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**Foundation
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Thank You Classic Donors and Participants

The annual Billings Clinic Classic reprised its highly anticipated and much-loved downtown street party for the first time since 2019. With nearly 1,200 attendees, the party made an extraordinary comeback to raise awareness of, and funds for, a \$30 million campaign supporting Billings Clinic's journey to becoming a Level I Trauma Center. The Classic was accompanied by seven charity golf tournaments, a silent auction and the Classic Raffle Extravaganza event, each contributing to the first phase of the Level I Trauma endeavor.

In 1992, Billings Clinic was the first hospital in Montana to earn Level II Trauma and Emergency designation and is currently the state's busiest trauma center. The first phase of the Level I Trauma initiative will address the infrastructure needs. Last year, the Emergency department recorded 52,000 patient visits, exceeding the original design capacity. The renovation of the Emergency department will include trauma-specific rooms and additional emergency service rooms to meet the growing needs of emergency care within our region.

Through the generosity of Classic participants and sponsors, over \$1.5 million was raised for the Level I Trauma campaign! We are truly grateful for the support of our donors, community and volunteers who make everything possible.



Advancing to Level I Trauma Care in Our Region



Bill & Jean Mills, Community Co-Chairs
Jaimee Belsky, MD, Physician Champion

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Classic Raffle

Joan Brewer, Co-Chair
Keri Cross, Co-Chair
Kylee Koch, Co-Chair
Anne Litle, Co-Chair
Heather Verbeck, Co-Chair
 Jamie Alexander
 Christy Baxter
 Virginia Bellew
 Sue Carter

Women's Golf Tournament

Kate Hagenbuch, Co-Chair
Mandi Graham, Co-Chair
 Kelly Amidei
 Stacey Booth
 Alyssa Francis
 Kylee Koch
 Jennifer Selvey
 Josey Smiedala
 Ellie Zwemke
 Hannah Zwemke

Lisa Constantine
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 Jessica Hart
 Amanda Helgeson
 Staci Hult
 Kathy Johnson
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 Tracy Kangas
 Emily Martin
 Elizabeth McCotter
 Nichole Mehling

Open Golf Tournaments

Hilands Golf Club,
Pryor Creek Golf Club,
Laurel Golf Club,
Riverside Country Club,
Powder Horn Golf Club
 Keith Hart, Chair
 Craig Bartholomew
 Josh Billstein
 Alexandra Bloyder
 Stacey Booth

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A New Addition: Billings Clinic Bozeman is Officially Open

Billings Clinic Bozeman held its official grand opening celebration on October 15. The three-story, 142,000 square-foot multispecialty clinic, outpatient surgery center and urgent care center contains more than 90 exam rooms, 10 treatment rooms, infusion space, physical and occupational therapy services, and conference space. Community input was incorporated in the design of the building through open and bright spaces, a Healing Garden and floor-to-ceiling windows to capture the natural beauty of Bozeman. The clinic offers over 20 specialty services including cardiology, radiology, primary care, pediatrics and psychiatry. The facility will house over 250 doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical and support staff. As the need for health care continues to increase in the Gallatin Valley area, Billings Clinic Bozeman looks forward to providing accessible, local care for its patients.

In August, Bozeman hosted one of seven golf tournaments at Riverside Country Club contributing to the Level I Trauma initiative. The Foundation looks forward to working with the Bozeman community on future events and projects.



Grateful Patient Story: A Two-Day 'Adventure' at Billings Clinic

It started as normal day for Andrew Bennett during a trip to Greysbull, WY. Visiting from Corvallis, OR, Andrew was attending his son's motorcycle rally. As the day went on, Andrew did not feel well and noticed an irregular pulse in his heartbeat. Andrew's son took him to the local hospital where it was ultimately decided that Bennett would be flown to Billings Clinic for further assessment and care with experts at the region's largest independent health system. When Andrew arrived, he experienced firsthand what it means to receive heart care at Billings Clinic, surrounded by a highly trained Cardiac Center Care Team with unique expertise in advanced cardiovascular care, advanced lifesaving equipment, board-certified cardiologists and a full team of additional providers and support staff. After additional tests, it became clear that sending Andrew to Billings Clinic was the right choice. Bennett was sent to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab where a device was implanted in his chest to help regulate potentially life-threatening heart complications. The precise dialogue used by the operation staff gave Bennett confidence and a lasting impression of professionalism. The following morning, Bennett woke up in good condition. He remained at the hospital one more night before driving over 1,000 miles home.

