy parts of the body to radiation.

Technology advances are critical to treating cancer patients, Dr. Taylor says. Upgrading the linear accelerator would allow him and other physicians to treat more patients daily and lower risks for cancer patients.

“Without the machines, we would have a lower chance of achieving a cure and a higher chance of causing harm,” he says.

Upgraded equipment could increase cure rates by 20 percent and be versatile enough to treat a wide variety of patients. Dr. Taylor says funding for state-of-the-art equipment is vital to continuing to provide patients with the best technology available.

“We are currently leaders in technology,” he says. “But we won’t continue to be if we don’t get the advanced technology we need.”

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Circle of Care participants recognize the central role that St. Joseph Hospital plays in our community.

We won’t continue to lead if we don’t keep pace with emerging technologies.
Access to care funds allow St. Joseph Hospital to maintain its ongoing commitment to serving the poor, uninsured and underinsured by providing care at low or no cost. Bridge Assistance is St. Joseph Hospital’s program for patients who do not have the funds to pay for needed medical care.

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Their hopes were crushed when they found out their insurance plan didn’t cover the cost of the surgery. Through the St. Joseph Hospital Bridge Assistance Program, Elena received the needed surgery and her hospital bill was reduced significantly.

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Contributions to the endowment provide benefit today and for generations to come. Endowment gifts provide financial stability for St. Joseph Hospital, which, through the foundation, earns interest on a conservatively invested principal. Earnings provide an essential buffer to sustain services and supplement capital budgets in lean years. The endowment also provides a reliable source of needed revenue for vital yet hard-to-fund projects.

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Robin and her younger sister made a contribution to the Emergency Room Capital Campaign, donating a room as a lasting memorial to Markell and their parents, and as an expression of gratitude to the hospital that has touched their lives. The campaign is a great example of community resources in action, Robin explains. The renovated and expanded emergency department helps the hospital keep pace with the growing number of people seeking emergency care, enabling the department to serve as many as 90,000 patients per year.

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PeaceHealth and community commitment

St. Joseph Hospital is part of PeaceHealth, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization serving seven communities in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. PeaceHealth has its roots in Bellingham, where the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded St. Joseph Hospital in 1891.

Community service is at the heart of the PeaceHealth mission. Being engaged in the community and building strong philanthropic relationships is an essential part of how PeaceHealth is able to maintain its commitment to quality health care regardless of an individual’s ability to pay for services.

In each of the communities it serves, PeaceHealth supports a separate foundation, overseen by community leaders and health care professionals who live in the community.

St. Joseph Hospital Foundation: community partnership

The St. Joseph Hospital Foundation helps the community provide philanthropic support for St. Joseph Hospital. Established in 2003, the foundation builds on the hospital’s long history of partnering with the community to provide quality health care. Partners include grateful patients and their families, businesses, hospital medical staff and employees, and supporters in the community who want to ensure that safe, evidence-based, compassionate care is available to the entire community, regardless of ability to pay.

Contributions to the foundation enable the hospital to focus on healing and advancing state-of-the-art medical care rather than fundraising. One-hundred percent of all tax-deductible gifts are directed to health care in our community.
Find out more about how you can help our hospital, our health care and our future. Contact the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation by calling (360) 788-6866, or visit our Web site at www.peacehealth.org/sjhf.

Your help, our shared future

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