



# Mason Health

## Mason General Hospital • Mason Clinic

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# What's Happening

### Foundation News

#### Congratulations to all our 2026 scholarship award winners!

Mason Health Foundation is proud to announce that we distributed more than \$90,000 in scholarship awards this year, supporting Mason Health's strategy related to future workforce development opportunities for our community.

Mason Health Foundation Auxiliary and Centennial Guild chapters distributed \$30,000 and \$55,000 in medical scholarships respectively to 37 total recipients, including graduating Shelton High School seniors, Mason Health employees, and nursing students. The recipients were a mix of new and returning applicants.



The Mason Health Foundation Hospitalist Group distributed its inaugural scholarship award of \$10,000 to

Xiomara Sanchez-Barajas. She will be attending University of Washington to study Public Health, with a goal of attending medical school and becoming an oncologist.

#### Save the Date for the Mason Health Foundation dinner auction - November 14, 2026 at Little Creek Casino Resort

Mason Health Foundation reminds you to save the date for an "Enchanted Evening in Wonderland" dinner and auction on November 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Little Creek Casino Resort. Don your best formal attire and join us for an incredible evening benefitting the award-winning Birth Center at Mason General Hospital. Tickets go on sale August 1. Visit [masonhealth.com/foundation](http://masonhealth.com/foundation) to learn more and purchase your tickets. We hope to see you there!



### CONSTRUCTION AT THE HOSPITAL

Mason Health has been undergoing a series of construction projects in alignment with the District's Campus Master Plan. These projects will further Mason Health's mission by expanding services for patients, ensuring the District can continue to provide the best patient-centered care.

For more construction updates, visit [www.masonhealth.com](http://www.masonhealth.com).

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### News Briefs

#### Mason Health earns two PRC Excellence in Healthcare Awards, recognized among best healthcare facilities in the nation for patient experience

Mason Health is proud to announce two Excellence in Healthcare Awards from Professional Research Consultants (PRC), a leader in the healthcare intelligence space. The Birth Center at Mason General Hospital received a Five Star award, ranking top 10% nationally for Overall Hospital Rating, according to the 2025 Inpatient OB/GYN Services Normative Database. Mason General Hospital's Inpatient Services team earned a Four Star award, placing in the top 25% nationally for Overall Hospital Rating, based on the 2025 Inpatient Services Normative Database.



The PRC Excellence in Healthcare Award celebrates organizations and individuals that have achieved excellence throughout the prior year. Award recipients represent the best of the best among healthcare facilities across the nation. As a Public Hospital District and the only hospital in Mason County, providing excellent care to the community is always top of mind. These two awards are a representation of Mason Health's vision to Provide the Best Patient-Centered Care in the Pacific Northwest.

"In rural healthcare, patient experience is deeply personal. Our patients are our neighbors, and every encounter is an opportunity to provide dignity, compassion, and trust close to home," said Melissa Strong, MSN, RHCNOC, RN, Chief Nursing Officer at Mason Health. "We are so proud of the work team members put in everyday to ensure the patients and their families have the best experience possible."

"My first was born in room 132 of the Mason Health's birth center back in 2004 where my now manager, Kris Gaa, was my labor nurse. Having been raised, going to school, and working within local school districts and head starts, my favorite part of Mason Health is that I am now helping children of former classmates, and even toddlers I took care of in childcare welcome their babies into this world. I get to be a part of the most special day and support my community holistically," said Carissa Pierce, RN, a Birth Center nurse.

"Patient experience isn't just how satisfied a person is with the care – it's the quality of the education they receive, the level of empathy, compassion, and patience they experience in their time of need and vulnerability," said Lacy Eveland, RN, Medical Surgical Pediatrics nurse. "I try to care for every patient the way I would hope someone else would care for my loved ones."

#### Special Kudos

Congratulations to Lacy Eveland, MSP Nurse, for being named the June 2026 Employee of the Month!



#### Mission

United Community, Empowered People, Exceptional Health

#### Vision

Provide the best patient-centered care in the Pacific Northwest

#### Values

Service & Relationships

#### Mason Health proudly celebrates 30 years of the Quality Care Open, raising funds for fetal heart monitors

On July 10, Mason Health will host the 30th Quality Care Open, one of Mason County's premier golf fundraisers, at Alderbrook Golf and Yacht Club, marking three decades of community-driven fundraising in support of rural healthcare excellence.

In 2025, the tournament raised more than \$80,000 in funding for a new High Field Open MRI machine, which is now active and in high demand at the hospital. This year's Fund-An-Item appeal will help us purchase four new Philips Avalon FM series fetal and maternal monitors for Mason Health's award-winning Birth Center. The total fundraising goal is \$140,000.

The Avalon FM monitors are the first and only to offer automated coincidence detection with Smart Pulse technology, as well as the only product that can monitor triplets on a single monitor using the same Ultrasound frequency. With this new technology in the Birth Center, Mason Health can prevent birth complications and improve care outcomes for expectant mothers. Fetal monitors allow providers to identify potential problems early and detect signs of fetal distress.



"I have been volunteering, playing in, or co-chairing this event since 2018. It's become one of my favorite days of the year because it brings together fun, friendship, and purpose in a way few events do. What makes the Quality Care Open special is the heart behind it," said Brent Wilcox, Senior Director at Consertus and co-chair of the Foundation Golf Committee.

The Foundation thanks our Platinum Level sponsors for the 30th Quality Care Open: **Olympia Orthopaedic Associates, CDW, and ZGF Architects.** We also extend a thank you to our Gold Level sponsors: **Consertus, Abbott Construction, Capital Business Machines, Dynamic Collectors, Inc., Electrocom Sound & Communication Systems, Forecast Energy, Hood Canal Communications, IMA Financial Group, ImageFirst, Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel, Squaxin Island Tribe, and Our Community Credit Union.** Thank you for supporting our mission to provide the **Best Patient-Centered Care in the Pacific Northwest!**  
*Note: Sponsors as of June 22, 2026*

### Classes & Workshops

#### Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group

A 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 in the Shelton Family YMCA  
3101 Olympic Highway North, Shelton

**Cost:** Free

#### Cancer Wellness Workshop

For information, call 360-432-7706 or email [patientnavigator@masongeneral.com](mailto:patientnavigator@masongeneral.com).

**Time:** 4 to 6:30 p.m., second Wed. of the month

**Location:** ZOOM or conference call

**Cost:** Free



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