

Giving Insight

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Celebrating 30 years
of life-changing support



Cover art was collectively created by
children from our community.



ST JOHN OF GOD
Foundation

Transforming health care for **humanity**

What's on your mind?



In celebration of our 30th anniversary, we asked some of the St John of God Foundation team to share their highlights.

Looking back over your time at St John of God Foundation, what are your biggest highlights?

There are so many - too many to mention them all here! I've had the immense privilege of seeing the real impact of community support for patients and their families. This impact is perfectly demonstrated through our Gifts of Hope program (created in 2019), which provides support for patients struggling with the cost of cancer treatment. Thanks to compassionate donor support, this program has helped countless people in our hospitals who may otherwise have not been able to access the best treatment for their cancer.

A major milestone that I feel particularly proud of was the refurbishment of the Murdoch Community Hospice, which was completed in 2021. Originally established over 25 years ago with support from generous donations, this vital service's renovation was entirely funded by donations and bequests from the community, showcasing the amazing kindness of our supporters.

I think both of these initiatives really speak to our values at St John of God Health Care, and how we emphasise compassionate care for patients and their loved ones during some of the most difficult times of their lives. I feel incredibly grateful and privileged to be part of a community where actual change and lasting impact is facilitated. None of this would be possible without our incredible donors and caregivers.



Preema Wong,
Director of Philanthropy
& Campaigns

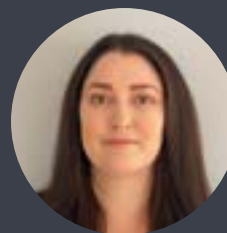
Could you please tell us about a time when you saw firsthand how important community support is for patients at our hospitals?

The 'Care Closer to Home' campaign at St John of God Bunbury Hospital is a fantastic example.

Community support for this campaign – which ranged from \$2 coins in donation buckets, to thousands of dollars from local businesses – directly helped to deliver the very best care, close to home, for people in the South West. This outpouring of support from the local community has enabled new short term affordable accommodation for people undergoing long term cancer treatment, as well as the coronary unit and interventional cardiology service.

Ten years on from the service opening, contributions from the community will continue to make a difference, through enabling equipment and technology upgrades.

To me, this campaign perfectly illustrates how each and every one of us can really make a difference when we come together in support of a cause.



Hannah Weir,
Associate Director of
Philanthropy, WA

If you could say anything to donors for their contributions over the past 30 years, what would you say?

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Thank you for your vision, for your compassion, and for your commitment to transforming health care for our communities. It's really not an exaggeration to say that every single dollar you give makes a meaningful difference.



Hayley Palumbo,
Community Engagement
Specialist

Health care and hope, in your hands

Reflection from Group CEO, Bryan Pyne

Our proud history of compassionate service

St John of God Health Care, as we know it today, is built on a rich history of philanthropy that dates back more than 500 years to our patron saint himself, John of God. He remains the inspiration for our Mission and we are proud to carry on his ideals in our work today.

In 1895, the Sisters of St John of God travelled from Ireland to Australia to care for the sick in Western Australia, which then led to the opening of hospitals in WA, VIC and NSW, and eventually to the establishment of St John of God Health Care.

Since the inception of St John of God Foundation in 1994, we have been privileged to work together with generous individuals, families and businesses in our community to support outstanding treatments, care and research in our hospitals and services across the country.

Shaping the future of health care

I'm proud to lead St John of God Health Care as we continue to evolve as an organisation, to respond to the health care needs of our communities. In Richmond, NSW, we have embarked on a major redevelopment to provide world-class mental health facilities and treatments for Australian veterans and first responders. In Subiaco, WA, cutting-edge research into respiratory illnesses will mean even greater impact for patients – potentially across the globe. As ever, providing hospitality and excellent patient care remain our utmost priority.



Thank you

I'd like to acknowledge the many St John of God Health Care Trustees, Board members and caregivers, both past and present, who have played a significant role in our journey, and supported the Foundation. Caregivers on the front line are crucial to identifying opportunities in our hospitals and services, and we are so grateful to those who have generously shared their time, knowledge and experiences to help ensure better health care for our communities.

