Philanthropy that Heals
Impact Report 2018
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A Sacred Space

The garden is already becoming a sacred space for patients and families. A cancer patient added his appreciation for the space by saying, “I wanted to tell you how delighted I am with your new Healing Garden! As a new chemotherapy patient I was afraid I’d be trapped in my room. I am an outdoorsman and it was a joy to be able to walk through the beautiful garden! Thanks for investing in this wonderful place!”

Steve Kruse
Eagle River, Alaska

Brought to Life by Philanthropy

A passionate group of Providence caregivers saw a need for patients to experience a healing space outside the walls of the hospital for physical therapy, spiritual meditation and relaxation. The project took two years of heart, soul, planning and creative work by the group. Because of your generosity, the garden was brought to life!

The garden, which features interactive art pieces from artist Christina Demetro, is designed to enable the spiritual as well as the functional side of healing.

Come and visit! The garden is located behind Providence Alaska Medical Center off Health Drive, under the sky bridge.

“We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it’s our garden that is really nurturing us.”

-Jenny Uglow
We are close, thanks to you!

In July we kicked off a public campaign to complete our goal of helping Alaska CARES build a new home. And we are 90% of the way there, all thanks to our generous community! Because of you Alaska’s children will have a bright and healthy future!

She was 4 years-old when she drew the artwork above as part of her healing journey at Alaska CARES, a program helping children heal and thrive after experiencing abuse. And there are 1,000 more children just like her receiving care each year at Alaska CARES. It’s unfortunate, but it’s real — Alaska consistently ranks as one of the top five rates of child abuse in the United States.

But there is hope for these children to move beyond their traumatic experience into their bright future. That hope is Alaska CARES. Alaska CARES, a child advocacy center, is co-located together with state and local law enforcement, child protection services, mental health professionals, and advocates, all supporting a child and family in one place, hearing one story and beginning one path to healing, together.

But the Alaska CARES team had to relocate. Because of your generosity, we were able to break ground and begin building their new home.

“Your support for the Alaska CARES program is sincerely appreciated. Without your kindness and generosity, so many children could be left without the necessary resources for their treatment and recovery. As a mom of one of those survivors, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”
Did you know?
The Children’s Hospital at Providence is part of the Children’s Miracle Network (CMN)! As the only CMN hospital in Alaska, anytime you buy a yellow paper balloons in stores, be assured that your gift benefits children, like Thomas (pictured), right here in Alaska!

Competition for a Cause
The Anchorage Fire and Police Departments battled it out during the 18th annual Guns N Hoses charity hockey game to make money for a good cause - to help pediatric cancer patients treated at The Children’s Hospital at Providence.

Moriah, the 2018 Alaska Children’s Miracle Network Champion and survivor of Burkitt’s Leukemia, performed the ceremonial puck drop. Community members packed the Sullivan Arena and their donations, along with jersey sponsorships from numerous local businesses, raised a total of $15,000!

Thank you for your fierce competition in support of Alaska’s children!
In 2018, we celebrated two anniversaries for services providing specialized care for vulnerable groups, right here in Alaska. The Children’s Hospital at Providence began caring for the smallest of our community 20 years ago. And Providence Cancer Center has been treating our families, our friends, and our neighbors experiencing cancer for 10 years. We thank the leaders, the donors and those who were passionate about the need to serve our community through these services. Because of them, our community is a healthier place!

Maurice Coyle, Jr. & Agnes Coyle stand with a plaque honoring Maurice J. Coyle, MD, “the father of radiology in Alaska” who was instrumental in establishing Providence Cancer Center.

Big thanks to ConocoPhillips for sponsoring Providence Cancer Center’s 10 year anniversary event!

ConocoPhillips helped bring the Cancer Center to life 10 years ago with a $5 million dollar gift, ensuring that Alaskans now have access to the highest quality cancer care possible, right here at home.

Pictured: Joe Marushack, chief executive of ConocoPhillips Alaska, tells the story of ConocoPhillips’ generous support of the Cancer Center.
This year The Children’s Hospital at Providence celebrated its 20th anniversary at the All Aboard for Children event. The train was full of fun folks with a passion to help build a new home for Alaska CARES, whose mission is to help children who have experienced abuse heal and thrive.

All together the event raised almost $190,000, which made this a record-breaking year!

Special thanks to our long-time sponsors Alaska Railroad, Holland America and Princess Cruises for underwriting this event for 20 years.
How Philanthropy Helps Our Community

The word philanthropy, simply stated, is “love of human kind.” Recently a legacy gift from the estate of John Mitsuru Ebisu provided that exact kind of love through an endowment which provided training to care for people experiencing homeless in Anchorage. John Ebisu, a native Hawaiian, came to Alaska and fell in love with the state, becoming an adept fisherman, photographer and trap shooter.

This year income from the endowment made it possible to bring an expert physician to Alaska for teaching local healthcare providers his philosophy on caring for the homeless. Dr. James O’Connell, president of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School has served the homeless population in Boston for decades and is more commonly referred to as “Street Doctor Jim.” Since founding his clinic to care for the homeless around Boston in 1985, he has become a leading educator on how healthcare addresses the specific needs of the homeless in communities.

The John Mitsuru Ebisu Endowment is a true gift that keeps on giving in our community. Special thanks to the Ebisu family for their partnership in these special projects and for honoring John in this way.
Providence Champions Receive Philanthropy Awards

Three special Providence volunteers received awards as part of this year’s Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) – Alaska Chapter National Philanthropy Day, celebrated in Alaska in November.

Donna is an engaged community member serving many charitable causes and nonprofits in Alaska, both as a volunteer and through her business expertise, adding data to inform and guide critical community conversations around public health, our economy, and the future of Alaska. She has been a champion for health and wellness for both children and cancer patients through her service on the Providence Alaska Foundation board, currently as past chair, and on the Providence Cancer Center Advisory Council, currently as chair. In his letter of support for the nomination, Dr. John Hall writes, “You cannot be involved with a non-profit in Anchorage and not at least know of Donna!”

Molly and Lauren McCabe, AFP’s 2018 Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy

Donna Logan, AFP’s 2018 Outstanding Volunteer in Philanthropy

Molly and Lauren were instrumental in this year’s Chains of Caring event, a partnership with the Anchorage School District to educate youth about philanthropy while helping children and families receiving care at The Children’s Hospital at Providence. Their desire to motivate South High students and families in giving prompted their commitment to shave their heads if the school could raise $5,000. Their passion for the project was personal. Not only did they tragically lose their mother to cancer just a year prior, but now their family is battling cancer again as their younger brother is currently receiving treatment. Their story so touched the community that they blew their original goal out of the water by raising $10,883!
Our Mission

As expressions of God’s healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

Our Core Values

Compassion, Dignity, Excellence, Integrity, Justice

Special Thank You to the 2018 Providence Alaska Foundation Board!

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