



# Inspirations

An update from Ashland Community Hospital Foundation

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## WE'VE MOVED

**ASHLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION** has moved and we are excited to share our new contact information:

### Physical address:

123 Clear Creek Drive, Suite 101  
Ashland, OR 97520

Hours of operation are  
Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm

Due to COVID we welcome visitors by appointment. Please call our office or email a member of the staff to schedule your visit.

### Mailing address remains unchanged:

PO Box 98, Ashland, OR 97520

### Connect with us:

Sign up for regular email notifications at [achfoundation.org](http://achfoundation.org)

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## ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

**SINCE 1977, ASHLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION** has dedicated itself to supporting Ashland Community Hospital and the healthcare needs of our community.

We have operated as an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization throughout our history and until recently, our staff and office space were provided by the hospital to help further our mission.

Earlier this year Asante made the decision to discontinue its support and no longer provide resources to staff our ACH Foundation office at Asante Ashland Community Hospital. After careful consideration, our Board of Directors made the unanimous decision to become fully independent. Staff have moved to a new office and are now employed directly by Ashland Community Hospital Foundation.

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## MESSAGE OF HOPE

Our hearts are heavy as we think of all the individual and collective losses people in our community are experiencing—many of whom are our close friends and neighbors. Thank you to our brave and selfless first responders and medical professionals for their unyielding efforts to keep us safe. As we look to the future, we remain hopeful our community will emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before.

# RECORD-SETTING \$131,952 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR ROGUE VALLEY NURSING STUDENTS

**ASHLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** that thirteen worthy candidates have been awarded scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for the 2020-2021 academic year from The William G. and Ruth T. Evans Endowed Nursing Scholarship.

We would like to congratulate each of the recipients on their significant achievement: Brianna Barnes (not pictured), Shayla Curtis, Lauren Frazier, Abigail Finney, Molly Herod, Melina Lariz, Arika Ledesma (not pictured), Lacy Margason, Jay Parish, Katherine Petrick, Roger Reeves, Andrew Simmons and Elva Valencia. Eligible applicants are students pursuing registered nursing degrees at Oregon Health Science University (OHSU) at Southern Oregon University (SOU) or at Rogue Community College (RCC), and intend to work in the Rogue Valley after graduation.

Each year the scholarship selection committee receives a number of applications from qualified students for the highly competitive scholarship. After thoughtful deliberation, the committee was pleased to be able to award \$125,000 in scholarships to the chosen students, the largest amount ever granted since the inception of the scholarship program.

We would like to recognize a special contribution this year from the Evans Family, and an estate gift from Barbara Field and the late Sidney Field, which helped significantly increase the size of the scholarships awarded.

An additional \$6,939 is scheduled to be awarded to the 16 students in the graduating class of RCC's Licensed Practical Nursing Program in September. The scholarship will cover the cost of state licensing and exam fees for graduates.

A nurse herself, Ruth Evans, recognized the need for nurses and the importance of education. Mrs. Evans established the nursing scholarship in 2002. Although she passed away in 2013, her legacy continues. Since 2002, 305 scholarships have been awarded to 240 students. The value of those scholarships is in excess of \$675,630.



Lacy Margason Lauren Frazier Melina Lariz Andrew Simmons



Molly Herod Elva Valencia Jay Parish Abigail Finney



Katherine Petrick Roger Reeves Shayla Curtis

*Congratulations!*

## FUTURE *continued from page 1*

As the conversations evolve with Asante about our new partnership with Asante Ashland, we are also exploring ways to expand our reach to support additional health-related projects in our community. We know healthcare will continue to evolve and innovate. The focus on population health will change when, where and how healthcare is delivered. Prevention and wellness will become even bigger priorities and community partnerships will be more important than ever.

ACH Foundation is beginning its next chapter and we are invigorated by the chance to reflect upon new priorities with a thorough review and update of our Strategic Plan. We will continue our dedication and service to you, ensuring that your charitable gifts address important needs in our community.

## WILDFIRE ASSISTANCE TO ASANTE ASHLAND EMPLOYEES

**AS OUR REGION EXPERIENCED** the catastrophic devastation due to wildfires our hearts immediately went out to the impact it was having on the incredible employees at our local hospital. We were saddened to learn that several had been displaced by the wildfire. Through the Employee Assistance Fund of Ashland Community Hospital Foundation we're honored to make financial assistance available to them during their time of need. To date eleven employees have received assistance.



# THE UV-C LIGHTS HAVE ARRIVED!

*Thank You! from Ashland Community Hospital Foundation*

**ASHLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH** Lee Shapley, MD, VP Medical Affairs and Administrator, AACH and Patty Mobley, Supervisor, AACH Environmental Services proudly present the latest in ultraviolet technology to arrive at Asante Ashland Community Hospital – the Optimum Enlight System device.