It is also our privilege to work together with you, our compassionate supporters, to transform health care for the communities we serve. From world-class research, to leading-edge technology and personalised patient care – so much of what we do is only possible thanks to the kindness of people like you.

On behalf of all of us at St John of God Health Care, and the patients and families we serve, I would like to express my warmest thanks for your support.

Your kindness will be felt for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Bryan Pyne
Group CEO, St John of God Health Care



One family's enduring legacy

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we reflect on a meaningful partnership spanning over two decades.

The late Jack and Eleanor Bendat were dedicated advocates for improving the health outcomes and wellbeing of Western Australians. Their kindness will leave an indelible mark for our communities for many years to come.

For more than two decades, the Bendat family's philanthropy has enabled world-class cancer care, ground-breaking medical research, and essential support for people in Western Australia.

▼ Pictured: Jack and Eleanor Bendat



Through the Bendat Family Foundation, the family generously supported the establishment of the Bendat Family Comprehensive Cancer Centre at St John of God Subiaco Hospital - the first clinic of its kind in Australia. This centre, which was opened in 2008, helps patients to access all the services and support they need, for all cancer types, at one location.

Jack and Eleanor also played a pivotal role in founding several Bendat Horizon Houses in Western Australia, from 2003 onwards. These critical services continue to offer housing and essential support to vulnerable young people facing or at risk of homelessness.

Significant advancements in health care are enabled through the Bendat Respiratory Research and Development Group, which aims to better understand lung and respiratory disease to develop advanced treatments through translational research. Thanks to the Bendat Family Foundation, the BRRD is at the forefront of medical research into respiratory medicine and respiratory oncology.

We consider it a great honour to carry the Bendat family's legacy forward, and are immensely grateful for their enduring support and for improving the lives and health outcomes of Western Australians.

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The impact of the Bendat Family Foundation's support will be felt by our patients for generations to come.

- Professor Eli Gabbay,
Chair of the Bendat Family Respiratory Research and Development Fund, Chair of Research and Director of Postgraduate Medical Education at St John of God Subiaco Hospital

Pictured from left to right: ▶
Maeve O'Malley (Acting NUM),
Dana Cederman (CN), Kirsty Bright (RN)

Music brings joy and comfort to critically ill patients



When a person is in palliative care, it can be the smallest things that bring joy. In between visits from friends and family, patients may spend a lot of time alone, and being able to enjoy their favourite music can be a very welcome comfort.

Over the past several years, you have shown amazing support for people in palliative care and their families through our Christmas Wish Appeal. Through your kindness and compassion, St John of God Bunbury Hospital has been able to purchase digital radios for each palliative care bed in the hospital.

Now, palliative patients at the hospital can enjoy the benefits of having their own digital radio in their rooms – they might choose to listen to the radio while they are by themselves, or share in some music with loved ones.



One family said they enjoyed being able to play music for their beloved mother while she was in end-of-life care, because music was such a big part of her life.

"These radios have made a huge difference to the lives of our palliative patients,"
said Marisa Wessel, St John of God Bunbury's Pastoral Services Manager (pictured, inset)

"It is actually an amazing gift and very, very helpful to our patients contributing to their wellbeing. I am sure it will bless our patients for many years to come!"

This is just one of many initiatives which, thanks to you, can bring joy and comfort to patients in palliative care and help to fulfil their final wishes.

**To donate or find out more,
contact us on 1800 281 288 or visit
www.sjogfoundation.org.au/palliativecare.**



◀ Pictured: St John of God Subiaco Hospital caregivers come together to build special kits for patients

Special kits support vulnerable patients

Being admitted to hospital can be a very confronting experience. Patients may feel scared and vulnerable, especially if they have an underlying cognitive impairment such as dementia, or if they are experiencing confusion as a result of the reason for their admission (for example, post-operative delirium).

It is important that caregivers are properly equipped to help patients remain calm and engaged in what can be an unfamiliar hospital environment, to minimise distress and ensure the best possible outcomes during their stay.

