

Parents New and Old Share Their Children's Village Stories

A parent panel recently shared their experiences on how Children's Village has been so important in their lives:

- A mother from Ellensburg with two young children with special needs receives in-home support from Children's Village. The wraparound love and support of Children's Village is still strong and helping this mom manage the challenges she navigates as a parent.
- Another mom shared how the Village is "holding up the sky" for parents raising children with special needs.
- And then there was a veteran mom who has been at the Village for many years, who needed a Spanish interpreter when she was a new mom. She shared her story to the parent panel in wonderful English! She is now a confident mom who advocates for her adult child.

These stories illustrate both the immediate and long-lasting positive impacts of Children's Village. None of these uplifting stories would be possible without support from donors like you.

Helping Patients Afford their Cancer Battle

More than 33% of cancer patients report that they abandon treatment due to high costs. Many low-income patients are unable to get the life-saving cancer medications they need.

With help from donors like you, the North Star Lodge (NSL) Pharmacy Fund provides these patients with access to their recommended cancer therapies.

In 2020, 141 individual patients used this resource. These patients were able to receive \$178,912 from the Pharmacy Fund.

North Star Lodge is diligent in maximizing donor dollars to assist cancer patients. NSL funds a pharmacy tech whose primary role is to find reduced costs and plans for patients and to identify the gap between insurance coverage and out-of-pocket expenses. Your donations help fill this gap.

This is one of the most critical programs funded by donors like you. It allows NSL to provide equitable cancer care for low-income patients and support financial stability across the entire Yakima Valley Memorial organization.



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A Happy, Healthy Baby Thanks to Maternal Health Services

The following letter of gratitude came to us from a mother who used Maternal Health Services (MHS) when her second child was born. Her heartfelt letter of appreciation below shows how your donations impact the lives of people in our community.

My son was born in January, and my goal was to breastfeed him for as long as possible. I could not breastfeed my first child due to health conditions, a lack of knowledge, and a lack of support. Maternal Health Services at Memorial Hospital helped ensure that I would have the information, knowledge, and support to breastfeed for as long as my health condition would

allow. Chris at MHS was kind, honest, endearing, professional, and brimming with knowledge. She was never judgmental and always encouraging! I would recommend her services to all mothers, especially those who find themselves without support.

Maternal Health Services with Memorial Hospital is a much-needed and greatly appreciated service. I cannot be more thankful and appreciative of the services I was provided.

Thanks for helping me provide my son with the best start to a healthy life! He is a happy, healthy, chunky kid!

Positive Outcomes from the Palliative Care Team

Memorial's Palliative Care team works with clients who need help managing their condition but are not ready for hospice care. Averaging 27 home visits per week last year, plus countless phone calls and Telehealth visits, this team resolves issues before they become a medical emergency - saving patients time, money, and anxiety. This team is able to do their amazing work thanks to your generous donations to The Memorial Foundation.

Nina Reiss, a nurse practitioner, shared some recent outcomes from these visits:

1. A client with severe congestive heart failure, with multiple ER visits and hospitalizations, relies on a volunteer caregiver to assist with medications. Nina coordinated with a social worker for increased care and ensured the patient did not run out of medications.
2. A client with severe liver disease and heart failure has used the hospital and ER multiple times due to lack of a support system. The team worked with other agencies to coordinate more support and decrease unnecessary ER visits.

These patients and many more have benefitted from the Palliative Care team, thanks to donations from people like you.

We need your help!

Please use the enclosed envelope, or make a gift online at [memfound.org](https://www.memfound.org). Your gift to The Memorial Foundation is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