For several decades, Ashland Community Hospital Foundation has been partnering with our community through our Patrons Campaign to raise funds to purchase essential equipment for Asante Ashland such as a DEXA scanner and Tele-health “robot”, or to launch new initiatives like the Resiliency Program.



*Patty Mobley & Dr. Lee Shapley, Optimum UV Enlight System*

When the decision was made last fall to invest in ultraviolet technology through the Patrons Campaign, we had no idea how important this equipment would be for our local hospital. We are thrilled to learn the lights have arrived and are being used right now to sterilize operating rooms.

We are very fortunate to have many loyal donors who value having a first rate hospital right here in our community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors for their support this year to fund the purchase of two UV-C lights.

Thank you for your investment in this innovative technology that will provide AACH patients the safest environment in which to heal.

## DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



*Barbara and Sidney Field*

**AFTER HER HUSBAND SID PASSED AWAY** in 2017, Barbara Field made the unusual decision to dissolve the charitable trust benefiting the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation the couple had set up in 1993. Barb wanted the funds to be dispersed to the Foundation as soon as possible rather than waiting for her estate to settle after her passing.

In addition to supporting The William G. and Ruth T. Evans Endowed Nursing Scholarship, Barb chose to direct her gift to support an upgrade of Asante Ashland Community Hospital's Conference Room. Asante Ashland staff as well as community groups will be able to enjoy meeting in a freshly updated space with the latest in audio visual technology.

Last, but certainly not least, plans are being finalized for the renovation of the Asante Ashland Maple Street Café. Thanks to the generosity of Bob Holbrook, staff will be able to enjoy their lunch breaks in a contemporary and inviting atmosphere. Bob has a special place in his heart for Asante Ashland staff and has also funded the renovation of several staff break rooms and supported the facelift of the Asante Ashland Family Birth Center.



*Bob Holbrook & Amalia Kieley, BSN, RN Director of Nursing at breakroom ribbon cutting*

## GRANTS HELP CARE FOR SCHOOL KIDS

*School Nurse Program Receives \$50,000*

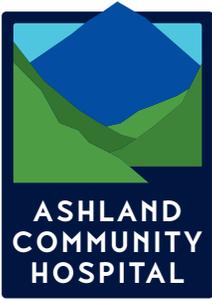
**TWO GRANTS AWARDED TO ASHLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION** will support the School Nurse Program of Asante Ashland Community Hospital.

A \$40,000 grant from the Reed and Carolee Walker Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation and a \$10,000 grant from the Sharkey Foundation will be used to support expanded school nursing services in Ashland, Phoenix and Talent.

School nurses provide daily healthcare services including screenings and educational presentations. They also provide case management for students with complex health needs such as asthma, diabetes, allergies and behavioral health issues.

The closure of schools due to COVID-19 has caused nurses to adapt their service delivery to ensure K-12 students have access to healthcare and are supported during this challenging time.

Ashland Community Hospital Foundation is pleased to have been able to secure this funding for such a critical program in our community.



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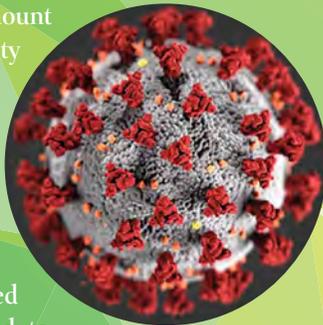
## GRANT AWARDED TO ASANTE ASHLAND FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

EARLIER THIS SUMMER A GRANT in the amount of \$84,317 was awarded to Ashland Community Hospital Foundation to support the COVID-19 prevention and response efforts at Asante Ashland Community Hospital.

The grant offsets expenses incurred by Asante Ashland for detection, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 patients. Funds support the increased need for testing, clinical services, equipment and to address financial and staffing challenges due to the impact of COVID-19. The grant is made possible through the Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) administered by Oregon Health and Science University Office of Rural Health.

Asante Ashland meets the criteria of a rural hospital in Oregon because it has fewer than 50 licensed beds and is 30 miles or less from another acute inpatient facility.

Ashland Community Hospital Foundation recognizes the tremendous strain COVID-19 has placed on our healthcare system both locally and globally, and we are pleased to have been able to secure this funding for Asante Ashland.



## LIGHTS FOR LIFE

*The tradition continues*

AS OUR ORGANIZATION EVOLVES and grows as a fully independent 501(c)(3), one thing remains the same—the cherished holiday tradition of Lights for Life. Look for your invitation coming in the mail soon to support healthcare in our community by joining in our annual celebration of life.