St John of God Subiaco Hospital caregivers noticed an increase in cognitively impaired patients being admitted to the hospital, and recognised the need to take extra steps to ensure these patients were as comfortable as possible.

Specialist Nurse Managers, Social Workers and Occupational Therapists

worked together and came up with the idea to create special kits for cognitively impaired patients to use during their stay in the hospital, to offer calming distractions and also support the connection between caregivers and patients. The kits would include things like baby dolls, colouring books, fiddle activities, books, magazines, music, card games, weighted blankets and more.

Thanks to the support of our kind donors, these kits have become a reality.

Susanna Murphy, St John of God Subiaco Hospital's Performance Improvement Manager, says the kits are already helping patients and caregivers at the hospital.

"The kits are now used as part of our training program for patient care assistants and volunteers, who often sit with patients. The kits help to settle patients and caregivers may also use them to drive interactions that are meaningful and aid in reassuring the patient," says Susanna.

"One of the most successful items we are able to put in our cognitive impairment kits is the weighted blanket, which is scientifically proven to assist with calming, reassuring and managing anxiety in a variety of conditions including cognitive impairment."

Items such as the weighted blanket are single patient use only, which means these kits would not be possible without donor support.

"It was so wonderful to be able to share with the team that through the generous support of community donations we would be able to establish these kits and go the extra mile to support these patients and their families during a challenging time," says Susanna.

"I would love to say a huge thank you to all of the donors who have made these kits possible. Improving the care and experience for these extremely vulnerable patients is so meaningful and impactful. Please know the difference you have and will make and how grateful we are for your support."



Your support makes care closer to home a reality

St John of God Bunbury Hospital has recently completed a \$1.1M upgrade of its Interventional Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory ('Cath Lab'), funded by generous donations.

The Cath Lab has been refurbished with a state-of-the-art Phillips Azurion 7 M20 FlexArm Angiography Machine. With more advanced imaging capabilities and staff positioning flexibility, the upgraded unit will improve treatment outcomes for both public and private patients in the South West.

Thanks to ongoing support from the local community, St John of God Bunbury Hospital's South West Coronary Care and Cancer Service can continue to provide state-of-the-art cardiac services, including interventional cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, coronary care and cardiac rehabilitation for patients in the region.

St John of God Bunbury Hospital Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Williams said the Cath Lab upgrade is part of the organisation's focus on ensuring patients have access to leading care close to home.

"The new angiography machine has brought the latest in high-tech imaging to the South West community, with improved visualisation of structures in 2D and 3D it provides greater capabilities for cardiac and vascular procedures," Jeffrey said.

"Thank you to the generous St John of God Foundation donors who funded the upgrade to the Cath Lab, enabling us to provide state of the art care closer to home for the South West community."

Since it was first established in 2013, the St John of God Bunbury Hospital Cath Lab has performed a wide range of

open and minimally invasive procedures with excellent outcomes. Cardiologists and vascular surgeons in partnership with caregivers at St John of God Bunbury Hospital provide comprehensive care that ranges from treatments as simple as lifestyle changes, to performing cardiac stent insertions, pacemaker and defibrillator implants.

The support of local donors through St John of God Foundation has enabled the hospital to continue offering patients of the South West lifesaving equipment that was previously only available in the Perth metropolitan area.

We are truly grateful for the generosity of people like you, who continue to bring advanced treatments and compassionate care to patients and families at St John of God Bunbury Hospital. **Your support means that the very best health care will be available closer to home for many years to come.**

30 years of community support: Then... and now!

We asked some of our longest serving caregivers to tell us what fundraising has meant to them and their patients over the past 30 years.

“ I began working for St John of God Geelong Hospital around 1990, when I was moonlighting as a casual Registered Theatre Nurse in the operating theatre. After I had my children, it became my main place of work, and **to me it felt like one big family - everyone was connected.**

A girlfriend I worked with came to me one day and said we needed to raise money for a 'bear hugger', which was a piece of equipment used to keep patients warm and comfortable when coming out of theatre. We entered into a bike ride with a goal to raise \$3,000... and ended up raising considerably more!

