

The Heart of Health Care Winter 2023

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.





Pete Smith (right), new president of the board, and Delvin Ash, new vice president.

Foundation Welcomes New Leaders

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation is thrilled to welcome Pete Smith as president and Delvin Ash as vice president of its board of directors. Both Pete and Delvin possess accomplished backgrounds along with a passion for helping others in the Wood River Valley and beyond. The Foundation gratefully recognizes Megan Dawson Edwards for her years of service as the past president of the board.

The Foundation is also excited to announce the addition of Becky Lopez and Eric Thomas to its board of directors. The two new board members bring a diverse set of skills and experiences that will significantly enhance our efforts to improve the health and well-being of our community members.

Keith Sivertson, MD, Compassionate Care Program in 2022

Generosity Helps St. Luke's Wood River Attract New Doctors

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation is thrilled to announce that three new doctors have joined our Wood River medical center. The support of two endowments has made more specialized care available in the Wood River Valley.

Community generosity makes it possible to expand our ability to treat children close to home. We welcomed a new full-time pediatrician, Caitlin Hopeman, MD, who joined the Hailey and Ketchum family medicine clinics in November from the pediatric residency program at Seattle Children's Hospital. Dr. Hopeman earned a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and both a medical degree and an MBA from Dartmouth. The Foundation's Pediatric Services Endowment will continue to fund the services of our full-time pediatrician in the valley.



Dr. Autumn Loomis, a new physician in the St. Luke's Wood River Emergency Department, with her husband, James Loomis.

St. Luke's also welcomed Jennie Hooper, MD, and Autumn Loomis, MD, to the Emergency Department. Dr. Hooper earned her

medical degree at George Washington University and completed her internship and residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Loomis practiced at Lowell General Hospital in Massachusetts before coming to the Wood River Valley. She earned her medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center, then completed her internship and residency at University of Louisville Hospital.

Drs. Hooper and Loomis join a team of board-certified emergency physicians at St. Luke's Wood River. This is a specialized level of care rarely available in a rural community. The Foundation's Emergency Services Endowment ensures continued high-quality emergency care for our community.

To support the Pediatric Services Endowment or the Emergency Services Endowment through St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, please contact Betsy Mullins at 202-727-8419.

Center for Community Health Thrives, Thanks to Community Support

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation is proud to support the work of St. Luke's Center for Community Health, a cornerstone of local health services in the valley. Generous community donors help make possible a multitude of programs that improve the health of Wood River Valley residents.









Average spent per patient.



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Data as of Dec. 15, 2022.

"The programs funded through the Foundation allow us to reduce health disparities and give the underserved population in our community a better chance of achieving optimal health," said Sarah Seppa, director of community engagement at the Center for Community Health.

The team at St. Luke's Center for Community Health puts generosity to work.

The Keith Sivertson, MD, Compassionate Care Program provides access to supplemental care resources and assists patients with health-related necessities. This program, designed to encourage health and healing by helping patients with significant financial hardship, recognizes that easing the burden of medical costs is incredibly important to improving patient outcomes. Last year, the program helped 146 patients and distributed \$61,903. The results demonstrate the program helps improve the health of its recipients, as only 6% were readmitted to the hospital.

Other ongoing programs include the Community Health Counseling Fund, which helps pay for the high costs of mental health counseling for people in need, and the newly established Gretchen Palmer Fund, which supports patients fighting cancer by assisting with non-medical expenses.

To support St. Luke's Wood River Foundation's efforts with the Center for Community Health, please contact Megan Tanous at 208-727-8444.

Consider Your Legacy

The beginning of a new year can inspire life reviews and updates. Uncertainty and the desire to avoid leaving things to chance often encourage us to consider the impact we would like to leave on the world. Updating your estate plan can be one of the most important and meaningful actions to take during this time.

Experts recommend reviewing your estate plan every three to five years. Do you have an old will or trust you haven't looked at in years? Do these documents still meet your needs and protect your family? If you haven't had a chance to review yours recently, we encourage you to take advantage of the Foundation's complimentary estate planning service and visit with our consultant, Bob Hoffman.

If you would like to schedule an introductory meeting with Bob, or for more information on how to support health through your estate plan, please contact Betsy Mullins at mullinse@slhs.org or 208-727-8419.



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.



the Legacy Society.

A Lasting Legacy

"It is my profound pleasure to include St. Luke's Wood River Foundation in my estate planning. I know that my contribution will live on and help change people's lives for many years to come."

James Lindstrom, Legacy Society Member

Join our Legacy Society. Call 208-727-8419.



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A Gift of Gratitude

Celebrate the dedication of your doctors with gifts in their honor for National Doctors Day on March 30. Say thank you with your support!



Your generosity impacts lives. Makes a difference. Heals.

Highlights in Giving

Dr. John

Jensen

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

Generosity Is Building Houses

In Honor of:

Delvin Ash Dr. Frank Batcha Dr. Tracev Busby (3) Danielle Crist Carruth Dr. Garrett Coman Anita Dromev Dr. Amy Drumm Dr. Robert Duerr Emergency Department (8) Dr. Dan Fairman (7) James Farley

Jeff Foushee Dr. Leigh Morse Jesse Foster Betsy Mullins (3) Betsv Gates Cvnthia Murphy Dr. Phatama Hatzenbuehler Padavanija Dr. Richard Paris Dr. Derek Ipsen Brenda Randall Dr. Gerardo (Jerry) Perez Dr. Matt Kopplin Charmaine Ramos Dr. Matthew Reeck Dr. Donald Levin Dr. Autumn Loomis Dr. Deb Robertson Medical/Surgical Unit

Megan Tanous and SLWR Foundation Staff Adri Torfin Carol Wade Lynne Wade Buddy Wilton and Shay Doll Tiffany Wohlwend Dr. Katherine Woods (2) Wound Care Clinic (2)

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:

Lynn W. Bockemohle Jack Bowers Gary Crowe Missy Cullen Dr. Leon Ellis

Sean Flynn (2) William Norris Jeanie Kearney (2) Gretchen Palmer (17) Jeanine and Dick Wendy Pesky (2) Loudon (2) Dr. Steven Platt Marta N. Lozano Alan Reynolds **Miclaine Miller**

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Gifts donated Aug. 15, 2022, to Jan. 5, 2023. To honor a caregiver or loved one, please call St. Luke's Wood River Foundation at 208-727-8416.



Groundbreaking ceremony in July 2022 for the fourplex in Bellevue.

The first four of 12 homes for employees, developed in partnership with St. Luke's Wood River and ARCH, are complete in the Quigley Farm neighborhood.

"The limited availability of housing to rent or own is a challenge felt by our entire community and significantly impacts the ability to recruit and retain employees at SLWR," said Almita Nunnelee, RN,

BSN, chief operating officer and chief nursing officer for St. Luke's Wood River, in expressing her appreciation. "Our employees are dedicated to helping take care of the community and we greatly appreciate [donors'] generosity in our pursuit of strategies to support hospital employees and their families."

The Foundation is also grateful for the community-wide support for the \$5.8 million project, including a donation from St. Thomas Episcopal Church to help fund the landscaping. The next phase of the housing project has begun with a fourplex in Bellevue. Its foundation is in place, and it will be move-in ready in summer 2023, just as we break ground on the final group of four homes in Hailey.

To support the Workforce Housing Initiative in St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, please contact Megan Tanous at 208-727-8444.

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