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Your Support Funds NICU

Memorial's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) offers specialty care for at-risk infants supported by the sophisticated technology of an advanced on-site NICU. Memorial has a 15-bed unit with state-of-the-art equipment that is used to care for babies ranging from extreme premature infants to very ill newborn babies. The unit



is tied to every room on the labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum unit so the specially trained doctors and nurses can immediately respond to emergencies.

The Memorial Foundation has an integral role in the financial support of the NICU. For 10 years, it's funded the highly successful Vermont Oxford Collaborative — a critical national program essential to the longevity of the NICU. It supports education for medical staff, keeping clinicians up-to-date on leading practices. The Foundation also provides funds for parent support groups and offers emergency travel funds to Seattle Children's Hospital to get further care for their children. Without the community's help, services in the NICU would be difficult to sustain.

Memorial's local partnership with Children's Miracle Network provides support for the NICU and the funds raised go directly to help continue to offer programs and services in the NICU.

Give online at www.memfound.org



When Jennifer Gamache's water broke unexpectedly the morning of June 7, 2008, five weeks before her anticipated due date, she and husband Aaron rushed to Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital. Several hours later, Kale Amos Gamache was born weighing 5 pounds 14 ounces. Unfortunately, Kale struggled to breathe due to his prematurity and needed to be admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit for further care and monitoring.

After several x-rays, doctors diagnosed Kale with pulmonary interstitial emphysema, which made it very difficult for Kale to breathe and caused a perforated left lung. Because of the perforation, air was escaping from his lung into his chest cavity. Doctors inserted a chest tube and ventilator to help him breathe.

"Kale's birthday was a day full of surprises." Jennifer said. "Between his unexpected arrival and being in the NICU surrounded by monitors and machines, we were pretty scared. But, we received excellent care and,

thankfully, Kale is doing great."

During the two weeks Kale was in the NICU, Jennifer and Aaron rarely left his side. As Kale's discharge date neared, Jennifer got to "room in" for several nights with her son. Rooming in allows the mother to take over her infant's care with nurse support. Jennifer and Kale stayed together two nights in Memorial's pediatric unit.

"I was so thankful for those two nights, because it gave me a lot of confidence that Kale would be okay when he came home and if I had a question or concern, there was a nurse there to help," she said.

Kale made a full recovery and continues to thrive. "When we were in the hospital, all we could do was worry about Kale, but I was so appreciative of the nurses and doctors who always answered our questions and took such good care of him. The worries we have are never over but Kale is now a happy, healthy little boy."





Children's Village Capital Campaign Update

Your Generosity is Changing Lives

For more than two decades, The Memorial Foundation has been changing lives in our valley. We are the hands and feet delivering help on behalf of thousands of residents and businesses who are committed to making a difference. When you give to The Memorial Foundation, your time, talents and dollars are far-reaching.

Some of the programs where funds are allocated have a higher profile. You know them intimately. You know someone who has been born there, received therapies and treatments for their children with special health care needs, received diabetes education, or been treated for cancer.

We value each and every program that we can offer because of your generosity – and we look forward to continuing to hone the way we allocate dollars in order to most effectively meet the growing needs of this community we call home.

Total 2008-09 Programs Funded \$ 1,094,044

NICU

- NICU Baby Scale
- Vermont Oxford Quality Improvement Collaborative

Critical Care

- Critical Care Education

Children's Village

North Star Lodge

- Patient Emergency Fund
- Breast Cancer Treatment

Maternal Health Services

- ABC Return Clinic
- Central WA Perinatal Program

YouthWorks

Memorial Hospice

- Hospice Home Services

Palliative Care/Grief & Loss Program Development

Community Education

- Healthy Bodies – Child Obesity Initiative, "Rev It Up!"

The Family Birthplace

- Resolution Through Sharing
- Bereavement Services
- Resolve Through Sharing Infant Funeral Assistance Program

Emergency Annex

- Annex Kids

Project Search

Women's Health Program

- Mammography

Learn more about programs – visit www.memfound.org

Something you learn after crossing the bridge and walking through the doors of Children's Village is that we do not measure anything in terms of what can't be done. We believe in measuring by celebrating the accomplishments between each milestone. A goal targeted for one of our kids to speak and write their own name is reached letter by letter and breath by breath. Our capital campaign is being undertaken in the same infectious spirit; undeterred by obstacles and invincible to the idea that any star is beyond reach.

