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Education and training

- Undergraduate: Lewis and Clark College
- Medical school: OHSU
- Medical training: The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Where did you grow up?

Portland, Oregon

Why did you choose Providence?

Providence Women and Children's Services has given me the opportunity to live my passion and use my expertise with wonderful coworkers. Seeing young people grow to achieve their dreams is such a joy. Our team believes every baby deserves the chance to start strong.

What is your dream for Providence in Oregon?

My goal is to have our Women and Children's Services program become the premier obstetric, neonatal and pediatric care system in the U.S.

What are your hobbies?

I have two areas of interest: (1) my five children and four granddaughters, and (2) books, reading and writing.

What's a great memory/experience from Providence?

Our yearly NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) family reunion party is one of the purest examples of the deep love parents have for their children. It's very touching to see how far these children have come in their young lives.



Who are your mentors?

Too many to count! I have been blessed with many wise, generous mentors who have given me fundamental advice and their own life pattern to model. I am lucky.

Why does philanthropy matter to your work?

As a society we must commit ourselves to supporting the bedrock of every civilized community – women, infants and children. I am very humbled and grateful for our donors who support Providence programs that ensure women and children live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Anything else to add?

I was a junior high basketball coach for many years, and my teams were dominant in Oregon. Two of my former players – Aaron Rodgers and Klay Thompson – have mentioned their experience with our teams as formative in their careers. This illustrates my strong belief that every child or young person deserves support and compassion, whether as part of a sports team or in their health care.