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Pictured: The Foundation's Endowment Committee presented Mason Health CEO Eric Moll with a \$200,000 donation for the new Oasis High-Field Open MRI.

From left, Mason Health Chief Development & Communication Officer **Jennifer Capps**, CEO **Eric Moll** and Endowment Committee Chair **Beth Gregg** and members **Laurie Brown**, **Mark Mager** and **Joan Hayes**.

News Briefs

Mason Health Achieves Full Three-Year Accreditation from DNV Healthcare USA, Inc.

Mason Health is proud to announce that it has been awarded full accreditation for a three-year term by **DNV Healthcare USA Inc.**, affirming the organization's compliance with the Medicare Conditions of Participation for Critical Access Hospitals. This achievement underscores Mason Health's commitment to delivering high-quality care and meeting the stringent standards required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). DNV Healthcare USA Inc. is a national accreditation organization dedicated to helping health care organizations improve quality, patient safety and health care delivery.



The accreditation applies to all Mason Health facilities operating under Public Hospital District #11 of Mason County.

Mason Health Senior Director of Performance Excellence **Nicole Eddins** leads Mason Health's quality and process improvement teams, who work hard to ensure various departments have the tools they need to meet and exceed industry standards.

"Our performance with DNV reminds me of Vince Lombardi's quote, 'Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence,'" she said.

The DNV accreditation requires Mason Health to undergo annual surveys and maintain consistent compliance with DNV's rigorous National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations standards. Through this program, DNV evaluates and certifies that Mason Health's management systems align with essential safety and quality requirements, ensuring the highest standard of care for the Mason County community.

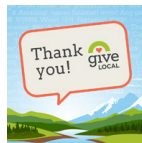
"This accreditation is a testament to the dedication of our entire team at Mason Health," said Mason Health CEO **Eric Moll**. "Our commitment to meeting and exceeding these standards reflects our ongoing mission to provide exceptional, patient-centered care."

The accreditation process by DNV Healthcare USA Inc. highlights Mason Health's strong operational framework, efficient management practices, and adherence to critical health and safety regulations essential for quality care delivery. The certification marks a significant milestone in Mason Health's journey to provide accessible, reliable, and comprehensive health services for the community.

MGH Foundation News

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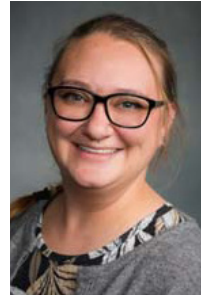
Mason General Hospital Foundation would like to thank our community supporters for helping us to reach our fundraising goal during the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound's **Give Local** online campaign! Your donations further the mission of Public Hospital District No. 1 by enhancing the quality of health care enjoyed by patients of Mason County. As of Nov. 25, we have raised \$7,910 so far! Thank you!



Staffing Updates

Mason Health Hires New Volunteer Program Specialist Kim Lutey

Mason Health's new Volunteer Program Specialist **Kim Lutey** has always found working with volunteers to be incredibly inspiring. With a diverse background in managing youth volunteer programs in the zoo and wildlife sector, Lutey brings a fresh perspective and a wealth of experience to her new role. Passionate about community engagement and volunteerism, Lutey is eager to transition her expertise to the health care field, where she looks forward to supporting Mason Health's vision of providing the best patient-centered care in the Pacific Northwest.



Lutey graduated with the Class of 2010 at Pine Creek High School in Colorado Springs and obtained a degree in zoological sciences at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. In 2015, she started to work Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, where she built her career around conservation engagement and education, working with the public and managing the youth volunteer program. At Point Defiance, she recruited and interviewed volunteers and engaged volunteers in ecosystem restoration and developing new volunteer program initiatives.

During the pandemic, Lutey completed a master's degree from Miami University in Ohio and then decided to expand her job search beyond zoos.

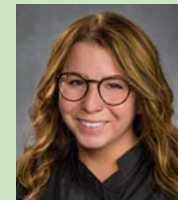
"While the goal was to work in zoos, the world of zoos and aquariums is very small," she said. "When I saw the application for Mason Health, I was surprised - I didn't know hospitals had volunteers."

Lutey is looking forward to meeting all of Mason Health's volunteers and expanding the volunteer programs offered here.

"All of the volunteers and staff members I have met so far have been so welcoming," she said. "I can't wait to learn more from everyone here and to help the Volunteer Program reach new heights."

To learn more about volunteering at Mason Health, email **Kim Lutey** at klutey@masongeneral.com.

Special Kudos



Congratulations to Ashlee Johnson, Culinary & Nutrition Services Manager, for being named the November 2024 Employee of the Month.

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.masonhealth.com

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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

SPEAK OUT Therapy Program

Lead locally by Mason Health's **Monica Vinson**, Speech Language Pathologist, the SPEAK OUT® Therapy Program, developed by the Parkinson Voice Project®, helps people with Parkinson's regain and retain their speech and swallowing. This evidence-based program combines ongoing education for the patient and family, individual and group speech therapy, daily home practice and re-evaluations.
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