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for a healthy
Mid-Willamette Valley



ENSURING OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE HEALTH THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

Donations to Salem Health Foundation and West Valley Foundation's scholarship fund truly make a difference. A good education gives students the tools they need to champion community health.

Juliana Ionescu of Portland always knew she wanted to be a nurse. Having been raised in an adult foster home operated by her parents, Julie felt inspired to pursue a nursing career. After earning a nursing degree from the University of Portland, Julie became a nurse at Salem Health.

She wrote in her scholarship application that she feels “blessed” to do the work that she does. “I come to work each day with the intention of making an impact, of being a source of advocacy, comfort, and shared decision-maker in patient care,” writes Julie.

With the help from a \$2,500 Salem Health Foundation scholarship, Julie is working towards a Master of Science in Nursing at Gonzaga University.

Since 1986, Salem Health Foundation and the West Valley Foundation have given away nearly \$3.5 million in education scholarships. The foundations believe that better education improves the quality of care and patient outcomes. This belief was demonstrated by recently awarding \$100,000 in scholarships to 109 students. These students study various medical fields, including nursing, medical technology, physical therapy, and health administration.

We look forward to seeing the great things our scholarship recipients like Juliana will accomplish!



Foundation Development Officer, Micheal Seraphin, accepts a check from the Fraternal order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary Aerie 2081. This group has been raising money for the foundation annually for over 30 years! We are so grateful for their support!

*Note — this picture was taken in the summer 2021 when Oregon was deemed "open" by the Governor

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SPOTLIGHT ON TURNER CONSTRUCTION



If you've been on Salem Hospital's campus recently, you've seen Turner Construction hard at work. For the past year, Turner has worked on Salem Hospital's campus expansion project. The project will add a seven-story tower with 150 beds and expanded medical capacity.

Turner Construction is one of the industry's biggest names. With a staff of 10,000 employees, Turner completes 1,500 projects every year.

The foundations reached out to Kyle Warren, Turner project executive, to get a better understanding of Turner's philosophy around philanthropy and why they partner with the Salem Health and West Valley Foundations. One of the first things that Warren said was that Turner believes that service is essential to being a good corporate citizenship. Kyle stated that Turner participates in and supports support youth education, health and welfare, military service members and improving the viability of local businesses.

Among the programs that Kyle highlighted was the Turner School of Construction Management — one of its community programs. This free, seven-week training program is geared toward minority-owned, women-owned, disadvantaged and emerging small business owners. It features topics that are fundamental to the industry.

Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) within construction is so important to Turner, they made it a foundational pillar of their organization. Turner recently partnered with five other large construction firms to advance DEI initiatives through a program called "Time for a Change." This program's purpose is to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in the construction industry.

Turner's philanthropy extends to preparing the next generation of professionals too. Their Youth Force program mentors and encourages K–12 students who are interested in design and engineering. Turner also participates in ACE Mentoring, an industry immersion program for high school students. Students in the program receive mentoring from industry professionals. They also learn construction skills through real world projects and assignments.

For more than 15 years, Turner has worked on Salem Health's campuses. Warren says that this collaboration furthers the shared goal of “improving the health and well-being of the people and community we serve.” Turner is extraordinarily proud of its relationship with Salem Health and remains committed to doing everything in its power to serve communities.

We too are proud to have such a relationship with Turner Construction. Their culture of philanthropy has allowed — and continues to allow — the foundations to do some of the great work we have. Turner served as the master sponsor of the 2021 Wellness Classic Golf Tournament held in August 2021. Generous donations from organizations like Turner help to champion community health.

Thank you to everyone at Turner Construction for their ongoing support of the Salem Health and West Valley Hospital Foundations.

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT

FOCUS ON FALLS CITY



On Friday, September 17, 2021, Salem Health Medical Clinics, West Valley Hospital and the West Valley Foundation partnered with the city of Falls City and various agencies to have the first in a series of health fairs for residents in Falls City. Amy Houghtaling, West Valley Foundation board member and former Falls City mayor, recognized the needs of the residents of Falls City and spearheaded this effort.

The health fair included partnerships with OSU-Extension Service Polk County, Polk County Family and Community Outreach, Oregon Health Authority, Capitol Dental, CSC, The Skelly CPST, and Polk County Health Services.

Held at the Falls City Fire Department, various booths provided attendees with information, including vital information about SNAP resources. Three car booster seats were given out, and COVID-19 vaccinations were administered. Residents participated and shared how encouraged they were to see so much care and concern directed to their community.

More health fairs are in the works and will occur on the third Friday of each month through February 2022. Future fairs will conduct blood pressure tests and stress tests, provide participants with healthy recipe resources, and teach attendees how to better utilize MyChart.



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characteristics of our time.”*

— Mary Livermore

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