The Memorial Foundation activates Eugene Shields led a team of founders, including Royal Keith and Bill Wheeler. Anne Napier Caffery was hired as Executive Director and continued as Foundation President for 25 years.

1991
The Memorial Foundation issues its first grant
The Memorial Foundation recognized bereavement needs of parents and made its first grant for Resolution Through Sharing, a grief support group for pregnancy loss and stillbirth. Additional funding implemented the Healthy Pregnancy and Parenting Program (First Steps) through the Center for Child Health Services, providing nursing, nutritional, and social work assessment for mothers-to-be.

Safety Saturday launches
Safety Saturday, a yearly safety fair for children and families, was launched, drawing 2,000 children to learn about childhood injury prevention and the Yakima County Safety Coalition.

Passport to Health pilot program begins
Developed and funded by The Memorial Foundation, Passport to Health®, a healthy living program for children in grades 3-6, pilot program begins at Robertson School. The program eventually grew to every elementary school in the Valley.

1993
Passport to Parenting program begins
The Women and Children’s Health Planning Council assessed needs and made recommendations to meet emerging children’s health care needs. Passport to Parenting, a parent education program, began with The Memorial Foundation’s direction and support.

1994
A vision for Children’s Village emerges
The vision for Children’s Village was developed with local agencies, organizations, and parents to collaborate on a new model of care for children with special needs. A $4.5 million capital campaign is launched.

1997
Infant car seat loaner program begins
The Memorial Foundation began the infant car seat loaner program and funded training for certified car seat safety specialists.

2000
North Star Lodge
The Memorial Foundation secured major gift funding to build North Star Lodge Cancer Center, and developed and provided start-up funding for integrative and educational programs at North Star Lodge. Complementary therapies include nutrition, library, yoga, strength conditioning, art, journaling, support groups, and many others.

2001
Lymphedema therapy services
The Memorial Foundation began yearly funding for lymphedema therapy services for North Star Lodge Cancer Center patients; bringing relief to hundreds facing debilitating and excruciating post-cancer lymphedema issues.

Yakima Municipal Fluoridation project
The Memorial Foundation, in partnership with Community Health of Central Washington, sought and secured $210,000 to help fund the first-ever Yakima Municipal Fluoridation project.

2003
Nurse Family Partnership
Nurse Family Partnership was initiated to address the health and social needs of first-time teen mothers through the child’s second birthday. Home visit nurses provide support and early intervention, parenting education skills, and promote safety and school readiness activities.

For 25 years, The Memorial Foundation has responded to community need and stewarded local generosity to improve health, sustain local health care, expand programs and services, and create new models of care for those who live in the Yakima Valley.

The following pages highlight significant milestones in the Foundation’s history and the philanthropy-fueled care that would not exist were it not for the generosity of so many in our community.

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**2005-06**

**Formation of the Hospice Steering Committee**
The Memorial Foundation sent representatives to a national palliative care training program. The Hospice Steering Committee was formed to study the viability of a hospice facility in Yakima. Founding members included Royal Keith, Gail Weaver, Dr. Timothy Melhorn, Mary Jo Perez, Margaret Nutley, and Anne Caffery. This team made hospice site visits all around the state.

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**2008**

**Chronic disease self-management**
Responding to growing numbers of patients with chronic disease, “Taking Control of Your Health” is launched, providing personalized chronic disease control education delivered in both English and Spanish. Numbers of classes grew rapidly over the next few years, reducing emergency room visits, hospital admissions, and increasing patient self-monitoring abilities.

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**2009**

**Property for Cottage in the Meadow purchased**
Property for Cottage in the Meadow was purchased, which jump-started the capital campaign with a $1 million matching grant from former Yakima residents Art and Joanne Hall of the Fairweather Foundation.

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**2010**

**100 Jobs for 100 Kids**
The Memorial Foundation began a partnership with the Yakima Chamber of Commerce and funded positions for the 100 Jobs for 100 Kids program, introducing low-income teens to health care career possibilities. The Memorial Foundation helped initiate the Investing in Children Coalition to coordinate Yakima County resources and create a system of support for the success of young children and families in south central Washington.

**100 trees planted at Cottage in the Meadow**
The Memorial Foundation organized the planting of 100 trees by the faith community and volunteers surrounding the Cottage in the Meadow property.

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**2011**

**Transitions program launched**
The Memorial Foundation developed and launched the Transitions program, now called Palliative Care, offering comfort-focused, in-home, coordinated services to adults with a life-limiting, progressive or terminal diagnosis of two years or less. The program has grown to include 150 volunteers. Funding was provided for the first Jesuit Volunteer, and a pet therapy program was piloted.

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**2012**

**Diabetes Prevention and Management**
Memorial’s diabetes management programs and health screenings grow to serve nearly 2,000 people each year, delivering evidence-based behaviour and lifestyle coaching to prevent type 2 diabetes, and reducing the risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58% in people at high risk.

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**2013**

**Childhood obesity prevention program**
The childhood obesity prevention program is reformatted and presented with program partners YMCA and Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, and Seattle Children’s Hospital, ensuring broader audience participation and success with families learning together. This program becomes more successful each year and is still growing.

**SimBaby® training program**
The Memorial Foundation initiated transformational purchases in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) to set up a SimBaby® training program, culminating years of providing the Vermont-Oxford National study for Memorial clinical staff.

**Dementia Support and Education**
The Memorial Foundation added Dementia Support and Education to its areas of focus, partnering with the Washington State Alzheimer’s Association.

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**2014**

**Nurse Navigator service at ‘Ohana**
The Memorial Foundation funds new ‘Ohana nurse-navigator service, focused on helping patients understand breast cancer diagnosis, with a nurse dedicated to providing information, emotional support and guidance through the next steps of treatment.

**Nurse practitioner hired**
A nurse practitioner was hired with Memorial Foundation support to expand Memorial’s advanced illness management program by participating in Medicare Care Choices Services. Memorial Hospital was chosen to begin this national pilot program. The model aims to increase choice and quality by enabling individuals to receive palliative and curative care concurrently.