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3D mammography arrives in Newberg

Because of your support, more women in our community will now hear these hope-filled words: "We found your cancer early." Installed in March, the new Tomosynthesis or 3D mammography machine helps doctors detect breast cancer earlier.

Thanks to you, grants from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust and the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund, and Team Pink!, we were able to purchase the machine earlier than expected.

Team Pink! is a group of volunteers with a passion for helping patients with breast cancer. The team planned the Evening of Hope concert featuring Aaron Meyer. More than 150 people enjoyed the music and contributed nearly \$60,000 for the machine.

Samantha Gilbertson is a breast cancer survivor and serves on Team Pink! "I want patients to receive early diagnoses of this disease to prevent them receiving extensive treatment like I did," she said. "I want them to have access to the best technology for diagnosing breast cancer and also have the ability to receive care, right here, close to home. I want their families to not have to worry if their parent or loved one is going to live or not."

3D mammography is a digital technology that provides enhanced image quality compared to traditional 2D mammography. Early detection is key in the fight against breast cancer and advanced technology like this will help save lives.

The quality of the image in 3D is very detailed, which can help improve cancer detection rates and decrease callback rates. Radiologists will be able to detect small cancers earlier. 3D provides greater accuracy in identifying the size, shape and location of any abnormalities. And fewer biopsies and tests are required.

Thank you for bringing this life-saving technology to our community. ■



Lori Bergen, chief executive of Providence Newberg; Dr. Lyn Swanson, trustee emeritus and member of M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust; and Marv Nelson, president of Providence Newberg Health Foundation's board of trustees at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new 3D mammography machine.



Construction begins

Under a bright August sun, we celebrated the ceremonial groundbreaking of the future home of Providence Newberg Medical Plaza. Expected to open in late 2019, the new stand-alone building will be located across the street from the medical center on Providence Drive.

Thanks to your support, the new building will increase access to primary care, cancer services, cardiac rehab and more – bringing more care options to the community, close to home.

The annual Hearts of Gold event followed the groundbreaking. Generous donors gave more than \$100,000 for the building project and the Mike Olbderding Education Fund. ■



Hearts of Gold DINNER

Family thankful for care at Providence Newberg

Kerry was the keynote speaker at this year's Hearts of Gold. She is grateful for the care her parents received at Providence Newberg.

Not long after Kerry's oldest son was born, her parents moved to the Portland area to be closer to her and their grandchild. Kerry's sister and her husband followed not long after.

Their first experience with Providence was when her father had heart valve replacement surgery at Providence St. Vincent. They were impressed with the care he received.

"When my dad was at the end of his days and required hospitalization, my parents chose Newberg," said Kerry. "They craved the smaller, more personal hospital that was Providence Newberg."

Last year, her mother learned she had colon cancer. She had two chemo treatments before contracting a bacterial infection. Her weakened condition couldn't fight it. She died just one month after her diagnosis.

But even in that short time, her mother connected with two of her caregivers. "The only people my mom wanted to talk to were Laurel, the nurse practitioner in the office, and to Pam, the chemotherapy nurse. They became her friends and emotional supporters," said Kerry. "She trusted them in this time of her life where she was completely lost, when she didn't know what to feel, what to think or what to say."

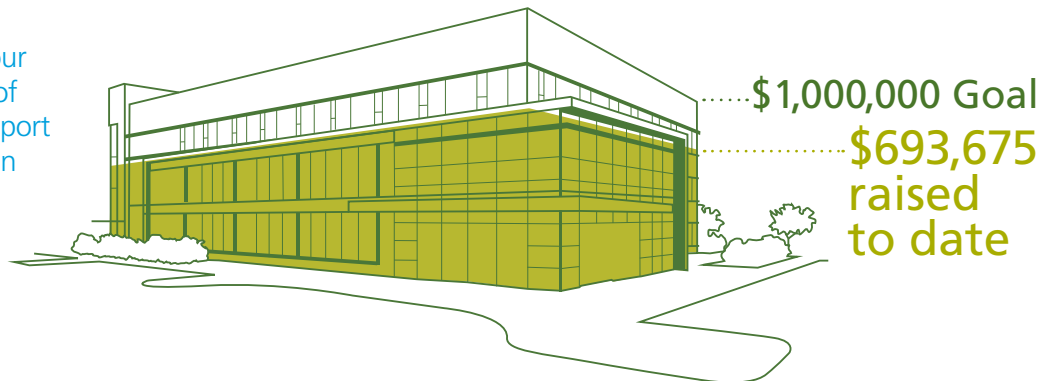
"Because of you, more people will receive the type of sincere, compassionate, highly skilled patient-centered care that my parents received," said Kerry. ■



Kerry (r) shared her parents' experiences at Providence Newberg. She and her sister Karen are grateful for the care their parents received.

Elevating Care, Close to Home

Thanks to you, we are well on our way to accomplishing our goal of \$1 million to expand cancer support services and cardiac rehabilitation right here in our community.



Local girl donates stuffed animals

Two years ago, Viviana Mejia was a patient in the emergency department of Providence Newberg Medical Center. She was scared and didn't understand why she was there.

To calm her, a nurse brought in a box of stuffed animals and invited Viviana to choose one she could hold during her visit. Having a soft, cuddly toy to hug eased her fear and made the experience less frightening.

Viviana didn't forget the difference having that toy made. This summer she set out to collect stuffed toys for other children. Now a first-grader, Viviana collected toys from local businesses, friends and family. On September 26, she and her mom delivered 35 new stuffed animals for caregivers to share with other kids when they're afraid.

We are grateful for her thoughtfulness and her generous gift to help others. ■

Viviana donated 35 stuffed animals to Providence Newberg emergency department. She found comfort when a nurse gave her a stuffed animal while in the ER. She wants other kids to have the same experience.

Our Mission

As expressions of God's healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

Our Values

Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, Integrity

Inspiring Generosity ♥

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