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Upcoming Events

Iron Sommelier &
Brewmaster Event
February 23, 2019
Priest River Event Center
Tickets on sale January 7

Fore! the Health of It! Golf Tournament June 14, 2019 StoneRidge Golf Course

Newport Autumn Bloom September 21, 2019 TJ Kelly Park, Newport

Women's Health Seminar October 19, 2019 Priest River Event Center

Festival of Trees December 7, 2019 Sadie Halstead Middle School, Newport

NHHS Foundation funds hospital projects...your donations at work

Newport Hospital & Health Services Foundation was formed in 2008 with the mission to cultivate relationships and partnerships to generate financial and other resources to assist NHHS to serve the community, promote health and improve lives.

In support of the District's mission, the Foundation raises money for needed healthcare equipment, supplies, healthcare delivery, and overall community health and education. Since 2008, support for hospital projects has varied, and totaled more than \$96,000 for everything from walking paths and

bone density scanners to digital mammography. Most recently, the NHHS Foundation purchased a newborn hearing screening device for The Birthing Unit and an allograft freezer to support orthopedic surgical services.

In addition to fulfilling certain equipment needs for Public Hospital District #1, the Foundation's General Fund also supports employee higher education for internal workforce development. To access our annual report, visit www.

NewportHospitalAndHealth.org/Foundation.

NHHS Foundation community projects support local children

Since 2012, the NHHS Foundation has provided nearly \$145,000 to the Healthy Kids Snack Bag program and Reach Out & Read -- two programs benefiting children in Pend Oreille and West Bonner Counties.

The Healthy Kids Snack Bag Program's goal is to combat basic food disparities and childhood obesity, as well as increase educational performance among local elementary school children (K-6th grade). The program provides them with a week's worth of nutritious snacks (3 snacks/day, 7 days/week) and weekly nutrition education materials or healthy snack recipes. The Foundation also provides nutritious snacks to Pend Oreille Skills Center.

Pend Oreille River School, and Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School.

Reach Out and Read is a parenting and early literacy program that helps children prepare for kindergarten by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants incorporate Reach Out and Read's evidence-based model into well-child checkups from ages 6 months through 5 years. Primary care providers at Newport Health Center give each child a developmentally and culturally appropriate children's book to take home and keep.

On the horizon...

The NHHS Foundation Board is looking forward to responding to more hospital equipment needs in 2019.

In addition to continuing Healthy Kids Snack Bags, Reach Out & Read, and employee higher education, the Board carefully considers additional District projects to support. NHHS departments who submit proposals and present them to the Foundation Board receive prioritization based on funding availability, District service enhancements and overall patient impact. Presentations

include official vendor estimates, letters of support and detailed descriptions highlighting the need for Foundation support.

The Foundation has also budgeted a wall display to recognize top Foundation donors since 2008. The 7'x 4' display will be located outside the Foundation Office in the lower level of the hospital next to the Sandifur Room. The Foundation expects installation to occur sometime this summer.



Festival of Trees volunteers Geri Guinn and Becky Lee

Foundation volunteers at work

Hats off to over 250 hospital and community volunteers that bring the "muscle" and innovation to Foundation events.

NHHS Foundation volunteers fill weekly snack bags, set up for various events, direct runners at Autumn Bloom, and deck the halls at the Festival of Trees...and that's just the beginning! The Foundation Board consists of six community volunteers and two District administrators.



Newport Autumn Bloom Bike Marshalls: Keagan Stott, Travis Stott, Glennis Stott, and Brandon Nokes (photo by Tim Hatcher)

Tom Wilbur, Kim Manus, Vicki Richter, Teri Ivie, Marianne Nichols, Michael McLaughlin, Melanie Endicott and Espy Clark are currently serving on the Foundation Board.

Ongoing volunteer opportunities are available to community members:

- » Weekly Snack Bag Stuffing Thursday mornings from 10 AM - 10:45 AM...stuff the bags that make a difference every week to local children!
- » Foundation Office Support as needed, usually before and following an event.
- » Event Planning & Support Depending on the event, planning and set-up needs vary. Many hands make light work, and we appreciate all we can get!

Events include: Iron Sommelier & Brewmaster Event; Fore! the Health of It! Golf Tournament, Newport Autumn Bloom Run, Women's Health Seminar, and Festival of Trees.

The Foundation also works with high school students in need of volunteer hours to fulfill graduation requirements. Hours vary depending on complexity of the event. Contact Lori Stratton for more details.

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