Climbing ever higher, the Children's Village Capital Campaign has reached its first star generating over \$3 million dollars toward the \$8 million goal. Each gift has been a boost, confident hands and hopeful hearts working together to reach the highest and brightest of achievements.

We have 5 more stars to reach for and with you by our side we'll grasp each one in our hand so that we may use it to light the way of the many children at the Village. Thank you for all your help.

Visit our blog at www.cv.memfound.org

HOSPICE
Information Reception
February 19 - 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Yakima Valley Museum
Call 509-574-3626 for information.

"Celebration of Life"
May 4 - 5:30 -7:00 p.m.
Harman Senior Center
Call 509-574-3655 for information.

Your Gift, Your Valley, Your Community

A Place for You

Our work at The Memorial Foundation revolves around people; those we serve, those who serve and those who give. There is a natural progression within our community of care, as the people requiring services receive attention from an exceptional team of specialists. On the Children's Village blog, www.cv.memfound.org, you can read stories from the families your gifts have touched, as well as entries written by administrators, caregivers, volunteers and staff members from all walks of Memorial Hospital programs and departments.

We have wanted to find a way to welcome our donors into our continuum of care. We are very excited to share our newest Memorial program, NetCommunity, an evolving component that will allow you the same opportunity to journey with us as your gift. NetCommunity is a place devoted to your communication.

Your interests.
Your gifts.
Your story.
Your dreams.
Your NetCommunity.

Using NetCommunity is easy; your account can be customized to best represent who you are and what drives your passion to give. The idea is to give you a place to participate; you can post a profile picture, share a slideshow or just log on and cruise. Use it to register for events, read newsletters, make secure online gifts and take surveys to help form our direction. We are looking forward to incorporating fundraising efforts and more features appealing to a younger audience. Our goal is to grow with you, shaping how NetCommunity works to make it the best it can be for everyone in the Memorial Hospital family.



We invite you to your place in the community, if you need help along the way don't hesitate to knock on our door or pick up the phone. We're neighbors in NetCommunity. Sign up at www.memfound.org



A portion of the proceeds benefit local healthcare programs.

Visit www.memfound.org to purchase your box of fresh and delicious Washington apples.

A Valicoff Apple a Day, keeping Children's Village on its way

As kids we all knew the adage about an apple a day keeping the doctor away, how fitting that as adults (or even kids) we can breathe new life and hope with an apple.

Apples are a new way of giving. Valicoff Fruit has committed to donating a portion of their orchard fresh apple sale proceeds to Children's Village. This means that every time you send Valicoff apples to a friend or give them as a gift, you are also giving to Children's Village.

Buy Valicoff apples and support the Village or create your own way to contribute!



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Amazon.

A portion of the
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The Memorial
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Celebrate National Wear Red Day!

Accessory Fashion Show and Sale by The Gift Shop

Support the fight against heart disease in women by wearing RED. It's a simple, powerful way to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke while you enjoy lunch with family and friends.



February 6 • 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Gasperetti's Restaurant

(509) 248-0628

A portion of the proceeds support the Women's Health Fund - promoting education and resources for improving the health of women in our community.

YOUTHWORKS High School PAGEANTS

Mr. Toppenish: January 28 • 7:00 p.m.
The Heritage Cultural Center

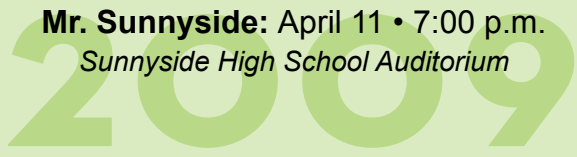
Mr. IKE: February 23 • 7:00 p.m.
The Capitol Theatre

Mr. Davis: March 6 • 7:00 p.m.
Davis High School Auditorium

Mr. East Valley: March 20 • 7:00 p.m.
The Capitol Theatre

Mr. West Valley: March 25 • 7:00 p.m.
The Capitol Theatre

Mr. Sunnyside: April 11 • 7:00 p.m.
Sunnyside High School Auditorium



OUTSTANDING! CENTRAL WASHINGTON FAIR ASSOCIATION, ROD CHUMLEY & GARY LONG.

We are honored to have received a donation from the proceeds of the Bull Riding Invitational. This donation will help fund essential children's health care programs at Children's Village.



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