A few years later, in 1994, St John of God Foundation was established. I didn't know much about it at the time, but I found myself looking around our hospital and noticing things that needed fixing or upgrading, and there always seemed to be a lack of funds.

I started working for the Foundation as the Community Development Manager, and we partnered with the Lighthouse Foundation to run a support service for vulnerable youth in Geelong. We raised funds to sustain the service through golf days, auctions, and sausage sizzles, and so on.

In 1999, the service became the first 'Horizon House' in Australia, which is now operated by St John of God Social Outreach services. Demand for this unique service grew quickly.

We ran a fundraising campaign that raised over **\$1 million** in donations from philanthropists (including our patron, the late Frank Costa), local businesses, events, and donations from the community. This enabled us to grow and build Horizon Houses across Victoria, and the program eventually expanded into Western Australia as well. It was a lot of hard work getting it up and running, but **I feel incredibly proud of what we achieved, and to see young people empowered to flourish through Horizon House is extremely rewarding.**

I eventually left the Foundation team and started working as a project manager for various building redevelopments at the hospital - but there was always more fundraising to be done. In my time as Director of Community Development, then Director of Hospital Redevelopments, right through to my current role as Director of Corporate & Service Development, I've overseen many more fundraising campaigns and **witnessed how community donations have helped to build the St John of God Geelong Hospital we see today** - from significant refurbishments in Day Oncology and Special Care Nursery, extra beds in the Emergency Department, to the latest medical equipment and technology.

I remember one man, Barry Bell, who was treated for cancer at our hospital and decided that he wanted to raise funds to help



other patients going through cancer treatment. Barry inspired the development of a new day oncology centre for Geelong, which has completely transformed the way we provide cancer care to our community. To see Barry's face when we officially opened the centre - 100% built on community donations - was something I'll never forget. Barry has sadly passed away now, but his family still talk about that day. That was a significant moment for all of us.

To just say 'thank you' to donors feels too obvious... but I am forever grateful for the fact that people in our community have been moved and reached out to help others. Donations really do make a genuine, tangible difference to people's lives.

Money is one thing, but seeing the difference a gift makes to people who need help is something else.

Taanya Widdicombe

Director Corporate & Service Development at St John of God Geelong Hospital and caregiver for 34 years.



"Donor support has helped to provide two new telemetry fetal monitoring machines in our hospital – I cannot even tell you how meaningful this is to the midwives and the families in our care. Thank you so much.

"We have a bold vision for the future of maternity care in WA, and support from our community will help us to achieve the standard of excellence we aspire to."

Joan Cunningham, Nurse Manager at St John of God Subiaco Hospital and caregiver for over 30 years.

"I started working at St John of God Geraldton Hospital when I was 16 years old, as a nursing assistant. In 2002, I was successful in gaining the role of Director of Mission Integration. In this time I've found St John of God Health Care to be an organisation that has served the local community, and as far north as Carnarvon and Karratha, in many ways.

"Over the years I have also witnessed a variety of support for the local hospital from huge fundraising by the community to build the hospital to the small donations of which donors have faith that they are supporting something very good that is making a difference in people's lives.

To our donors I say sincerely, thank you, thank you, thank you."

Alison Dawson, Director of Mission Integration at St John of God Geraldton Hospital, and caregiver for 37 years.



St John of God Geraldton Hospital, 1999.



"I began my service on 31st January 1994 before the hospital opened. On the opening day, February 14th, I was on night shift – alone on the ward with no patients. In the early days it was really like a family, and in the 30 years since then our family has grown exponentially and the 'house' has had many renovations and additions.

"It has been an exciting ride for me with many different positions from Registered Nurse to Nurse Manager of Cancer Centre, and now a donor-funded Clinical Nurse Consultant position, which has been the pinnacle of my career and has benefitted many, many cancer patients and bolstered support and education for our nurses.

"The generosity of spirit shown by our donors has enriched the lives of many, has made possible the impossible, and has made significant differences to patients and their families to assist at a time when it is most needed. Thank you."

