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Ten years ago, families, businesses and community leaders in the Yakima Valley came together to share their dream for a magical medical center that would serve children and families of children with special healthcare needs. Today, that vision has come to life as Children's Village approaches its tenth year as a colorful, magical, comprehensive and truly exciting state-of-the-art medical facility.

"This has been an incredible journey," said Diane Patterson, Director, Children's Village, who joined the center in June. "Children's Village attracts the best and the brightest providers, and is at the same time a place where children really want to come,"

Patterson said. The village is so popular, in fact, that they are looking to expand their services and facilities in Yakima and Sunnyside.

"We know that a dollar spent early on in a child's life will prevent high costs associated with multiple problems later on," Patterson said, a fact supported by a study from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy on the benefits and costs of prevention and early intervention programs for youth.



Children's Village

Magical Comprehensive Services **GIVE HOPE** and **SUPPORT** to families

Among the many facility highlights are the glittery mine shaft elevator, the beautiful and super cool warm water therapy pond and

Miracle Street, a miniature town with a tree-lined street (hallway) and colorful flags which bring to life the donors and organizations that have committed their resources to the facility.

At its core mission, the center integrates health services, behavior services and educational services to optimize daily life for the child and family. Looking ahead, "Children's Village is moving toward more research-based programs where we can know with more certainty that we're supporting families in a way that will be helpful to them over the course of that child's life. We want long-term, positive outcomes and evidence of that," Patterson said.



As you prepare your holiday gift lists, do you have loved ones or business

colleagues who are difficult to buy for? Please consider making a donation to Children's Village in their name or honor. A gift to Children's Village is also a wonderful way to keep the memory alive of someone special who has passed on. And of course, The Memorial Foundation is happy to help with end-of-year giving to ultimately help ease your tax burden.

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Celebrate LIFE

November is Home Care and Hospice Month

November is Home Care and Hospice Month, and this year marks the 10th anniversary of Memorial Hospital's program providing comprehensive support to terminally-ill patients and their families, as determined by and referred through a physician.

"Hospice is able to help patients and families through this important transition," said Carolyn Neiswender, Director, Home Care and Hospice. "Families often remark how Hospice staff eliminate the chaos and fear, bringing calm and reassurance to their situation," Neiswender said.

In some communities, Hospice House facilities provide in-patient and residential care in a home-like facility for patients and their families.



"Communities that invest in a Hospice House for families who lack the resources to accommodate hospice care, report the holistic value reaching beyond traditional medicinal measures" said Anne Caffery, President, The Memorial Foundation.

Palliative care is available for patients living with a life-threatening illness for years. "Families often need social, emotional and spiritual help to address life issues and goals," explained Neiswender, "and palliative care can help with that." Palliative care, a new program launching this year, is funded through community gifts to The Memorial Foundation.



Volunteers Needed at



Be a part of something truly special. Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, guides and support staff at 'Ohana, Memorial Hospital's women's health and mammography center at the corner of Yakima Avenue and 16th. 'Ohana is experiencing a 25 percent increase in the number of women accessing mammograms. Ten rotating volunteers are needed to escort patients to dressing rooms, refresh the coffee stations, help patients navigate the small resource library and computer center, handle transactions for 'Ohana's spa line gift items, place reminder phone calls for appointments and serve as clerical support to the staff.

Volunteers are an important and appreciated part of the 'Ohana experience.

For more information, please call Memorial's Volunteer Services at 509-575-8053.





Stepping Stones Serves as Cornerstone of HOPE

The Stepping Stones Life Enrichment Center at North Star Lodge provides cancer patients, cancer survivors, their families and caregivers life-affirming support in a beautiful, peaceful and inspirational environment. In addition to a comprehensive library, Stepping Stones includes mind-body programs including artful expressions, journaling workshops, healing yoga and dance. "It's humanity, warmth and the very humanness of all of us that we get to touch in a special way other than the clinical way of healing

with traditional medicine. People emerge from these programs so relaxed, refreshed and thankful to share in the experience with themselves and others," said Kitty Inaba, Program Coordinator, North Star Lodge.



On October 26, North Star Lodge celebrated STYLIN' STARS, an evening of fashion, food and friends at the G Bar. The event sold out and all proceeds went to patient and family services at North Star Lodge Cancer Care Center.

Thanks to our great sponsors: Advanced Life Systems, KDF Architecture, Gasperetti's and The Gift Shop at Memorial. And a special thanks to all who attended.

NEW TAX INCENTIVES For Charitable Gifts From Donors Who Are 70 1/2 or Older!

Under the new law, you can use funds from your IRA to make a lifetime charitable gift free of tax obligations. Prior to the law, you would have to report any amount taken from your IRA as taxable income, then take a charitable deduction for the gift, but only up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income.

You may contribute funds this way if:

- You are 70-1/2 or older
- The gifts do not total more than \$100,000 per year
- You make the gift on or before Dec 31, 2007
- You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA
- You make the gift to a public charity (this includes The Memorial Foundation, but excludes gifts made to charitable trusts, donor advised funds, and supporting organizations).

How to Make a Gift: just contact your IRA custodian for the forms necessary to transfer your desired gift amount to Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation.

Our Federal Tax ID number is 91-1022358.

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Your Contributions Entrusted to Us



In 2006, The Memorial Foundation provided \$1.2 million in financial support to children’s health programs, cancer care programs, hospice, and educational outreach programs for the Yakima Valley, including the following:

Children’s Health

- Children’s Village General Support
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Specialty Clinics
- Family Resource Coordination
- Medical Coordination
- Behavioral Assessment Team
- Parent to Parent
- Pediatric Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Family Emergency Fund
- Drop In Childcare
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Clinic

Cancer Care

- Social Services
- Stimulating Med Program
- Nutritional Supplements
- Oncology Exercise Therapy Program

- Integrative Care Program
- North Star Lodge Prescription Fund
- Lymphedema Therapy Program
- Emergency Fund

Hospice

- Hospice Services
- Home Care
- Family Support

A Healthy Community

- Cardiac Care
- Diabetes Education
- Respiratory Care
- Wound Care Clinic
- Childbirth Education Outreach
- ABC Clinic
- Vida Sana Support Group

- Safety & Injury Prevention
- Yakima County SAFEKIDS



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- Women’s Health Program
- Mammography Scholarships
- “Healthy Bodies” Initiative

The Memorial Foundation is currently reviewing proposals for next year’s program grants – and the proposals are in excess of \$1.5 million. In addition, the Foundation’s board is working on a Children’s Village expansion initiative, the Palliative Care and Hospice initiative and attention to a health care worker shortage.

Your generous gifts also support improved awareness for disease prevention, choice parenting advice for every stage of the parenting journey, clinical trials to advance medical research, and specialized therapy for recovery from illness or injury, and adjusting to life with a chronic health problem. Thanks to your generous support, we are able to continue to answer the needs of our community.

For detailed information on our programs and activities, please visit us at: www.memfound.org or call us at 509-576-5794.

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