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From our president -
Remarks delivered during the Emergency Services Project Ribbon Cutting 7.17.24

“Our local community hospital symbolizes the hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment of all of you. It stands as a testament to the special partnership between Island Health and our Foundation, a partnership that has not only endured the test of time, but has also grown stronger with each passing year. This collaboration has been the backbone of our efforts, enabling us to reach unprecedented heights in our fundraising endeavors. Yet, even as we celebrate these achievements, we are aware that the needs of our community continue to grow and evolve.

Today, we celebrate the remarkable progress we have made and reflect on the road that lies ahead. The milestones we’ve reached are a direct result of the countless hours of hard work and the generous contributions from each and every one of you. Your dedication and support have been the driving force behind our success, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.



Elliott Johnson
President, Island Health Foundation

As we look to the future, we acknowledge that there is still much work to be done. The health and well-being of Anacortes are in our hands, and we are ready to rise to the challenge. We will continue to strive, innovate and push the boundaries of what we can achieve together. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in our journey and to those who will continue to support us in the days to come. Together, we are stronger, and together, we will make a lasting impact on the health of our community.”

Building a healthier community. Together.



Pictured: IHF Board Members and Staff



PEARLE PETERSON

Meet Pearle!

The Foundation is excited to welcome Pearle Peterson to the team. Pearle, a fifth-generation Anacortes resident, earned her Bachelor's in Management from Skagit Valley College in 2020. Her career journey began in local restaurants, where she honed her skills in communication and leadership. A pivotal role at a law firm sparked her passion for nonprofit work. Now, as the **Fundraising and Development Coordinator** for Island Health Foundation, Pearle is dedicated to ensuring quality healthcare remains accessible in her community. Outside of work, she enjoys event planning, gardening, and spending time with her dogs, Sophie and Franklin.

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Emergency Services Project Completed!

Island Health marked a significant milestone on July 17th with a ribbon cutting commemorating the completion of its Emergency Services Project. The project included major updates to the Emergency Department, creation of a new Main Entrance on 24th Street, a renovated Central Waiting Area, updated interior paint, brand new furnishings, and relocation of the helipad from the parking lot to the rooftop.

With the old helipad in our north parking lot, staff would run the length of a football field to transport patients between the helipad and the Emergency Department. The new rooftop pad will not only ensure a safer flight path for our pilots, but timely transportation for our patients when every second counts.

-Elise Cutter, Island Health CEO

Thanks to the generous support of donors including individuals, foundations and businesses, the Island Health Foundation contributed \$1.5M to the project. Additional funding for this project was made possible through a congressionally-directed spending award supported by Senator Maria Cantwell.



Island Health, Senator Maria Cantwell and the Island Health Foundation celebrate the new rooftop helipad.

“All hands on deck to save one life.”



During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Dr. Kathy Garde, OBGYN, (pictured left), shared a touching story highlighting the importance of life flight services. "A number of physicians were on campus for a meeting when we heard about a situation in the OR. We all rushed to assist a new mom-to-be who thought she was coming in for a "normal" birth. It turned out to be much more than that. When we opened her up, we discovered her placenta had attached to her bladder. We had a team of all kinds of doctors working on her and were finally able to stabilize her enough to be life-flighted to a Level III Trauma Medical Center. It was all hands on deck to save one life."

Emergency Department Patient Navigator



With your generous contributions, Island Health Foundation is able to fund a Patient Navigator (Social Worker) for our Emergency Department. Over the last five years, this position has been vital in providing care and planning for some of our most vulnerable patients. The Patient Navigator plays an essential role in crisis management for behavioral health and chemically dependent patients. They help to ensure specialty hospital placement and developing care plans for those experiencing a mental health crisis. Additionally, they coordinate care for the vulnerable aging patient population and serve as a partner with our EMS, Police Department and Community Paramedic teams.

In a short five years, our Emergency Department Patient Navigator has assisted 3,369 patients in need.

Coming Soon! Barto Gift Makes Renovation a Reality

Thank you to longtime IHF supporters Jerry and Jan Barto for their incredibly generous donation which will fund the renovation of the former Island Health Sleep Wellness Center.



22nd Street "Barto Building"
Island Pulmonology and Island Urology

Plans are underway on the new "Barto Building" which will soon house Island Urology and Island Pulmonology. Additional support from the Gala of Hope and other donors will make it possible for both clinics to upgrade and move into the new space simultaneously, with all the necessary equipment and improvements in place.

Are you interested in making a one-time donation?



Scan here or visit
www.myihf.org/donation

There are more ways to give!

Sometimes making an impact comes through an alternative form of giving, such as:

- A Donor-Advised Fund
- A donation of stock
- Including IHF in your estate
- IRA Rollover

To learn more about other qualified charitable donations, please contact Island Health Foundation today!

Come check out our updated Donor Wall!

To express our gratitude, we are thrilled to unveil the updated donor recognition display in the newly renovated Island Health Central Waiting Area. The IHF Donor Wall features a permanent display for contributors of over \$10,000 and a digital display honoring those who have donated between \$1,000 and \$9,999.

THANK YOU to ALL of our generous donors.

We could not do what we do without YOU.

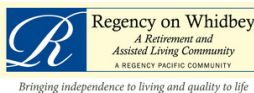


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THE 21ST ANNUAL GALA OF HOPE



IN OUR WILDEST DREAMS



The 21st Annual Gala of Hope might be over but your impact is just getting started.

Through your immense generosity, nearly \$475,000 was raised in support of the patients, programs and staff at Island Health. Together, we "Raised the Paddle" for pulmonology services, ensuring our community will be able to breathe easier.

Thank you!

SAVE *the* DATE

Island Health Foundation 22nd Annual

GALA OF HOPE

Saturday

April 26th, 2025

WA Walton Event Center
Swinomish Casino & Lodge