Philanthropy is one of the most powerful expressions of compassion. Inspired to connect those with resources to those in need, PeaceHealth Oregon Foundations raise support and awareness to enhance the lives of people in our communities.

However, with all the changes happening in health care, our Foundations often receive thoughtful and concerned questions from the community regarding the need for philanthropy. We asked Foundation leadership to answer your questions.

**Why does PeaceHealth need financial support from our community?**
PeaceHealth is one of the largest providers of charitable health care services in Lane County. Our three Oregon not-for-profit hospitals treat and care for everyone who comes through our doors regardless of their ability to pay. This uncompensated charity care regularly exceeds $22.5 million per year.

It is at the heart of our mission to reinvest our revenues back into our community. We use these funds to upgrade facilities, purchase equipment, and invest in our caregivers’ training, tuition assistance and more. Also, surplus funds allow us to care for the most vulnerable and expand local access to needed services.

Your generosity helps provide the margin of excellence between good health care and remarkable health care, and ensures its availability for every patient cared for at Sacred Heart, Cottage Grove and Peace Harbor Medical Centers both now and for generations to come. *Continued on Page 2*

**Show Your Support**
Contact us to learn how you can support people in need.
Healthy Communities Start With Your Gifts

In Oregon, a perfect example is Ruby, a specialized ambulance that travels throughout the region, bringing the capabilities of the Sacred Heart RiverBend Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to outlying hospitals. Last year Ruby provided 100 transports for critically ill infants.

In addition, you can be assured that 100 percent of your donation goes directly to the cause you designated. By giving to a PeaceHealth Oregon Foundation, your gift is guaranteed to remain here in our community, directly benefiting your friends, family and neighbors.

Are my contributions tax-deductible?
Contributions to a PeaceHealth Oregon Foundation are considered a charitable donation by the Internal Revenue Service. Donations qualify for tax deductions to the full extent permitted by law. PeaceHealth and PeaceHealth Foundations are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations.

Invest in Healthy Futures
Visit peacehealth.planmygift.org to explore ways to plan a gift that will make a lasting impact on health care in your community.

Consider making a gift to one of our Medical Center’s most urgent priorities:

Sacred Heart
- Medical Center’s Area of Greatest Need
- Behavioral Health Services
- Hospice/Palliative Care/Courageous Kids
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
- Nursing Education

Peace Harbor
- Medical Center’s Area of Greatest Need
- Community Health
- Caregiver Training
- Palliative Care

Cottage Grove
- Medical Center’s Area of Greatest Need
- Caregiver Education
- Next Generation Mammography
Many of us routinely write checks to important causes that are close to our hearts. By doing so, we see the benefits of our generosity firsthand. Giving every year helps your PeaceHealth foundation meet the most immediate, pressing needs of your community. On the other hand, when you make a future gift, you ensure the success of organizations like ours for generations to come.

**Among the benefits of making a future gift:**
- You can make your gift through a simple process.
- You are free to use the assets during your lifetime.
- You have the ability to protect your family’s financial security in your plan.
- You can enjoy tax benefits.
- You can continue to benefit health care in your community long after your lifetime.

**Here are a few options to consider:**
- **Remember us in your will or living trust.** You can leave us either a specific amount or a percentage of your estate.

- **A gift of retirement plan assets.** Retirement plans make up a large portion of our wealth. Consider naming us as a beneficiary of all or part of your assets. Simply request a change-of-beneficiary form from your plan administrator.

- **A gift of a life insurance policy.** Select PeaceHealth as the beneficiary of a policy you no longer need.

  With a little planning, these solutions help ensure that your local PeaceHealth foundation has the resources to build strong, quality health care well into the future. Plus, making a future gift is an affordable way to provide support for your community, regardless of your income or estate size.

**Support a Cause That Matters**
To learn more about supplementing annual support with a future gift to PeaceHealth, contact us to discuss how you can leave a gift in your estate plan.

**SIMPLE BUT MEANINGFUL**
Return the enclosed survey to request a FREE guide on simple but powerful gift options that won’t cost you anything today.
Feeling the Squeeze?
Philanthropic Solutions for the Sandwich Generation

Our lives are busier than ever. If you are a member of the sandwich generation—someone who is simultaneously raising a child and providing financial assistance to an aging parent—this probably rings especially true for you.

Between paying bills and saving for your retirement, plus giving financial support to your children and aging parents, your finances might be stretched to the max. Despite your belief in strengthening the health of your community, perhaps making a contribution doesn’t fit into your budget right now.

That’s OK. Some of the most meaningful gifts PeaceHealth receives are gifts that people give us after their lifetimes.

The Perfect Gift: A Planned Gift
The beauty of a planned gift is that the actual giving occurs after your lifetime, so your current income isn’t affected.

One popular option includes remembering PeaceHealth in your will. You can complete the gift with as little as one sentence, and because you’re not giving away any assets until after your lifetime, you’re free to change your mind at any time.

A gift in your will ensures that your family members have the resources they need now and that your community has the resources it needs in the future to provide compassionate care for all. And you enjoy peace of mind knowing that our healing mission is part of your legacy.

Contact us or return the enclosed survey for sample language you can use to include a gift to us in your will.

The PeaceHealth Mission
We carry on the healing mission of Jesus Christ by promoting personal and community health, relieving pain and suffering, and treating each person in a loving and caring way.