

## Events That Brought Our Community Together

Last year, our community showed up in powerful ways. Through compassion, generosity, and shared purpose, **you lifted up** thousands of local families by raising critical funds and bringing hope, healing, and access to care.

### Funds Raised:

- YouthWorks Pageants: **\$113,015**
- Passion for the Village: **\$469,173**
- Crush for Cancer: **\$102,675**
- Golf to Give Classic: **\$80,000**
- CMN Radiothon: **\$40,959**

Together, you showed the heart of this community in action. Through the YouthWorks Pageants, your support inspired the next generation of philanthropists and brought hope and healing to local kids. At Passion for the Village, you met Kami and saw how your generosity ensures kids with special health care needs have access to vital care close to home. You uncorked something special at our inaugural Crush for Cancer event, bringing strength and support to families facing cancer in our community. At the Golf to Give Classic, every swing you took supported local kids' health. And the CMN Radiothon reminded us that when compassion meets action, miracles can happen.



## Your Dollars at Work

Thanks to you, **\$5,485,876.34** was invested into programs and services that have a direct impact throughout our Valley.



Children's Health: **\$2,502,576.97**

Cancer Care: **\$271,000.00**

Compass Care: **\$159,000.00**

Healthy Yakima: **\$468,617.40**

Children's Village Expansion: **\$2,084,681.97**

## Thank You

**You are leading the way for hope, healing, and transformation in our community.**

Every day, our community faces challenges that require more than medical care. They need hope, support, and a hand to guide them forward. And every day, you make that possible.

Because of your generosity, families navigating cancer care can focus on healing. Neighbors facing the loss of a loved one find comfort, reflection, and connection. People working to take control of their health gain the tools and encouragement they need to live healthier lives. And children in our community receive the care and attention they need to grow up strong and healthy.

Your commitment moves care forward. It sparks moments of relief, hope, and transformation for thousands in our community. You aren't just supporting programs; you're shaping lives, creating space for recovery, and helping families thrive.

We celebrate the difference you are making today and every day, in ways that touch hearts, lift spirits, and keep care local.

To experience the full stories behind this report, and to see even more of the impact you help create, visit us at [memfound.org](http://memfound.org).



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## Planned Giving

Janet McDowell is no stranger to the world of cancer. Diagnosed with blood cancer in 2015 and breast cancer in 2023, much of the last decade was spent treating her cancers and the many side effects from the treatments necessary to stay in remission.

“I had a stem cell transplant in 2016 to treat my Leukemia,” Janet says. “I had a lot of risks that accompanied my transplant, requiring incredibly expensive medication because of the high risk of rejection. It amounted to a lot of money, and...

***“I was blown away when the Helping Hands Fund offered me financial help when I really needed it.”***

Grateful for the care that carried her through, Janet started donating annually to the Helping Hands Fund at North Star Lodge. This year, she took an extraordinary step by joining Memorial Foundation’s Legacy Circle with naming Memorial Foundation as a beneficiary of her retirement account.

By leaving a legacy gift and becoming a Memorial Foundation Legacy Circle donor, your generosity creates a transformative impact on the next generation of health care in the Yakima Valley. It’s simple to commit a future gift through your financial or estate plans, whether by naming the Foundation in your will or trust or designating us as a beneficiary of a bank account, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or stock gift. No matter your age or stage of life, you can make a lasting difference in the health and well-being of our community.

If you choose to include the Foundation in your plans, we would be honored to welcome you into our Legacy Circle. To connect or share your intentions, reach us at [give@memfound.org](mailto:give@memfound.org).



## Marie's Story

### Sustainable Change through *Healthy Yakima*

Because of you, Marie and others at risk for Type 2 diabetes have access to life-changing health resources.

Facing multiple health complications tied to obesity, including the possibility of daily injections, Marie knew it was time for a change. She started an exercise routine at the YMCA, losing over 150 pounds. To maintain her progress, Marie’s provider recommended the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) with MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital.

