

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation

Mission: To inspire generosity that improves health and well-being in the community.

Vision: We envision a community where generosity ensures clinical excellence and empowers health for all.

Nurse Honored for Dedication and Service

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation's Board of Directors and the Harvey Gray Family recently awarded the 2021 Carl A. Gray Memorial Award for Nursing Excellence to Amber Weber.



Amber Weber

"Amber has managed to inspire us, educate us and organize a whirlwind of activities, not the least being an incredible effort in vaccinating our community," says Carmen Jacobsen, St. Luke's Wood River COO/CNO.

Each year, the nursing staff votes for a nurse who exemplifies excellence in their practice and whom they believe is most deserving of recognition. Their choice celebrates Amber's hard work and dedication. Amber is the clinical nurse educator for St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. She also led the COVID-19 vaccine effort for the hospital this spring, working tirelessly with her team to administer the vaccine to members of our community. Through her leadership, Blaine County achieved the highest vaccination rate in the state. Thank you, Amber, for your commitment to care.

Scheduling Your COVID-19 Vaccine

Covid-19 vaccines are available to everyone ages 12 and up. You can schedule an appointment through St. Luke's myChart. To set up a myChart account, visit mychart@slhs.org or call 208-381-9000. Those who cannot use myChart can call St. Luke's Connect at 208-381-9500 to set up a vaccine appointment.



Twelve-year-old Tristan Boloix wants an "end to COVID."



Generous community support helped open a clinic for those in need.

Expanding Care for Patients in Need

Our community has come together again: local donors have made a much-needed clinic for the uninsured and underinsured possible in Bellevue.

"I believe this is one of the most impactful efforts that SLWR Foundation and the hospital have undertaken," says Megan Tanous, chief development officer for St. Luke's Wood River Foundation. "Due to financial situations, people who might not otherwise have access to healthcare and dentistry services will now be able to get excellent medical care."

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation is supporting Family Health Services, a federally-qualified health center and nonprofit, to expand care for our most vulnerable community members. Family Health Services plans to open a medical, dental and behavioral health clinic, with pharmacy services. A \$1 million grant from the St. Luke's Wood River Foundation will make the clinic a reality in the fall of 2021.

Last year, more than 1,500 Blaine County patients traveled to Family Health Services clinics in Jerome and Fairfield. A clinic was needed closer to home. Typically, government grants fund the startup costs of federally-qualified clinics. The grants are based on median income and health statistics. However, Blaine County's median income is too high, and its health statistics are too strong, to qualify for a startup grant. The community stepped up to fill the gap.

"We are grateful to the many people who have helped put St. Luke's Wood River Foundation in the position of strength from which it could invest in a solution that will help so many families," says St. Luke's Wood River Foundation Board President Megan Dawson Edwards.

Family Health Services works to reach people who may be reluctant to access care or who may not know how to access care. Often, when those managing chronic diseases fall into this category, they end up needing urgent or emergency services that may have been preventable. Adding a location in Bellevue removes the barrier of missing work and/or school and incurring additional travel expenses to receive care outside of Blaine County.

"We are particularly excited for the expanded access to dental and behavioral health services," says Erin Pfaeffle, director of community engagement at St. Luke's Wood River. Access to affordable dental care and behavioral health services for all complements St. Luke's work to support the health priorities of the community, as identified in the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment.

"The clinic would not have been possible without the support of St. Luke's Wood River Foundation," says Family Health Services Chief Executive Officer Aaron Houston.

Once again, the generosity of our community's donors has made a difference in people's lives.

To add your support to this project, please contact Marsha Edwards 208-727-8416.

Donations Make State-of-the-Art Equipment a Reality

Philanthropy has equipped St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center with the newest, best equipment to provide optimal care.

"We are most grateful for the generosity that enables us to ensure high quality patient care," says Carmen Jacobsen, COO/CNO at St. Luke's Wood River.

Support from the community made it possible to invest in a new ambulance, which will ensure that patients who are transferred from St. Luke's Wood River to nearby hospitals for specialized services have the most reliable and well-equipped ground transportation available. Generosity also funded virtual care (telehealth) capabilities in all St. Luke's Wood River inpatient rooms. Telehealth connects local physicians and nurses to a virtual care center in Boise, which provides additional expertise and allows patients to stay close to home. Additionally, new furniture was purchased for the St. Luke's Wood River Mother-Baby Unit that will bring comfort and happiness to new families.

