As a not-for-profit health system, Intermountain Healthcare makes decisions differently. At Intermountain, we focus on:

• **Our mission: Helping people live the healthiest lives possible**
  As a not-for-profit health system we’re committed to going beyond treating illness and injury by encouraging healthy behaviors that can lead to longer, more fulfilling lives.

• **Helping those in need**
  We donate hundreds of millions of dollars in financial assistance to those unable to pay.

• **Setting community-based priorities**
  As a not-for-profit health system, we operate without shareholders. Instead, we ask: What will benefit our communities and patients?

• **Being good stewards of resources**
  Having access to quality healthcare is of great value to every community, and we understand our role in putting our healthcare resources to their best possible use.

• **Offering more affordable care**
  At Intermountain, we’ve been recognized for our achievements in providing excellent outcomes to patients and keeping costs more affordable.

• **Caring for people in rural communities**
  We operate nine hospitals and numerous medical clinics in rural communities—providing excellent care to patients, maintaining the high-quality that comes as being part of a system, while bringing care close to home.

• **Supporting medical education**
  Clinicians and caregivers of the future need excellent, mission-driven places to learn and to train. Intermountain provides tens of millions of dollars to support medical training programs, residencies, and other health-related education.

• **Improving medical outcomes**
  Intermountain’s Institute for Healthcare Leadership enjoys an international reputation for quality and cost improvement in healthcare. In addition, Intermountain’s hospitals, physicians, and clinics are involved in about 1,500 medical research projects every year.

**Two things not everyone understands about not-for-profit healthcare:**

1. Some people assume that not-for-profit companies should not have revenues that exceed expenses. In reality, in order to fulfill our stewardship to the community and earn our not-for-profit status Intermountain needs a sufficient margin to help the underserved, replace facilities and equipment, grow with the population, invest in technologies that benefit our patients, and maintain reserves that preserve our stability and provide a margin for safety should our communities be affected by a natural disaster or other major catastrophe.

2. We need to ensure people who can pay, do pay. We have a responsibility to protect and preserve resources for those in our communities with the greatest need. This also helps us keep costs as affordable as possible for those who do pay.