

Be A CHAMP

for Children's Health in Yakima

One of the goals for the CHAMPs Capital Campaign is to equip each birthing room with a Panda Warmer. Panda Warmers are all-in-one stabilization units for immediate warming and resuscitation. They allow for easier assessments and evaluations by the medical team and require less transporting from one piece of equipment to another. These units will replace the transport isolettes that currently transfer critical infants like Lennon from the Family Birthplace to the NICU—offering less risk and increased safety for babies. Having one in each room provides immediate care at a time where every minute matters.

Panda Warmers in Action

Lennon was born on January 5th at Yakima Valley Memorial's Family Birthplace. The excitement felt by her parents, Meagan and Kyler, quickly turned to fear as her oxygen levels dropped rapidly, her body temperature became hypothermic, and she was transferred to a Panda Warmer and rushed to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). In a matter of minutes, a team of specialists took a chest x-ray, got her under a heat lamp, and started an IV and CPAP. Meagan and Kyler truly believe Lennon wouldn't be here today if Yakima Valley Memorial didn't have a NICU. Because of the NICU and the incredible medical team, they now have a healthy, happy, and thriving 9-month-old baby girl meeting all her milestones.

Learn more about CHAMPs at champscampaign.org



Home Health

Gifts of Empowerment

Patients with congestive heart failure continually balance their symptoms with medication, breathing, endurance, activity changes, dietary intake, and swelling in the lower extremities. A patient can go from managing their heart failure to becoming very ill in a short amount of time. Recently a patient was discharged from the hospital with all the proper instructions and resources, but she and her husband were still unsure how to manage this new diagnosis. The nursing staff helped her learn to manage her medication, monitor for swelling, monitor her diet and breathing status, and thoroughly educated her on managing her heart failure. Utilizing the scale the team provided her with, she noticed a 10-pound weight gain over several days and immediately called her home health nurse. Immediate action and collaboration allowed the patient to swiftly obtain a new medication dosage to manage the weight gain. The patient's ability to monitor her weight and call Home Health when issues arose resulted in avoiding another hospital stay and left her feeling empowered in her ability to take charge of her health.

Your support provides comfort and joy to countless people receiving health care services.

If you are considering a year-end gift to support our programs, please be sure we receive it by 9:00 p.m. on December 31 to take advantage of your income tax credits! give@memfound.org





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for Kids Like Zane

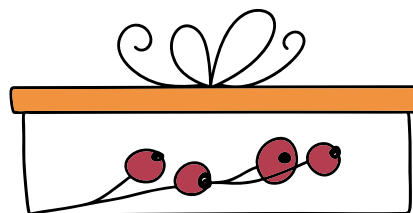
Like many 2-year-olds, Zane loves chicken nuggets, the movie Encanto, swinging, swimming, and his dinosaur blanket. Unlike most 2-year-olds, Zane contracted a urinary tract infection that went septic when he was seven months old, leading to the amputation of his right hip, left knee, and almost all his fingers. Following his discharge from Seattle Children’s Hospital, Zane was referred to the Early Intervention Program through Children’s Village to begin his journey toward improving his movement and dexterity. Zane’s follow-up care was entrusted to Children’s Village and their amazing, on-staff physical therapist with expertise in treating individuals with limb amputations. Over the last year and a half, Zane has utilized physical, occupational, speech, and feeding therapies, receiving them one-to-two times per week. These therapy services help Zane reach incredible milestones like learning to crawl, using his wheelchair, standing and taking steps on his prosthetics, and communicating his needs with physical cues and verbal sounds. His parents’ hope for Zane is that he becomes a fully independent and confident person – and, most importantly, that he is happy.

One of the CHAMPs Campaign goals is to more than double the number of medical specialty exam rooms at Children’s Village. This will increase the space for more specialists to provide services. Without Children’s Village in our Valley, Zane’s parents would have to go to Seattle to receive the same level of care. By supporting the CHAMPs Campaign, we’re ensuring that 9,560 kids across our Valley can receive care close to home through Children’s Village, and the expansion will help ensure the 800+ kids on the waitlist have the same opportunity to receive care.



Cancer Care

Your Gifts in Action



This year around 2,000 of our neighbors, friends, and family members will be diagnosed with cancer. The Patient Assistance Fund at North Star Lodge serves approximately 45-50 of these patients each month—handling emergent needs that can feel like the weight of the world during a battle with cancer. These community members who are fighting cancer are receiving support from the Patient Assistance Fund thanks to the generosity of donors like you:

- A single woman who hadn’t been able to work for three months due to the nature of her treatment was getting worried about paying her bills. The Patient Assistance Fund covered a utility bill for two months. The patient responded, “You don’t know what this means to me. I cannot afford to lose my power at my house. Please thank the donors for their generosity.”
- An elderly couple had a last-minute consult at North Star Lodge. They normally use Dial a

Ride Transportation, but it was too short notice. The Patient Assistance Fund covered the cost of separate transportation to get them to and from this necessary consult. The patient and his wife were beyond grateful and appreciative of this.

- The Patient Assistance Fund has provided around 50 patients with gas cards – all who live 25+ miles from North Star Lodge. Each patient is immensely grateful to the donors who made it possible for them to receive this assistance throughout treatment.
- A patient struggled to make ends meet as she worked less and less as her treatments progressed. Having her utility bill covered by the Patient Assistance Fund brought tears to her eyes. She said, “I didn’t know how I would get this bill covered. Please thank the donors who donate to this fund so I can continue to focus on my and my family’s wellbeing throughout my treatment.”