

# A PLACE TO LIVE, THE PLACE WE LOVE



GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

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# COMMUNITY B COMMIT

I thank you for supporting our swimming lessons. I improved on my swimming now I can go in the big pool.

Emily Andrews

# ENEFIT MENT

*To the community  
we live in and love...*

**We are pleased to share** our 2008 Community Benefit Report with you. This is Grande Ronde Hospital's story of our commitment to serving the needs of others, providing examples of the many ways we serve our community beyond the walls of the hospital.

As a not-for-profit institution, Grande Ronde Hospital is charged with using its tax-exempt status for the benefit of the community – an expectation we take seriously. Ability to pay has never been a factor for receiving health care at Grande Ronde Hospital or one of our clinics. We have generously given back to our community through donations and free or discounted medical care. Our community's unemployment has risen in recent months, and so has the need for free and discounted care. During these difficult economic times, we realize how important it is to the community for us to keep our doors open for all patients, including those without the ability to pay for their care.

This year, as part of our social responsibility to the community, we established a Community Benefit Committee composed of community representatives, hospital trustees and hospital staff. The committee's task was to distribute money, in the form of grant funding for community partners, earmarked for improving community health and wellness. Our 2008 Community Benefit Report highlights our grant recipients, and it illustrates how our donations to the community will help others based on identified needs.

Our mission is focused on providing access to quality health care and addressing the needs of the underserved, which has always been at the heart of what we do. Serving the needs of our community has never stopped at the hospital's doors. We created our community benefit program because we believe investing in our community benefits us all.

Sincerely,

Jim Mattes  
President, Chief Executive Officer



Jim Mattes  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

## OUR MISSION

*We will ensure access  
to quality affordable  
healthcare for all those  
in need of our services  
including underserved  
populations in our  
community.*



# WHAT DREW US TOGETHER

Since 1907, **Grande Ronde Hospital's** mission has been to improve the quality of life in our community by providing the best health care services available.

Over the years, we have continued to strive for greater quality medical care, improved access and expanded services that are available to everyone. Not only is this our mission – it's also our passion. Our passion for care has always extended beyond our doors and into the community in which we live.

In 2008, the Grande Ronde Hospital Board of Trustees expanded that mission by establishing a Community Benefit Committee—made up of community members, hospital board trustees and staff— with the specific intent of funding community partner projects that complimented our mission. The committee was tasked with distributing \$45,000 in funds earmarked for the community's health and wellness.

In March 2008, the committee began meeting to lay the foundation for accomplishing that task. There was a great deal of excitement and joy at the prospect of



*Stepping Stone volunteer working with 3rd Street Station resident on meal preparation*

## STEPPING STONE FOUNDATION

THE STEPPING STONE FOUNDATION received a grant from Grande Ronde Hospital's Community Benefit Committee in support of our transitional housing facility. GRH's grant will fund a transition room at 3rd Street Station for one year, with two hot meals per day. This will help stabilize individuals who have no other housing options and allow staff to work with them on self-sufficiency issues in order to regain independence. Thank you Grande Ronde Hospital for supporting The Stepping Stone Foundation, 3rd Street Station, and the community.

- Steve Votaw, The Stepping Stone Foundation





*Mt. Emily Safe Center medical services staff demonstrates the comprehensive head-to-toe physicals for children on a center advocate's son.*



## MOUNT EMILY SAFE CENTER



THE GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE voted to give the Mount Emily Safe Center a substantial donation to increase the regional services we already provide to suspected victims of sexual and physical abuse. This grant will help us purchase medical supplies, and fund medical services and support staff time for head-to-toe check-ups for children from homes where domestic violence or drug endangerment has occurred. Research shows children living in these unsafe environments are at increased risk for sexual and physical abuse. This funding will help us ensure that all young victims receive the same treatment and support.

- Sandra Leavitt, Mount Emily Safe Center

making a thoughtful, needful contribution to the community. But there was also a great sense of responsibility to develop a program that would not only ensure future success from the committee's perspective, but also make a beneficial impact on the greatest numbers of people.

Serious effort and planning went into defining the scope of the program and organizing the strategies needed to accomplish the group's vision. The committee began by developing the values and principles that would guide its funding priorities. The first logical step, it was decided, had to be the unbiased determination of the greatest unmet needs of our community.

The committee engaged the services of an independent consultant to conduct a community-wide needs assessment. Once the assessment was completed in September 2008, the committee met with a second independent consultant to prioritize all of the information that had been gathered by that assessment. Both projects were instrumental in guiding the committee in developing its three foundational funding priorities of addressing Union County's drug problem, meeting the community's basic needs like food and shelter, and supporting wellness care and prevention programs. In addition, it was decided a clear set of values and principles must serve as the criteria upon which to assess the funding requests.



The announcement then went out to the community that there was partnership grant funding available for other not-for-profit programs that matched our funding priorities, to assist in meeting the community's health and wellness related needs.

The response to that initial call was overwhelming. Requests for funding totaled \$67,873.50. The committee carefully weighed the merits of each. Requests which fully met all of the criteria that matched the committee's funding priorities for 2008, as well as the values and principles, floated to the top. In the end, the committee was able to spread the \$45,000 in Community Benefit Partnership Grants across 12 requests.

The committee is very proud of what was accomplished in its first year and is proud to be associated with the fine community partners listed here.

We are already looking forward to sharing our 2009 report next year.