Our donors' investments in St. Luke's Wood River's resources enhance the well-being and support the health of all the residents of the Wood River Valley.

Consider Your Legacy:

One of the easiest, most meaningful and enduring legacy gifts is to include a bequest to St. Luke's Wood River Foundation in your will or revocable living trust. You can impact your community's healthcare in a way that endures far beyond your lifetime. This allows you to plan in the present to meet the needs of yourself and your heirs while also investing in St. Luke's Wood River Foundation for the health of future generations.

If you would like to set up a gift, consider including this language in your will or trust for an unrestricted bequest: "I give to St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, an Idaho charitable organization, the sum of \$_____ (or in the case of property, describe) to be used for the benefit of St. Luke's Wood River Foundation in such a manner as determined by St. Luke's Wood River Foundation."

If you have already prepared your will or revocable living trust but would like to include St. Luke's Wood River Foundation as a beneficiary, a simple codicil or amendment can be added easily.

An outright charitable bequest through your will or revocable living trust to St. Luke's Wood River Foundation is not subject to federal estate or gift taxes; it is deductible in calculating your taxable estate and there is no limit on that deduction. Be sure to check any applicable state laws for restrictions that may apply. As with all forms of planned giving, professional advice is important. We would be happy to work with you, and/or with your financial advisors, in developing a plan tailored to your desires and requirements.

If you would like to more information on how to support health through your estate plan, contact Marsha Edwards at edwardma@slhs.org or 208-721-0482.



Legacy Society member Mary Rolland in her Ketchum studio.

A Lasting Legacy

Mary Rolland, a part time Ketchum resident, local artist and former patient at St. Luke's Wood River loves "that it is a place to feel safe and comfortable with high quality care provided by the nurses, doctors and the staff. And I enjoy the beautiful art throughout the hallways."

Mary has always been appreciative of St. Luke's Wood River and the Foundation.

"I wanted to recognize St. Luke's Wood River Foundation's commitment to the community by including them in my estate plan."

Join our Legacy Society today by calling 208-727-8444.

If your estate plans include a gift to St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, please let us know. We want to thank you for your generosity, honor your wishes and invite you to our Legacy Society.



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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Schedule a mammogram for yourself or someone you love.

Your generosity impacts lives. Makes a difference. Heals.

Highlights in Giving

Congratulations to the caregivers and individuals who have been honored through a gift to St. Luke's Wood River Foundation.

In Honor of:

Amanda (Mandy) Allaire	Dr. Robert Hall	Dr. Deb Robertson
Sarah Armstrong	Megan Jones	Felix Ruiz
Dr. Zachary Beatty	Emily Karrasik	Allison Smart
Nate Bechtel	Betsy Mullins	Barb Spallino
Emergency Department Staff	Viki and Al Rankin	Lisa Wild
Dr. Dan Fairman	Dr. Matthew Reeck	Dr. Steven Writer
Betsy Gates	Betsy and Bob Reniers	Patience and Bob Ziebarth

We recognize the legacy of the following individuals who have been lovingly remembered through a gift to St. Luke's Wood River Foundation.

In Memory of:

Charlie Ellwanger	Lynne Nicholson
Peggy Hinman	Gretchen Palmer
Robert (Bob) Truesdell Jones	Will Storey
Laurel and Tom McClain	

To honor a caregiver or loved one, please call St. Luke's Wood River Foundation at 208-727-8416.

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Employees Partner in Giving

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation completed its annual employee giving campaign, Stronger Together, with 87% of St. Luke's Wood River employees participating and a record 94% of physicians giving. Donors Buddy Wilton and his wife, Shay Doll, pledged a gift of \$50,000 if employees and providers each reached 80% or greater participation levels. In a year marked by challenges, their challenge was a welcome one: it was met and exceeded. In the past several years, St. Luke's Wood River employees have donated at levels that are among the highest in the nation.

"I am proud of our physicians for stepping up to the challenge and look forward to where the partnership with the Foundation goes in the future," says Dr. David McClusky, chief of staff at St. Luke's Wood River.



A record 94% of St. Luke's Wood River doctors gave to support the Foundation this year.