***“It’s helped me change my mindset,” she shares. “I feel better than ever and I finally understand what I need to do to sustain a healthy lifestyle.”***

Through the program, Marie learned how to fuel her body, track nutrition, and make sustainable lifestyle changes. This spring, after completing her second session, she is now down 187 pounds and feels better than ever. Scholarships are made possible by generous donors to ensure that others at risk for Type 2 diabetes can access the program, too.

## Diabetes Prevention Program

**9 Classes** 8 English 1 Spanish

**111 Participants**



## Eustquio's Story

### Lightening the Load During Cancer Care

Your support meant Eustquio’s family didn’t have to choose between essential cancer care and basic necessities.

When Eustquio was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, his life quickly changed. Weekly two-day chemotherapy treatments at the MultiCare Cancer Center – North Star Lodge meant stepping away from work. The side effects, along with medical guidance to stay out of the sun, made returning difficult. As his family focused on his health, everyday expenses like utility bills added to the worry of an already challenging season.

The donor-supported Helping Hands Fund helped cover the family’s utility bills when the need was greatest, easing the financial strain that often comes with cancer treatment.

***For Eustquio’s family, that relief meant peace of mind during a frightening time.***

“We’re just really thankful,” his daughter Maria shares. “My parents have faced so many challenges, and this truly blessed them – it lightened their load when they needed it most.”

Today, Eustquio spends his days tending a garden with his grandson and moving toward less frequent treatments. This hopeful step forward was made possible by our dedicated community, whose donations help care for 2,000 of our neighbors experiencing a cancer diagnosis.

### *Helping Hands Fund at North Star Lodge*

**\$42,122.17** Distributed  
**192** Individuals Supported

- 54 patients with gas cards \$14,250
- 8 patients with taxi gift cards \$257.37
- 30 patients with Thanksgiving and Christmas meal cards \$3,000
- 115 patients with utility bills \$24,614.80



## Cyndi's Story

### Walking with Families Through Compass Care

Your compassion made sure Cyndi and her family had support every step of the way.

Shortly after moving to Yakima, Cyndi was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer. She underwent months of chemotherapy, radiation, and immunotherapy at MultiCare Cancer Center – North Star Lodge, with her daughter Lisa traveling regularly from Bellingham to be by her side. When the cancer returned, and Cyndi’s health declined, her family faced difficult decisions that eventually led them to hospice care.

That’s when they met Melissa, a home hospice nurse whose presence brought comfort and reassurance, especially when Lisa couldn’t be there herself.

***“She was gentle, persistent, and absolutely vital to my mom’s comfort,” Lisa recalls. “She helped me care for my mom well, all the way to the end – that’s something I’ll never forget.”***

Last year, more than 600 local patients and families received home hospice care like this through MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital. Your support ensures nurses, social workers, and chaplains are there to ease pain, offer guidance, and bring dignity to life’s final chapter.

**257** Adults Utilized Bereavement Services

**926** Home Health Patients Served

**620** Hospice Patients Served



## Kami's Story

### Growing Strong with Children's Health

As this year’s Children’s Miracle Network Champion, Kami shows the life-changing impact of your support.

Kami’s journey began with a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome and a heart defect. Born prematurely, she spent her first days in the neonatal intensive care unit, receiving life-saving care. As she grew, her family faced ongoing concerns about her heart and development – but donor-supported services made a difference.

Thanks to Children’s Village and MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital, Kami had access to specialized cardiology care, therapies to strengthen her motor skills, and guidance from a home health nurse. Today, at 11 years old, she is a vibrant, determined, and loving child, chasing her dreams.



***“Children’s Village has supported our family in many ways,” shares Kami’s mom. “It gives you relief that you’re not alone.”***

**11,482** Children’s Village Patients

**39,432** Children’s Village Appointments

**174 babies** admitted at the NICU with an average stay length of **21.4 days**

**2,490 deliveries** at the Family Birth Center

