

LifeLegacy



Focusing on Mission and Philanthropy

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Montana Pediatric Project Surpasses \$3.5 Million Raised

David Irion, executive director, St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, reports great progress in efforts to secure “courage capital” to fund Phase I of the MONTANA PEDIATRIC PROJECT. Dave notes, “Raising \$3,500,000 for the initial phase of the project is a labor of love for our board and staff — we are deeply committed. We are right at our goal for cash to fund the intensive care physicians, the equipment required to upgrade our services and to complete the teaching



we are committed to in hospitals across Northern Wyoming and throughout Montana. This goal is \$3,500,000. In addition, we have, as our added challenge, the goal of \$2,500,000 for a Phase I endowment, which provides long term stability to this ministry.

This will be one of our primary focal points for our fundraising at the Foundation the next 12 months. We know we have many friends that believe in this incredible project.

“We’ve had little ones flown in from rural communities and have impacted lives in very dramatic ways. The Montana Pediatric Project is one more way we are living our healing ministry.”



Named endowments for Pediatric Greatest Needs can be established with commitments of \$10,000 or greater.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

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A Piece of the Past

In the past, rules and regulations for the nursing students of the St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing were more strict than rules of today. In a handbook, circa.1940, some of the following regulations were observed:



No nurse should visit any other department than that in which she is engaged without the permission of the Sister in charge or the head nurse.

When a nurse is off duty, she is not allowed to visit any part of the Hospital, except the places designated for the exclusive use of nurses.

Nurses are permitted to wear their uniforms around the block of the Hospital; under no condition shall they go further than this limit, even covered with long cloaks.

They are expected to keep themselves scrupulously neat, paying particular attention to the nails, hair and breath. Paint, perceptible powder, excessive false hair and jewelry are positively forbidden while on duty.

REGULATIONS for nurses’ quarters included a rising bell at 5:45 AM. “Dormitories and rooms must be vacated at 6:20 and each nurse will take a twenty-minute walk in the open air, reporting at the dining room at 6:40.”

NIGHT nurses “shall retire at 9 AM., and are expected to remain in their rooms until 4PM.”

To schedule an appointment to view SVH’s archived treasures, simply call: Sister Jean Dawson, 237-3389
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Good News! The IRA Charitable Rollover will still be in effect for all of 2009!

If you are over 70½, you are eligible to make an IRA charitable rollover to public charities like SVH Foundation; and, this distribution will not be included in your federal income tax. Your gift will qualify for all or part of your required IRA minimum distribution. IRA gifts may be used to establish an endowment in your name — or the name of a loved one.

Santa's Helper Benefits Cardiac Care and Senior Services

Each Christmas while on break as a fifth grade teacher at the North Pole Elementary School in Alaska, Irene Seavy was one of Santa's helpers. "At Christmas I helped Santa answer thousands of letters from all over the world," she said. She fondly recalls the bond formed with community friends through many years of coming together to help keep the ideal of Santa alive in children's minds. Irene took special care in answering each letter as she personally understood how one person can make a profound difference in another's life.



Irene and Dick Seavy

At age 18, Irene believed finishing high school wasn't in the cards for her — let alone going on to college. In stepped Mrs. Jean Higham, "At Christmas I helped Santa answer thousands of letters from all over the world."

a teacher who encouraged Irene to finish high school. "She even paid me when I went to class," Irene said.

Years later as a teacher, Irene similarly influenced the lives of her students. "One particular student still sends a Christmas card each year," she noted. "He was a failing student when he came into my class at the beginning of the year. By year's end, he was an 'A' student."

Dick and Irene Seavy Endowment and the Anton and Mary Reichert Endowment

Irene knows what it means to face health challenges as well. Her first experience with St. Vincent Hospital was when she was admitted at age six with polio. "The nicest nun took care of me," she recalled.

Dick, Irene's beloved husband of 56 years died of lung cancer in 2002 and was cared for through his illness at St. Vincent Healthcare. But, it was Dick's care through the Cardiac Rehab Department that spurred Irene to want to support the nursing and technical staff of the Heart Team. "My Mom, Dad, and Dick all had heart problems," noted Irene.

In 2005, Irene funded the **Anton and Mary Reichert Endowment for Senior Services** in honor of her parents, by establishing a charitable gift annuity. A gift annuity is a simple contract between St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation and the donor. When Irene established her charitable gift annuity, we promised to pay her a set income for life, based on her age. The annuity payment is guaranteed by the assets of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and never changes.

Then, in 2008, Irene established the **Dick and Irene Seavy Endowment for Cardio Vascular Surgical Education**, again by structuring a charitable gift annuity. In addition to receiving an annual averaged return of 8% on her gifts, Irene was eligible for federal charitable deductions and qualified for a Montana tax credit of 40% on the charitable portion of her gift. She has especially appreciated the unchanging annuity payments during the recent downturns in the financial markets.

St. Nicholas

According to legend, St. Nicholas developed a reputation as a protector of the innocent, always generous to those in trouble. Irene has shown that we can all be Santas through a heartfelt inclination to make a difference. Thank you, Irene!

Charitable Gift Annuity

Are you tired of watching your assets fluctuate with the markets? You can have peace of mind with a Charitable Gift Annuity with St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation. One of the simplest ways of making a gift and receiving income during your life, a charitable gift annuity is an excellent way to obtain very attractive financial benefits and make a generous contribution to the healing ministry of St. Vincent Healthcare.

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65	5.7%	82	8.0%
70	6.1%	86	9.2%
74	6.6%	90	10.5%

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