

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.



Celebrating 25 Years of Community Care – and the Caring Community That Makes It Possible

2000 St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center Opens

Community generosity raised over \$20 million in 20 months to make our state-of-the-art critical access hospital a reality.

2007 Emergency Services Endowment Fund

This fund ensures our community will always have access to expert emergency care, including a board-certified emergency physician on staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

2009 Women's Imaging Center

Featuring digital mammography, the Women's Imaging Center offers state-of-the-art services for the women of our community in a healing environment.

2013 St. Lukes Clinic – Mental Health Services

The opening of St. Luke's Clinic – Mental Health Services, a longtime dream for the community, broadens the scope of available behavioral health services and brings a full-time psychiatrist to the valley.

2020 COVID-19 Testing

The COVID Outreach Wood River collaboration, a partnership between the Foundation and Tom Archie, MD, confirms the first COVID-19 variants in Blaine County. The program administers nearly 3,000 COVID-19 viral detection tests.

2022 Workforce Housing

A workforce housing initiative makes it possible to complete the first four homes for St. Luke's Wood River employees, supporting our health care teams. The initiative funds a total of 12 new homes.

2025 Mental Health

The Foundation commits more than \$5 million to form the Blaine County Mental Well-Being Initiative, with the goal of building an integrated mental health ecosystem in our community.

Explore more history and get involved at slwrf.org.

Exceptional Care With Robotic-Assisted Surgery

As the trauma program manager at St. Luke's Wood River, Brittany McFarland, BSN, RN, knows the importance of timely, effective care. Earlier this year, she experienced it firsthand through the new da Vinci 5 Robotic Surgical System.

"I needed to be healthy for a rafting trip on the Middle Fork," Brittany shares. "When I met with Dr. Joel Carlson, I was hoping for answers – and I got so much more."

Dr. Carlson, an OB-GYN at St. Luke's Wood River, introduced Brittany to the option of robotic-assisted surgery. In April, she underwent a hysterectomy using the da Vinci robot.

"Dr. Carlson was fantastic," Brittany said. "He explained everything clearly. The prospect of a shorter recovery, less pain and minimal scarring made my decision easy."

Just hours after her procedure, Brittany was walking. Within a week, she was back at work, eager to share her story.

"I had a whole organ system removed and I'm walking miles a day with absolutely no pain," Brittany said. "It's truly incredible."

To support technology innovation at St. Luke's Wood River, contact Betsy Mullins, mullinse@slhs.org or 208-727-8419.



Joel Carlson, DO, and Brittany McFarland, RN, BSN, showcase the life-changing impact of robotic-assisted surgery at St. Luke's Wood River.

Celebrating 25 Years of Generosity The Heart of the Valley. The Height of Care.

The Wood River Valley thrives on community, and for 25 years, St. Luke's Wood River has been at its heart. On Nov. 19, 2025, we celebrate our 25th anniversary – a milestone made possible by the extraordinary generosity of our neighbors.

"Twenty-five years ago, a group of neighbors came together with a bold vision – to build America's finest community hospital," said Megan Tanous, chief development officer at St. Luke's Wood River Foundation.

Since 2000, the Foundation has transformed rural health care in Idaho, supporting the Emergency Services Endowment, advanced imaging technology, a dedicated infusion and chemotherapy center, comprehensive mental health care and housing for essential health care workers. From its founding to recognition as a top rural hospital, St. Luke's Wood River shows that exceptional care belongs close to home.

"This anniversary is a tribute to our team, patients and generous community," said Almita Nunnelee, BSN, RN, chief operating officer/chief nursing officer at St. Luke's Wood River.

We invite you to be part of the next chapter.



Employees celebrating 25 years at St. Luke's Wood River. Back row, pictured left to right: David Sundholm, Jenny Stireman, Erika Monjaras, Dr. Dan Fairman, Karen Hofman, Diana Thompson, Yvonne Parrish-Levin and Robert Morrison. Front row: Cathie Royston.

Not pictured: Dr. Frank Batcha, Kathryn Beste, Megan Davis, Amy Downey, Jon Holmquist, Grant Lloyd, Jennifer Merrick, Tina Murphy, Melanie Paisley, Dr. Rich Paris, Tana Parke, Kandis Pederson-Romero, Erin Pfaeffle, Shari Reinemann, Hollie Roberts, Kellee Smith, Hazel Thorne, and Dr. Kathy Woods.

