

Washington Health Foundation - Spring 2025

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Pic: Putting green at the 38th Annual Golf & Bocce Tournament held on May 12, 2025 at the Club at Castlewood

From the Desk of the Executive Director



I hope this letter finds you well and filled with pride in the lasting impact your generosity continues to have on healthcare in our community.

As we reflect on the past year, I am excited to share some remarkable updates with you, showcasing the ongoing progress we've made

Looking ahead, we are already planning for the **39th Annual Top Hat Gala**, which will take place on October 11th, 2025. Stay tuned for more details in our upcoming newsletter. Also, a reminder to Trustees & Members about our next **quarterly meeting on July 29th at 4:30 PM** in the Anderson Auditorium.

I want to express my deep gratitude

together. First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the final **38th Annual Golf & Bocce Tournament** on May 12th. Thanks to your participation and support, we raised over **\$125K** in gross proceeds to fund vital equipment for Washington Health's trauma center and the operating rooms

In other big news, we are thrilled to announce the completion of the capital campaign for the **UCSF – Washington Cancer Center**. The funds raised will directly enhance patient care, expand treatment options, and support groundbreaking research through the UCSF – Washington Cancer Center. The new cancer center is set to open in early 2026. Together, Washington Health and its generous donors are shaping the future of cancer care for future generations.

for your ongoing support. Your generosity continues to strengthen our community's healthcare infrastructure and ensures access to world-class care for everyone. Thank you for being an essential partner to the Washington Health Foundation in this important endeavor.

*Warmest regards,
Sarah G. Gemski
Executive Director, Washington
Health Foundation*

38th Annual Golf & Bocce Tournament

Proceeds totaling over \$125,000!

On May 12th, The Foundation welcomed golfers and bocce players, to the final **38th Annual Golf & Bocce Tournament** at The Club at Castlewood. The tournament brought together friends and community members to raise money for the state-of-the-art surgical equipment and technology for the Washington Health Trauma Center and Operating Rooms.

The Foundation is thrilled to announce it was yet another successful year, with gross proceeds totaling over **\$125,000!**



The day featured an 18-hole golf tournament, bocce competition, prizes on the golf course, raffle, a cocktail reception with an award ceremony and much more! This year, the tournament was held on the Hill Course with 122 golfers enjoying a spectacular day among friends and colleagues, while 28 bocce players battled it out on the bocce

courts.

For decades, the Washington Health Foundation Golf and Bocce Tournament has brought our community together, creating lasting memories while making a meaningful impact on Washington Health patients. The Executive Committee of the Foundation has made the difficult decision to conclude the long-standing Washington Health Golf and Bocce Tournament, as they shift our focus to better meet Washington Health's most critical needs in the years ahead. This tournament was a fond farewell. .

"I would like to thank our generous sponsors, especially Platinum Sponsors, Fremont Bank and Gonsalves & Kozachenko, and all of our golfers, bocce players and volunteers who generously supported the tournament and Foundation" said Cathy Avon, President of the Foundation. Click [here](#) for the complete list of sponsors and donors.

Foundation Updates



39th Annual Top Hat Gala

Save the Date for the 39th Annual Top Hat Gala on **Saturday, October 11th**. Contact the Foundation to secure your sponsorship or reserve your seat. More details to come.



Scholarships Announcement

The Foundation announces the open application cycle for **Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship** for high school & college students in the Tri-City area. Details are available [here](#).



Meeting Reminder!

A reminder for all Trustees & Members that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Foundation will take place on **Tuesday, July 29th at 4:00pm** reception/4:30 pm meeting begins.

UCSF - Washington Cancer Center



The Washington Health Foundation has successfully completed the capital campaign to support the expansion of the **UCSF – Washington Cancer Center**. This remarkable achievement, made possible through the generosity of close community members, physicians, staff, board members and partners, marks a significant milestone in advancing cancer care for residents in southern Alameda County.

The successful completion of the capital campaign demonstrates the ongoing value residents place in having a vibrant independent, community-based health system. Reaching the goal also reinforces Washington Health's mission to deliver exceptional, accessible, and personalized care to enhance the health and well-being of patients and their families throughout the Tri-Cities.

The Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to the donors, community partners, and campaign leaders for turning the vision to expand access to the UCSF-Washington Cancer Center into reality, close to home. Together, Washington Health and its generous donors are shaping the future of cancer care for future generations.

Set to open in early 2026. Stay tuned for more details. To learn about the UCSF – Washington Cancer Center and how to continue supporting its mission, please visit the website [here](#).

Member Spotlight

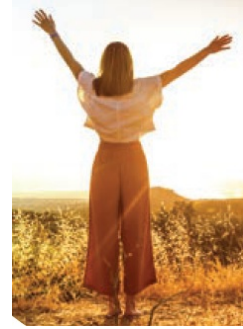
Foundation Member, **Sharon Gallacher**, has been a longtime supporter of the Washington Health Foundation through the years for the Top Hat Gala, Golf & Bocce Tournament and through her work with the Douglas Gallacher, M.D. Memorial Scholarship. She also played a key role in facilitating the Da Vinci System for the Hospital's Robotics program.



More from the Foundation



Foundation Trustees, **Brad Hatton** and **Keith Parker**, presented the Washington Health Medical Staff Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year to student, Amir Abdalla, at the Ohlone College Foundation Scholarship awards ceremony held on May 7th. Congratulations!



Healthy Minds, Strong Communities Community Behavioral Health Fair

Join us for a free community event, presented by Washington Health, focusing on mental health and well-being for all ages on Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information



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