Marie Condon, Clinical Nurse Consultant – Cancer Services at St John of God Murdoch Hospital, and caregiver for over 30 years.

"I started my career as a nurse at St John of God Subiaco Hospital in 1976, and since then my career journey has taken me down many different pathways – including clinical, theatre, midwifery and management.

"Thanks to generous support from our donor community, I recently worked with hospitals across Australia to procure Cuddle Beds for our palliative care units. These special beds are so important for nurturing connection during end of life care, and helping patients and their loved ones to feel safe and comfortable during an incredibly difficult time. **I also saw just how far-reaching and long-lasting the support from you, our donors, is."**

Cath Bolam, Contract Design Lead – Clinical at St John of God Health Care, and caregiver for over 45 years.



Honk if you love caring for your community!

South West WA-based transport company, Piacentini & Son, is painting a recently built Panther Series II Low Loader (pictured below) completely pink in recognition of all the Australian women and men who are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. From October 2023 through to March 2024, as an organisation they will be undertaking a range of fundraising activities to raise money for both St John of God Foundation and the National Breast Cancer

Foundation. Since the initiative began in October, an incredible over \$60,000 has been raised.

"The alignment of our organisation's values and the great work of the Foundation has ensured that we have been able to maintain sustainable relationships and support projects in the South West community," says Alison Piacentini.

Thank you to the team at Piacentini & Son for their amazing support! We can't wait to see the finished result.



Donations fund game-changing technology for patients

Recent statistics show that over 2,000 Australians are diagnosed with a type of brain cancer each year. To help meet the needs of people in our community who are facing a brain cancer diagnosis, St John of God Murdoch Hospital has recently invested in state-of-the-art neurosurgery equipment, including the LoopX Intraoperative CT, and upgrades to the hospital's Brainlab System.

Now, thanks to the support of generous donors, the hospital has been able to purchase a Cranial Ultrasound Probe that provides active imaging for neurosurgeons during surgery. By enabling neurosurgeons to visualise the tumours in real time during surgery, there is greater scope to achieve outcomes for the patient efficiently and safely. It significantly increases the likelihood of surgeons achieving complete tumour resection and therefore greatly improves the prognosis for the patient.

Importantly, this technology has the benefit of more accurately identifying and removing the tumour without removing unnecessary tissue or causing any damage to surrounding healthy tissue in the brain. The cranial ultrasound also reduces the overall time the patient spends under anaesthetic.

St John of God Murdoch Hospital is the first adult hospital in WA to use this state-of-the-art ultrasound probe integrated with Brainlab navigation technology, and we are proud to be leading the way in health care excellence and positive patient outcomes for people with brain cancer.

We are so grateful to Sue Roberts, Galvin Engineering and The James Galvin Foundation for funding the cranial ultrasound probe. Their generosity will make a huge impact for countless patients and their families.

A new lease on life, thanks to a **Gift of Hope**

A Gift of Hope is a gift of financial support provided to people with life-threatening conditions such as cancer. For patients who might be struggling to afford the best treatment for their cancer, a donor-funded Gift of Hope can be life-changing.

In late 2021, Judith Foster, a mother and grandmother who had dedicated nearly 40 years to a career as a nurse and midwife, found herself facing a lung cancer diagnosis - despite never having smoked in her life.

"I think I just felt like the whole world was falling apart," says Judith of receiving her diagnosis.

"I suddenly thought, I'm not going to be around for my son. I need to be here for my family – and for my patients. It's a really awful time, I just wanted to be well, to be working."

When Judith's initial medication stopped working, St John of God Subiaco Hospital Oncologist, Adjunct Associate Professor Tim Clay, suggested a new diagnostic test.

The special molecular test, which would look closely at tumour DNA, would enable Adj A/Prof Clay to determine the best treatment for Judith's cancer. Unfortunately, as is often the case with new cancer treatments and tests, the molecular test was not covered under Medicare or private health insurance.

This is where a Gift of Hope came in. Adj A/Prof Clay had seen firsthand how a

Gift of Hope could help patients like Judith to access treatments that might otherwise be out of reach, bringing hope when patients may have exhausted all other treatment options.