In 2011, the Billings Clinic began a \$9 million expansion and renovation campaign which included updates in the very Cardiology Department and Cath Lab Bennett found himself in. The philanthropy involved in the cardiology renovations directly benefitted Andrew, and thousands of patients like him thanks to the state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. Bennett's first-hand experience allowed him to see what the campaign did for cardiac patients. Rounding out the cardiac services, the John R. Burg MD Cardiac Center at Billings Clinic was established through the campaign. The center helps thousands of cardiac patients each year through the region's most comprehensive cardiology program, which offers comprehensive diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation care, along with a skilled and compassionate team of board-certified cardiologists and cardiac staff.

Bennett light-heartedly describes his two-day stay at Billings Clinic as an "adventure," but is overwhelmed by surgical skill and technical proficiency exemplified by the staff. "If you must be admitted to a cardiovascular unit, be sure to have the good fortune for it to be Billings Clinic," he said. In gratitude toward the cardiology physicians and staff for his great care, Bennett gifted a generous donation to the cardiology department to support their continued life-saving work.



"My recollections of the Billings Clinic cardiovascular facility are the wide, sunlit corridors and the equally wide, sunlit rooms. I had a room to myself... The staff of the unit talked quietly at their workstations when not administering to the patients. The former were all good natured, efficient and smart"

– Andrew Bennett



Welcome New Foundation Staff



Front Row (L-R): Graham Scott, Lexie Bloyder
Back Row (L-R): Sarah Brockel, Danielle Campanella

Lexie Bloyder began working at Billings Clinic as an intern this past summer, and recently transitioned into the role of Philanthropic Advisor of Stewardship. Lexie graduated from Montana State University Billings with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and a minor in Psychology. During her time at MSUB, Lexie was a member of the women's soccer team for four years. As a Billings native, Lexie is a long-time advocate of Billings Clinic through family ties and is excited to be a proponent of Billings Clinic. Outside of work, Lexie thoroughly enjoys being outdoors and staying active.

Sarah Brockel joined Billings Clinic Foundation in March of 2022 filling the role of Grant Writer. Sarah earned her Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Public Administration from Montana State University Billings, which initially led to a career in higher education. After several years of professional work in higher education, Sarah was prompted to join Billings Clinic due to the community-based and locally operated atmosphere. Sarah has decades of experience working and volunteering in the nonprofit arena in Billings. Sarah brings a high level of experience and integrity to her work at the Billings Clinic Foundation.

Danielle Campanella graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Human Development and Family Science with a certificate in business. While attending MSU, Danielle was president of the National Society of Leadership and Success. In May, Danielle joined the Foundation as Philanthropic Advisor of Annual Funds. With previous experience in non-profit organizations and a passion for community involvement, Danielle is eager to be a part of the Billings Clinic team. Outside of work, you can find Danielle on the golf course or at a local restaurant with friends.

Graham Scott joined Billings Clinic Foundation earlier this fall as Philanthropic Advisor of Major Gifts and Planned Giving. Graham attended the University of Montana where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology. Originally, Graham intended to pursue the clinical side of health care but entered the field through a different route. Prior to joining Billings Clinic, Graham was the Regional Provider Relations Liaison for Intermountain Health. Now, with more than 10 years of experience in the health care industry and relation management, Graham's experience and knowledge will be an asset to the Foundation team.

Welcome Chief Nursing Officer Shannon Holland, MSN, RN, CENP, CPHQ

Shannon Holland joined Billings Clinic in late September as the Chief Nursing Officer. Shannon began her 35-year career as a nurse in Butte, Montana where she would spend the next 28 years in a variety of roles. For many of her years spent in Butte, Shannon practiced at St. James Healthcare, first as a staff nurse before transitioning into leadership roles. At St. James, Shannon served as Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer. Most recently, Shannon worked at MultiCare Valley Hospital in Spokane, Washington as Chief Nursing Executive and Chief Operating Officer. Shannon earned a Master of Science in Nursing and is Certified as an Executive in Nursing Leadership, as well as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality. Shannon is passionate about the development and education of staff nurses and emerging leaders. Creating and supporting an environment that emphasizes professional practice, quality, and safety will be prioritized by Shannon in the CNO role.

Shannon and her husband Max have two adult children and one grandson whom they love to spend time with. After leaving Montana momentarily, Shannon is excited to return, as she is an outdoor enthusiast. Hiking and cross-country skiing are two of Shannon's favorite activities while spending time with her four Labrador retrievers.



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