



Mason Health

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What's Happening

MGH Foundation News

MGHF Presents Father Daughter Night Out and the Business Luncheon & Confections Auction!

Coming Soon! Mason General Hospital Foundation is bringing back two of its signature fundraising events this fall – **Father Daughter Night Out** will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Mt. View Elementary School, and the **Business Luncheon & Confections Auction** will take place on Friday, Nov. 17, at the Ridge Motorsports Park.

Both events will raise funds for a STERIS 4085 General Surgical Table and a new Stryker LD304 Birthing Bed for Mason Health.

"Mason General Hospital Foundation is proud to bring back, by popular demand, our Father Daughter Night Out and Business Luncheon & Confections Auction," said **Eileen Bailey**, president of the MGHF Board of Directors and co-chair for the events. "We are excited to celebrate with the community once again, while raising funds for much-needed medical equipment for Mason Health. Please join us at these upcoming events to help us celebrate Mason Health's 55th Anniversary of caring for our patients and community members."

Purchase tickets online at www.masonhealth.com or call the Mason General Hospital Foundation Office at 360-426-3623. Questions can be emailed to foundation@masongeneral.com.

Mason Health's Birth Center receives check from Bikers for Babies event



At the furthest left, you have Mason Health Birth Center Manager **Kris Gaa** and Mason Health Chief Development & Communication Officer **Jennifer Capps** accepting the \$2,500 donation from Warrior Angel Riders as part of their Bikers for Babies fundraiser. At the furthest right, you have **Lisa Perry**, Community Relations Manager with Sierra Pacific Industries. Sierra Pacific Foundation donated an additional \$2,500 to the fundraiser. Mason General Hospital Foundation also received an additional \$272 in donations from participants who donated their prize earnings at the event on Aug. 12, including from Warrior Angel Riders officer **Michelle Soul** and Dr. **Ezekiel Melquist**, MD, from Mason Clinic. Warrior Angel Riders are a Pierce County-based all women riding group, though the rides are open to all.

Special Kudos

Congratulations to **Debbie Brown**, MA-C, for being selected as the September 2023 Employee of the Month!



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Save the Dates!



News Briefs

Mason Health announces new Chief Medical Officer Darren Cuevas

Effective in 2024, Mason Health's Senior Leadership Team is undergoing a new transition – longtime Chief Medical Officer **Dean Gushee**, MD, will be retiring after more than 30 years at Mason Health, while **Darren Cuevas**, DO, joins the team as the new Chief Medical Officer, a reflection of Mason Health's ongoing dedication to fostering a positive and collaborative culture.

"Dr. Cuevas brings an exceptional blend of leadership, collaboration, and dedication to his new role," said Mason Health Chief Executive Officer **Eric Moll**. "Over his tenure with Mason Health, he has consistently demonstrated a commitment to patient care, innovative practices, and the growth and development of our medical staff. His ability to lead by example, foster open communication, and drive positive change will undoubtedly elevate our medical team and contribute to our continued success. His approach to enhancing our healthcare services and nurturing a supportive environment aligns perfectly with our organization's mission and values."

Dr. Cuevas joined Mason Health in September 2018. He received his Doctorate of Osteopathic training at Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona, and completed his Family Medicine Residency at St. Joseph's Hospital, University of Minnesota in St. Paul. In 2023, Dr. Cuevas won the Leadership in Rural Medicine Health Care Champion Award from the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce and Thurston-Mason Medical Society.



Darren Cuevas, DO

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Staffing Updates

Welcome New Provider Samar Hassouneh!

Dr. Hassouneh is a board-certified OB/GYN physician who started her educational career at the University of Washington and earned her medical degree from Harvard Medical School. She finished her residency training at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 2011, and has had a broad range of clinical experiences, both academic and private since then.

Dr. H, as she prefers to be called, enjoys caring for women of all ages, and being a partner in their health and life journey as they navigate challenges of menstruation, fertility, pregnancy, childbirth, and menopause among many other women's health issues.

In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time with her husband and three children, as well as with her extended family in the area.



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Classes and Workshops

Cancer Wellness Workshop

Mason Health, in partnership with **Harmony Hill Retreat Center** and with the financial support of the **Karen Hilburn Cancer Fund**, is hosting virtual cancer support groups. For more information, call 360-432-7706 or email patientnavigator@masongeneral.com.

Time: 4 to 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of the month
Location: ZOOM or conference call

Cost: Free

Loud Crowd Speech Therapy Class

Lead locally by Mason Health's **Monica Vinson**, Speech Language Pathologist, this national program provides speech therapy and socialization for persons with Parkinson's.

Time: 12:30 p.m., every first and third Tuesday of the month
Location: Mason County Senior Activities Center, 190 W. Sentry Drive, Shelton

Cost: Free

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Support Group

Join Mason Health Speech Language Pathologist **Monica Vinson**, MS, CCC-SLP, for a new support group for people living with a traumatic brain injury.

Time: 1 to 2 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month
Location: Mason Health meeting room at the Shelton Family YMCA, 3101 N. Shelton Springs Road, Shelton

Cost: Free

New!

All subject to change.

Current Safety Guidelines

Visiting Hours are 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please enter at the Mason General Hospital Main Entrance. After hours, please use the Emergency Department entrance.

Our website has the most up-to-date visiting hours and guidelines: www.masongeneral.com

Thank you for choosing Mason Health for your care!

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Vision
Provide the best patient-centered care in the Pacific Northwest.

Values
Service & Relationships