"Without a Gift of Hope, Judith may not have been able to access molecular testing," says Adj A/Prof Clay.

"This testing allowed us then to apply for and receive compassionate access to a therapy that is not funded in Australia via compassionate means from a major pharmaceutical company. She has just had her first assessment to show her new treatment is working."

Judith says the testing, and subsequent treatment, has been life-changing.

"I have a new lease on life, and the turning point was the Gift of Hope," she says.

"I'm so thankful, I've almost got a normal life now and I'm spending time with my family –

which I didn't think I would have. I saw my son get married, I have a new daughter-in-law, and a beautiful grandson.

"Now that I'm not working, I babysit two or three times a week, and I probably would not have had that. So I'm very lucky."

Judith said she felt extremely grateful to Adj A/Prof Clay for 'being on the ball', and advocating for her treatment, but also to the donors like you who had made the Gift of Hope possible.

"Saying thanks is not really enough," Judith said.

"They are very generous, caring people – and I hope they know that they are making a big difference to people like me. I'm really grateful."

You can support a Gift of Hope by visiting www.sjogfoundation.org.au/hope or call us on 1800 281 288.

Pictured: Judith (left) with her son and daughter-in-law at their wedding.





A sacred space for patients, thanks to you

Using the healing power of nature for better mental health and wellbeing

For more than 15 years, St John of God Health Care has provided mental health services in Melbourne's South East, including comprehensive treatment and care to inpatients, day patients, community-based patients and outpatients as well as psychiatric health care for acute mental health and addiction conditions.

Research tells us that our mental health and wellbeing improves when we have access to support and services close to home, and we pride ourselves on providing a high standard of care at the St John of God Langmore Centre in Berwick.

Many of us have experienced how spending time in natural environments helps to reduce our stress and lift our mood. Thanks to generous donor support, the Langmore Centre has been able to establish new sensory gardens for use by patients and loved ones.

The new garden is designed to stimulate all the five senses and provide an opportunity for conversation, meditation and activities between patients, therapists and visitors in a tranquil outdoor setting. Research tells us that sensory gardens can make a great contribution to emotional and physical health by enhancing communication, mood and awareness.

Donor support has enabled two dedicated sensory garden spaces to be created at the Langmore Centre: one more secluded for therapeutic activities to take place, and another, more public, space for everyone to enjoy.

Julian Woods, Exercise Physiologist at St John of God Langmore Centre, says the spaces have already been put to good use by caregivers and patients.

"Facilitator-guided Gardening Groups are running weekly for one hour, and are providing current inpatients the opportunity to develop and maintain our courtyard 'Sensory Garden'," Julian said.

"To date we've planted seedlings, seeds, cuttings, and mature plants of summer fruiting berries, salad greens, herbs, vegetables, and flowers. Our efforts have also provided strawberry, mint, tomato, cucumber, zucchini, and other herb plants for caregivers, patients and their families to take home."

Julian also says he can see significant benefits for patients engaging in the sensory garden spaces.

"I'm finding it most lovely to see patients that struggle to engage in other forms of therapy really coming out of their shell in the garden space."

We are so grateful to our wonderful donors for their support for these beautiful garden spaces. You have made such an amazing difference to caregivers, patients, and their loved ones at St John of God Langmore Centre.

Donor support bringing the very best care to sick kids across WA

St John of God Health Care has a proud reputation for delivering outstanding patient care and clinical excellence, and over the past three decades our supporters have played a critical role in enabling this world-class care.

For several years now we have had the honour to partner with Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, an organisation synonymous with philanthropy and well known for making a positive contribution to Western Australian communities.

In 2024, Stan Perron Charitable Foundation has generously provided funding for several vital pieces of equipment at hospitals across WA that will help to deliver the very best care for vulnerable babies and children.