*Thank-you for supporting  
our swimming lessons &  
impaired back glide*





*For her senior project at Eastern Oregon University, Carolyn Bloyed brought motivational speaker Patrick Reynolds, grandson of tobacco industry giant R.J. Reynolds, to La Grande to speak to area high school and middle school students about tobacco use and prevention.*

## SMOKEFREE AMERICA

“I WAS SPEECHLESS when I received the news Grande Ronde Hospital’s Community Benefit Committee had awarded me a grant for a tobacco use prevention presentation from the Foundation for a SmokeFree America. It told me the committee had a serious interest in an issue that has always been a concern of mine and has needed to be addressed in our community for a long time. This sends a strong message to the community that the hospital has identified tobacco use as a health concern in Union County and is taking part in addressing the issue.”

—Carolyn Bloyed, Tobacco Free Teens Project



### **COMMUNITY BENEFIT PARTNERSHIP GRANTS:**

- The Stepping Stone Foundation
- City of Union Baseball/Softball (CUBS)
- Runaway, Homeless Youth in Transition Photovoice Project
- Friday Backpack Program
- Mt. Emily Safe Center
- Veteran's Memorial Pool
- VFW Post 4060 Food Bank
- Union County Drug Free Relay
- Foundation for a SmokeFree America
- Central School PTA
- City of Elgin Health Center

### **SPONSORSHIPS:**

- 3 Rivers Race
- Mt. Emily Safe Center
- Oregon Trail Diabetes Association
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- City of La Grande Sprint Triathlon
- Union County Drug Free Relay
- Union County Youth Soccer Association

### **IN-KIND DONATIONS:**

- CHD Board of Directors
- Arthritis Foundation
- The Ford Family Foundation
- Soroptimist International of La Grande
- AARP Driver Safety Program
- Union County Commission on Children and Families
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Eastern Oregon University Girls in Science
- Union County Fit Kids
- Union County 4-H Association
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- La Grande High School Senior Grad night
- Union High School Senior Drug/Alcohol Free Grad Night

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES:**

- American Heart Association Friends & Family CPR Classes
- American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR Classes
- Childbirth Education Classes
- New Parenting Classes
- Blood-borne Pathogen Training
- Growing Through Grief Support Group
- Health Scene Community Newsletter
- Healthy Options Community Calendar
- Physicals for Boy Scouts and Leaders
- Shriners Hospital Outpatient Clinic at GRH
- Transfer Training
- Trauma Team Talks Tough
- Diabetes Support Group
- Free Children's Clinic

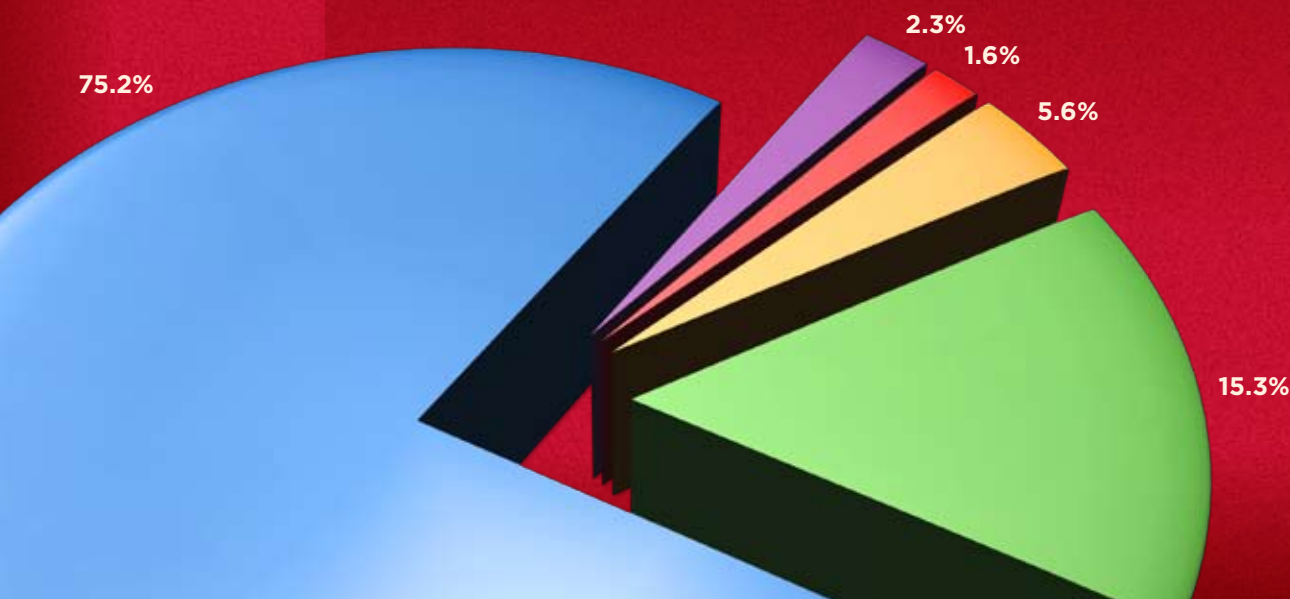


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# COMMUNITY BENEFIT EXPENSE CATEGORIES

AS A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, we hope to reflect the qualities of the community we serve. Union County’s reputation is one of generosity and compassion – proactively serving those among us who are truly in need. We are proud of our community, and strive to give back in a way that will make you proud of us, too.

■ Charity Care	\$1,688,817
■ Unreimbursed Medicaid	\$342,869
<b><i>Total Charity Care &amp; Means Tested Gov’t Programs</i></b>	<b><i>\$2,031,686</i></b>
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■ Community Health Improvement Services & Benefit	\$126,626
■ Health Profession Education	\$36,936
■ Cash & In-kind Donations to Community Groups	\$50,870
<b><i>Total Other Benefits</i></b>	<b><i>\$214,432</i></b>
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<b>Total All Community Benefit</b>	<b>\$2,246,118</b>





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