We are so grateful for your recent gift to assist Providence in addressing the coronavirus crisis. Thanks to you and other generous donors, Providence has received $2.75 million thus far to fight COVID-19.

Here are some of the ways we are using these important gifts. The dollar amounts listed below were raised because of your generosity.

**ECMO Machines and Transfusion Heater – $175,000**
Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation machines provide heart and lung support for people with severe respiratory problems. Donor funding for two new ECMO machines as well as a blood transfusion warmer, which is used for patients while they are on ECMO, have made it possible to maintain three COVID-19 patients on support simultaneously. This significantly increases our ability to care for extremely sick patients.

With additional donor support, we plan to expand our capacity to maintain four or five patients on support simultaneously.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Development – $500,000**
Walter Urba, M.D., Ph.D., Bernie Fox, Ph.D., and other Providence scientists are working to develop a COVID-19 vaccine. The team recently talked about their research on a vaccine and new treatments on KGW-TV’s Straight Talk with Laural Porter. You can view the program at ProvidenceFoundations.org/straighttalk.

**Analyzers for COVID-19 Testing – $115,000**
Testing patients to determine if they are COVID-19 positive is critical. Two new analyzers made it possible for Providence to increase the number of tests we do in Oregon. With one analyzer in Portland and the other in Medford, samples no longer need to be shipped to Portland for processing. We can fast track and perform more tests for essential services personnel.

**Serologic Assessment of Health Care Workers – $125,000**
Rom Leidner, M.D., and Carlo Bifulco, M.D., co-led a study to test Providence employees in Oregon for the presence of antibodies to the virus. After nearly 5,000 tests on our employees, it was determined that sufficient data was gathered. The study is considered a success and was expanded to serve all Providence employees.
Viral Sequencing to Monitor COVID-19 – $125,000
Carlo Bifulco, M.D., and Brian Piening, Ph.D., plan to sequence the COVID-19 virus from as many patients as possible over time to see if the virus stays the same or changes. This information will help inform vaccine development and design.

CORE Clinical Research on COVID-19 – $250,000
The Center for Outcomes Research and Education (CORE) is studying the impact of the pandemic on the community at large. Part of the study will examine the health disparities among different populations in terms of disease prevalence and outcomes. Research will help determine where future resources need to be applied.

Specialized Infusion Pumps – $824,313
These pumps are large-volume infusion pumps that deliver fluids, medications, blood and blood products to patients. They are now used at every Providence hospital in Oregon. They are vital in caring for COVID-19 patients and will continue to serve a valuable purpose when COVID-19 is no longer a threat.

Helping Hand Fund – $95,000
This fund provides emergency financial assistance to Providence caregivers in crisis. Donor gifts have provided extra support to frontline caregivers whose families face long-term economic effects from the pandemic.

Blood Pressure Cuffs for Pregnant Women - $5,000
Regular blood pressure checks are an important part of prenatal care. When COVID-19 limited in-person appointments, we provided 120 blood pressure cuffs to pregnant women in need. This simple tool allows them to monitor their blood pressure and report the results during virtual appointments with their care providers, safeguarding their own health and that of their unborn babies.

THANK YOU for making all of this possible. Our patients and community are fortunate and blessed to have your support, especially during this pandemic.

Gratefully,

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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