



*The Foundation*  
for a healthy  
Mid-Willamette Valley

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

West Valley Hospital Foundation welcomes  
new board members



From left to right: Jay Kenton, Camille Mercier, Eric Olsen, and Craig Pope.

The West Valley Hospital Foundation board of directors are pleased to welcome new members to their rosters!

Joining the board are Jay Kenton (*Interim President Western Oregon University*), Camille Mercier (*Assistant General Manager, Spirit Mountain Casino*), Eric Olsen (*Olsen Design & Development*), and Craig Pope (*Polk County Commissioner*).

Board Chair Darin Silbernagel stated, "Each are accomplished leaders who share the Foundation's values of ensuring the community has access to local, quality health care. Their participation will make a difference to the residents of the West Valley area."

## CAN YOU DIG IT?

The Dallas High School girls volleyball team is *servng* up some health care philanthropy



The Dallas High School volleyball team poses for a photo during their annual PINK OUT tournament. This event has

raised tens of thousands of dollars in support of women's cancer screening programs for under represented and underserved community members. The Salem Health Foundation thanks these amazing students for their commitment to health care philanthropy!

A graphic for a scholarship announcement. At the top center is a circular logo with a blue graduation cap and two hands holding it. Below the logo, the text "The 2022 scholarship season is coming!" is written in a large, bold, yellow font. Underneath that, the dates "Feb. 14 - March 31, 2022" are written in a smaller, bold, blue font. The background of the graphic is white with a dark grey border at the top and bottom. The bottom section of the graphic features a photograph of a person's feet wearing brown shoes and blue jeans, standing on a dark surface with a white arrow pointing forward. In the bottom right corner of the graphic, there are five small circular icons: a heart, a person, a hand, a person, and a ribbon.

The Salem Health Foundation and the West Valley Foundation, in partnership with the Salem Health Volunteer Projects Committee, are pleased to award scholarships to students pursuing careers in health care professions. Priority will be given to those pursuing degrees in front-line health care fields in clinical settings.

Visit our [scholarship webpage](#) for more information about our scholarships and to apply! The online application opens

on February 14 and complete applications must be submitted by March 31 for consideration.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 2022 EVENTS

### **Salem Health Foundation Events:**

**Saturday, May 21:** Tennis & Pickleball Tournament at  
Salem Swim & Tennis Club

**Monday, September 19:** 2022 Wellness Classic at  
Creekside Golf Club

### **West Valley Foundation Events:**

**Friday, June 10:** Inaugural West Valley Classic at Cross Creek Golf Club

*Stay tuned for our Fall Event, details coming!*

## **PARTNERING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**Oregon Community Credit Union Foundation  
and the Salem Health Foundation team up to  
fight the flu**



Oregon Community Credit Union Foundation (OCCUF) and the Salem Health Foundation joined forces this fall to provide flu vaccines to people in need.



The pandemic has illuminated the challenges of uninsured — and under-insured — community members, as they lack access to

preventative health care such as vaccinations. These individuals are highly vulnerable and at-risk for chronic illness, impacting their length of life.

OCCUF and Salem Health Foundation combined efforts to provide flu vaccine resources to local not-for-profit organizations to enact flu immunization clinics for their clients. Since September, nearly 1,000 under-represented and at-risk people have received a life-saving flu vaccine.

OCCUF and Salem Health Foundation share similar organizational goals in that both are committed to working toward building happier and healthier communities. These mutual objectives make for a natural partnership. OCCUF supports programs and organizations that increase access to health care, improve community health and enhance the well-being of people in the areas the credit union serves — just like the Salem Health Foundation.

The Salem Health Foundation is grateful to its partners like Oregon Community Credit Union Foundation for helping to ensure all members of our community have access to local, quality health care.

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# WHEN A DOOR CLOSSES, A WINDOW OPENS

West Valley Mini-Auction raises over \$1,600 for scholarships



When we had to cancel this year's West Valley Hospital Foundation Gala in the face of the Delta variant surge, the foundation was left with a number of silent auction items

that donors generously told us we could use for another event.

Rather than waste the opportunity, the foundation chose to do something we hadn't done before — an online auction! With gifts of single bottles of wine, baskets of wine, cases of wine and experiences at the Spirit Mountain Casino, an online auction was held in late December.

This endeavor proved to be an incredible success with auction item winners comprised both Salem Health employees and community members from Polk County. Bidding on some items was truly contentious with the prizes changing hands numerous times each day. When the dust settled from the online auction bidding, we raised \$1,604!

We thank everyone who participated and our gracious event sponsors. This online auction will help provide scholarships to students living in the West Valley area who are pursuing health care related fields.

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a legacy that stands



## The Test of Time

Even though astronauts last took steps on the moon in 1972, their imprint remains today. What a tremendous legacy! Those footprints will stand as a reminder of an accomplishment for generations to come.

**W**hat would you do if you had the power to do something remarkable today while making an impact that would last forever?

If you have retirement or investment accounts, a checking or savings account or a life insurance policy you no longer need, then you have a great opportunity to leave your own legacy when you review and update your beneficiary designations.

Please consider us as a whole, partial or contingent beneficiary of your accounts or policy. Your gift will enable us to continue our work improving the health of our community.



When naming us as one of your beneficiaries - please be sure to include the following:

Salem Health Foundation  
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## YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your gifts to the Salem Health Foundation or Salem Health West Valley Foundation impact the health of our community. *Because of you*, the foundations have

provided resources to our most vulnerable neighbors who highly impacted by the pandemic.

Your continued support will matter. As new COVID-19 challenges emerge, we need your help to put resources in the hands of those who can make the most difference.

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All Oregonians over age 5 are eligible now to get the vaccine. See the latest COVID-19 guidance and resources from Salem Health.

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*“The results of philanthropy are always beyond calculation.”*

*— Miriam Beard*



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