Support Our Foundation Through a Beneficiary Designation

As you consider your legacy, consider making a planned gift to support health care using a beneficiary designation. Giving through a beneficiary designation is often overlooked and can potentially result in more of your assets going to your family members.

The distribution of assets passing through your probate estate is determined by your will. If you have a living trust, it only distributes assets owned by the trust. You likely own many assets whose distribution is not controlled by your will or living trust. These assets will pass to your heirs or others named as beneficiaries in documents other than your will or living trust.

Your beneficiary designation controls who receives assets such as retirement accounts, life insurance policies, bank accounts, investment accounts and commercial annuity contracts.

A beneficiary designation is a simple way of including St. Luke’s Wood River Foundation in your estate plan. The best method is to name St. Luke’s Wood River Foundation as a beneficiary on your plan’s beneficiary designation form.

If you would like to more information on how to support health through your estate plan, contact Betsy Mullins at mullinse@slhs.org or 208-727-8419.



Charles Stuhlberg, a member of the Legacy Society.

A Legacy Gift Helps the Entire Community

“Our hospital takes care of all of us, no matter one’s finances. Each donation benefits the entire community at all levels. St. Luke’s Wood River is a key pillar that keeps the village together.”

Charles Stuhlberg, Legacy Society Member

Join our Legacy Society. Call 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.



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A portion of the proceeds will support St. Luke’s Wood River Foundation.

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:

Sarah Armstrong	Dr. Lewis Dickinson (2)	Kashlin Johnson	Dr. Joseph Pendleton	Pete Smith
Lisa Arvidson	Karoline Drage	Sofie Juarez Rangle	Joanna Peters	Lucy Stackbauer
Delvin Ash	Dr. Amy Drumm	Scott Kelly	Dr. Maria Saiz Quintana (2)	Joe Stewart
Travis Beckman	Jonathan Edwards (2)	Adrienne Klemmer	Brenda Randall-Jensen	Meredith Toevs (2)
Dr. Brock Bemis (2)	Dr. Michelle Eide	Dr. Matthew Kopplin (4)	Angela Rayborn	Dr. Reese Verner (2)
Dr. B.J. Blair	Emergency Department (2)	Dr. David Laxson	Dr. Matthew Reeck	Jazmin Villagomez
Kristen Bohachef	Dr. Dan Fairman (4)	Zoe Lee	Dr. Tyler Reinking (2)	Lynne Wade
Meghann Bostrom	Traci Gaudreau (2)	Dr. Nancy Mann	Sabrina Roblin	Dr. Bonnie Waite
Christian Bothwell	Dana Guillory	Karly Maratea	Cathie Royston	Dr. Richard Wathne
Hayley Brown	Dr. Robert Hall	Jasmine Morise	Maggie Ruch	Peter Wick (2)
Lauren Bryant	Dr. John Hatzenbuehler	Carey Morrell	Bekka Scott	Brian Wilson, OT
Dr. Katherine Buckley	Kristi Hofhine	Jill Morse	St. Luke’s Wood River Staff (3)	Shaylee Wilson
Sasha Chavez (2)	Dr. Jennie Hooper	Charlotte Mosedale	Renee Siney	Jason Witzel (2)
Shanon Christensen	Jason Houser	Betsy Mullins	Isabella Smith, RN (3)	Dr. Katherine Woods
Eugenio Deraza	Dr. Derek Ipsen	Bertha Pacheco		Dr. Steven Writer

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:

Sara Blattman	Priscilla A. Draper	Rod Kagan	Dr. Pat McLaughlin (13)	Dr. Steven Platt
Douglas E. Cochran	Robert Foster (3)	Kevin Laird	Robert L. Molinari	Body Price and Faith
Cathie Dawson (10)	David Hinson	Chrissy McGinnis	William E. Norris	Bud Purdy
Hanley Dawson (3)	Margaret Houston	Jim McLaughlin	Gretchen Palmer (5)	

Gifts donated January 17, 2025, to September 30, 2025. To honor a caregiver or loved one, please call St. Luke’s Wood River Foundation at 208-727-8416.

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Air St. Luke’s Takes Flight

St. Luke’s Wood River now hosts a dedicated Air St. Luke’s helicopter and specialty care team, enhancing emergency response for heart attacks, strokes, trauma and more. This expansion reflects our commitment to high-quality care when seconds matter.

To support emergency services, contact Cate Wood at woodca@slhs.org.

When moments matter most, Air St. Luke’s is here for the Wood River Valley.