- At **St John of God Midland Hospital**, Stan Perron Charitable Foundation has contributed to the purchase of a new Video Laryngoscope. This piece of equipment is used to help visualise the airways of tiny neonatal babies, and is crucial for enabling caregivers to more safely and easily insert breathing tubes.
- Also at **Midland**, the Airvo3 has been funded to support paediatric patients in respiratory distress, by improving oxygenation, helping the little ones to breathe easier and enhancing their overall comfort.
- A Giraffe Incubator Care Station has been funded for **St John of God Subiaco Hospital**, new technology which will help to monitor and support the health and development of fragile infants.

Providing this state-of-the-art neonatal environment in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit will promote natural, peaceful healing for babies, and help to foster a close bond between them and their families while they are in hospital.

- To help reduce distress and discomfort when locating veins on children, an AccuVein Finder has been funded for **St John of God Murdoch Hospital's** paediatric ward. This equipment will help clinicians to more quickly, safely and accurately locate veins on the child and reduce the child's anxiety.
- Stan Perron Charitable Foundation's generosity also extends beyond the Perth metropolitan area, with support for state-of-the-art equipment at **St John of God Bunbury Hospital**. A new paediatric Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) endoscope will enhance the hospital's existing ENT service, making care closer to home a reality for children in the South West, and meaning families will be less likely to have to travel to Perth for surgery.

We are truly grateful to the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation for their compassion and ongoing commitment to ensuring better health outcomes for our communities. Their kindness will be felt by children and families far and wide across WA, for many years to come.

Pictured: Caregivers at St John of God Murdoch Hospital welcome the arrival of Accuvein Finder



Celebrating you



Over the past 30 years, more than \$75 million has been donated in support of St John of God Health Care patients and clients.

To every individual, family, organisation or caregiver that has generously given through the Foundation or one of our many hospitals or services, thank you. **Your kindness has been life-changing.**



'All that Glitters is Gold' fundraising ball in Bunbury - 2021. Caregiver committee pictured L-R: Juanita Tucker, Ann Silver, Kasey Biggar, Maeve O'Malley, Nikki Florian, Ashleigh Kirkpatrick, Chloe Hill, Nicole Scott.



Thanks to your kindness over the past 30 years, caregivers have been able to deliver compassionate care to more patients when they need it most. Pictured: Caregiver and patient - 1999.



Murdoch ED caregivers welcome the arrival of Hamilton Ventilator thanks to donor support - 2021.



Foundation CEO Bianca Pietralla speaking at Murdoch Community Hospice - 2021.



Caregivers celebrate at the finish line for HBF Run for a Reason - 2023.



Re-opening of Murdoch Community Hospice - 2021.



Donors, corporate partners, caregivers and members of the local community at St John of God Geelong Hospital Golf Day fundraiser – 2022.



Lotterywest generously supporting St John of God Foundation and Horizon House – 2007.



St John of God Foundation is proud to be a beneficiary of Channel 7 Telethon Trust, who have helped bring innovative treatments and care to children in St John of God hospitals across WA. Pictured: Foundation caregiver Hannah Weir and Perth icon, Fat Cat – 2023.



St John of God Foundation and Mission caregivers celebrate the 25th anniversary of St John of God Murdoch Community Hospice – 2023.



Donors, beneficiaries and caregivers come together for An Evening to Celebrate Philanthropy, amongst the dinosaurs at WA Museum Boola Bardip – 2022.



We are so grateful for what your kindness has made possible over the past 30 years. Pictured: Caregivers at St John of God Murdoch Hospital – 1995.



Kindness Cart for caregiver wellbeing, generously funded by Kane Constructions at St John of God Geelong Hospital – 2022.



Community donations through St John of God Foundation have been bringing hope to our hospitals since 1994. Pictured: Caregiver and young patient – 1999.



You have directly helped to support innovative research at St John of God Subiaco Hospital. Pictured: Seed Funding grant recipient Professor Allan Kermode, Foundation CEO Bianca Pietralla, Early Career Researcher grant recipient Dr Alannah Cooper, St John of God Health Care Director of Research Steve Webb – 2022.

Thinking about your legacy?

If you would like to know more about how leaving a gift in your Will can create a life-changing health care legacy for future generations, for a confidential discussion please contact:

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Your kindness is amazing

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