2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

Primary Children's Hospital patient Sophia, holding a Primary Promise rocket, together with her family during the Centennial Night of Celebration, Nov. 9, 2022
More than 110,000 gifts. Historic philanthropy generated. All in support of our evergreen mission to help people live the healthiest lives possible.

Thanks to your bold generosity, 2022 was a year of historic progress. Together, we launched our Primary Promise campaign to build the nation’s model health system for children, marked construction milestones, supported transformative research, and celebrated centennial anniversaries. Our collective pursuit of a healthier future is already being realized today.

Over the past year, your partnership inspired a groundswell of community support and national interest. In all, our donor family contributed over $120 million via more than one-hundred-ten thousand individual financial gifts – the most impactful year in our Foundation’s history.

Thanks to you, we’ve been able to meaningfully invest in the health of our friends and neighbors. You’ve helped maintain our community’s strong culture of philanthropy, with each person adding to our collective story of caring. Thanks to you, we’re creating the change our communities deserve.

Join me in celebrating a year of progress and significance. I’m looking forward to all our partnership will hold in 2023.

In lasting gratitude,

David L. Flood
President, Intermountain Foundation
SVP/Chief Development Officer, Intermountain Health

Recognized for world-class Performance

U.S. News & World Report ranked Intermountain Primary Children’s Hospital as one of the nation’s best children’s hospitals in eight pediatric specialties for 2022-2023.

For the tenth consecutive year, Intermountain Foundation has been named a “High Performer” by the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy for fundraising excellence. High Performers support people with their health needs while maintaining low costs compared to other not-for-profit healthcare organizations.
Primary Children’s Hospital celebrates its 100th birthday

Our Hospital has grown from a single act of compassion in 1922 to delivering premier care to more than 100,000 children a year, regardless of ability to pay. As 15-year-old Primary Children’s patient Sophia proudly exclaimed, “Happy birthday to MY hospital!”

“Primary Children’s nurses and doctors have become like a second family to me. I love the people who helped me, and I’m glad they have done the same for thousands of other kids.

Happy Birthday,
Primary Children’s!”

- Nellie, age 12,
Primary Children’s Hospital patient
Primary Promise publicly launches at Night of Celebration

We honored the incredible 100-year history of Primary Children’s Hospital with a Night of Celebration, alongside presenting sponsor George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation. We also introduced Primary Promise, our vision for the future of children’s health. Watch our highlight video.

“We’re excited to celebrate the many remarkable milestones we’ve achieved during our first 100 years, and the opportunity to put ‘The Child First and Always’ for the century to come.”

- Katy Welkie, RN, MBA; CEO, Primary Children’s Hospital Vice President, Intermountain Children’s Health

Family leaving a note in Primary Promise rocket time capsule

Live performance by Center Stage Performing Arts Center, celebrating the Primary Promise vision
The first highly specialized fetal care center in the Intermountain West was established at Primary Children’s Hospital with the help of a generous gift from Brad and Megan Bonham. The Utah Fetal Center has been renamed the Grant Scott Bonham Fetal Center in memory of the couple’s infant son.

“We’ve gone through some really difficult trials in our lives, and there was always somebody there with an outstretched hand that has helped lift us up.

We find it almost incumbent that we provide those same lifting hands when the opportunity arises.”

- Brad Bonham
The Pedersen family’s support of Primary Promise ensures better health for more children

More children in need of care will be able to access the expertise of Primary Children’s Hospital thanks to transformative support from the Pedersen family – the largest gift the family has provided to the community.

“If others ever wanted a way to give back to their community and touch everyone, this is it. This is the biggest gift we have ever given, and there’s a reason for that. I hope others will see how important and historic this project is – and its potential to impact children’s healthcare across the country – and join us.”

- Todd Pedersen

Primary Children’s Hospital patient Harper presenting her artwork to Todd & Andie Pedersen

Todd & Andie Pedersen and family gather with Intermountain leaders, Primary Children’s patient Harper and family, and Gail Miller.
5 For the Fight partnership with Primary Promise helps children with cancer

In front of a sold-out crowd at Vivint Arena, Ryan and Ashley Smith’s 5 For the Fight Foundation announced an immense gift to Primary Promise, benefiting cancer patients at Primary Children’s.

“Sometimes things come along on your journey, and you have to pay attention.”

- Ryan Smith
Pennies by the Inch Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Pennies by the Inch – the nation’s oldest grassroots fundraiser – celebrated 100 years of helping young patients in need at Primary Children’s Hospital. Watch our featured patient video, Belle’s story.

“Pennies by the Inch has endeared generations of children to Primary Children’s Hospital and created lifelong stewards of the hospital. We are thrilled to celebrate a century of giving, which has helped build a foundation of expert care that will benefit children into the next century.”

- Janet DeWolfe, Executive Director, Intermountain Foundation at Primary Children’s Hospital

2022 Pennies by the Inch patient champion Belle, with her mom

From the archives: Young donors support the Primary Children’s Avenues Hospital construction.
Intermountain Health and U Health Taking Part in International Study to Slow Parkinson’s Disease Through Exercise

Researchers from Intermountain Health and the University of Utah are taking part in a new international study to help determine whether high-intensity exercise can slow the progression of Parkinson’s disease.

“Endurance exercise programs are an important part of our patients’ treatment for Parkinson’s disease. If we can prove that certain forms of exercise slow down disease progression, it would be a major breakthrough in treating our patients.”

- Kathleen McKee, MD, neurologist and study lead at Intermountain Health

More than one million people in the United States have Parkinson’s disease, and approximately 60,000 Americans are newly diagnosed each year.
Innovation

HerediGene – This incredible genome mapping research study reached a monumental number of 100,000 enrollments

Pioneering Brains – New MRI tech during brain surgery equaled new hope for children

Saline Solution alternative – Intermountain researchers found a better option for IV fluid

Saving Lives – Intermountain performed its 5,000th adult solid organ transplant

Leadership

Leading Intermountain Health – Meet our new president and CEO, Rob Allen

Merging with SCL Health – Growing to take care of more people in more locations

Sharing ideas – Katy Welkie lauds the power of philanthropy in Modern Healthcare article

Getting noticed – FAST Company Magazine recognized the Primary Promise campaign as a 2022 World-Changing Idea

Outreach

During a crisis – Our new pediatric behavioral health In-Person Stabilization Mobile Response (SMR) units are now serving children and families when and where they need it most.

Happier Holidays in 2022 – Festival of Trees, Jubilee of Trees, Holiday Quilt Show & Auction, and Give-A-Thon brightened the holidays.

“Philanthropy can help fill the gaps and assist in funding upstream preventive health initiatives by creating new community programs or partnering with existing ones.

As health leaders, it’s our duty to ensure all patients have access to the best care we can provide, no matter their background or life circumstances.”

- Katy Welkie, RN, MBA
CEO, Primary Children’s Hospital
Vice President, Intermountain Children’s Health

Katy Welkie, RN, MBA, CEO Primary Children’s Hospital

Rob Allen, MBA, FACHE, new CEO and President of Intermountain Health
VISION FORWARD

We enter 2023 strong and resolute. We’re in the right place, at the right time — exactly where you’ve taken us.

Thanks to our exceptional volunteer boards and thousands of dedicated donors, our 60,000 caregivers, and the finest philanthropy team in healthcare, this will be a year of expansive possibility.

Hope, a young supporter of Primary Promise, shares our gratitude.