

LOGAN HEALTH

Report to the Community

Winter 2024



EDUCATORS RECEIVE \$10,500 TO IMPROVE CLASSROOMS

The Logan Health Foundation and School-Based Services awarded \$500 grants to 21 educators at Flathead Valley schools last October. The Healthy Classrooms grants provide funding to local schools to aid in the creation or improvement of student-centered and staff-related healthy living initiatives.

The awarded grants will fund projects such as healthy snacks for students, new athletic and playground equipment, in-classroom cooking tools and nutrition education curriculum, new bikes for district bike safety program, wobble stools and flexible seating for students in the classroom, and social-emotional health curriculum resources.

“When we support our schools and educators, we are investing in the lives of our children, the prosperity of our community, and the well-being of our future generations,” says Joe McClafferty, president of the Logan Health Foundation. “Their dedication fuels the dreams of our students, and it’s a privilege to be a part of that journey.”

PLANTING SEEDS FOR A FUTURE IN HEALTH CARE

Last fall, 80 high school students took part in the second annual Hyped on Healthcare event at Logan Health Medical Center. The event engages students interested in studying health topics and introduces them to the different career paths in the industry.

This year’s event was co-hosted with Flathead Valley Community College. Students first learned about the educational opportunities in health fields available at FVCC before meeting medical professionals at Logan Health Medical Center to learn firsthand about their career.

The focus of these presentations was not only long-term careers, but also entry level opportunities that high school students can be thinking about sooner rather than later.

“As the area’s largest health organization, we recognize our role in inspiring and developing future health care professionals,” says Donivee Randall-Jones, director of education at Logan Health. “We are committed to connecting students with educational opportunities to help guide them on their career paths.”





SANTA CLAUS AND FRIENDS SPREAD HOLIDAY JOY AT LOGAN HEALTH CHILDREN'S

Pediatric patients were all aglow after their visit with Santa Claus in December, where they and their families enjoyed cookies and cocoa and created Christmas memories for years to come. Santa Claus made his rounds through the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), the Pediatric unit, and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) so that every child could experience the holiday magic. He also greeted children with sensory sensitivities at the 2nd annual Sensory-Friendly Santa event hosted by Logan

Health Children's and sponsored by Whitefish Credit Union. However, Santa wasn't the only visitor to the halls of the children's hospital. Logan Health's festive friends Cliff and Huck from the Glacier Range Riders also stopped by to wish one of our patients, Samson, a very merry Christmas.

Throughout all of the festivities, parents of children facing health challenges were invited to the Logan Health Children's Toy Box, where they selected gifts at no cost for all their children. Together with the help of our staff, community donors, and some exciting visitors, the halls of Logan Health Children's were both merry and bright.



— News Briefs —

Diabetes Education and Prevention Team Receives State Awards for Excellence

At the 26th Annual Diabetes Professional Conference, Logan Health Diabetes Education & Prevention team members were honored with two prestigious awards. The entire team received the Advancing the Vision in Quality Care Award, and Brittany Schultz, BSN, RN, CDCES, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award. Logan Health is proud of this amazing team and their remarkable achievements providing diabetes care in Montana.

Healthier Communities Event Delivers Insight and Inspiration

Logan Health's inaugural Healthier Communities: Day of Healthcare event, was held on October 27 at the Wachholz College Center. The free event featured presentations and panel discussions led by Logan Health clinicians and administrators, offering the latest updates in local and statewide health care developments. The sessions empowered attendees with information that could positively impact their health.

Four Hospitals Recognized for Performance Leadership

Four Logan Health hospitals were recognized with a 2023 Performance Leadership Award for excellence by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. The Performance Leadership Awards honor top quartile performances (75th percentile or above) among rural hospitals in Quality, Outcomes and/or Patient Perspective. Logan Health had hospitals represented in each category this year. Logan Health – Chester and Logan Health – Conrad in Quality, Logan Health Medical Center in Outcomes, and Logan Health – Whitefish in Patient Perspective.

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— Upcoming Events —

MARCH 2 CycleMT stationary bike relay fundraiser at Glacier High School logan.org/CycleMT

APRIL 20 46th Annual A.L.E.R.T. Banquet
Flathead County Fairgrounds Trade Center Building

MAY 18 8th Annual Spring Into Safety Day
Flathead County Fairgrounds Trade Center Building

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE SHOE AT A TIME

In November, Logan Health distributed more than 600 pairs of shoes to Flathead Valley schools to support underserved youth. This was made possible through donors that support Logan Health's Kids on the Rise Program, an initiative committed to increasing access to resources and healthy opportunities for Montana's youth.

Logan Health is dedicated to ensuring that every child in Montana has access to appropriate footwear for school and sports, fostering opportunities for them to engage in healthy lifestyles and participate in activities they love. Encouraging an active lifestyle from a young age sets kids on a path towards healthier futures by instilling lifelong habits that promote physical fitness, well-being, and a greater sense of self-worth.

"Shoes can take you where you want to go," says Joe McClafferty, Logan Health Foundation President. "Kids on the Rise focuses on addressing the critical need for suitable footwear, understanding that this is a foundational element for children to thrive in various aspects of their lives. A well-fitted pair of shoes can walk you towards a path of new possibilities. We are grateful to work with our donors and local schools and community resources to support this vision and ensure that every child can explore their potential."



A community member's generous donation, combined with the funds raised during Logan Health's annual Imagine A Day virtual fundraiser made the purchase of the shoes possible. It will also help fund future camps and experiences — such as this past summer's Hoop Dreams Basketball Camp and Day at the Ballpark with the Glacier Range Riders.

To learn more about Kids on the Rise program or to inquire about obtaining shoes for a child in need, please visit www.logan.org/kidsontherise.



— In The Community —



Logan Health joins the Night of Lights parade in Columbia Falls.



Diabetes Education and Prevention team receives State Award for Excellence.



Employees at Logan Health - Whitefish adopt three families through the Whitefish Rotary Club's "Magic of Christmas" program.



Spirit of Children visits Logan Health Children's to provide kids with Halloween costumes.



Santa visits kids with sensory sensitivities at Logan Health's Sensory-Friendly Santa event hosted by Whitefish Credit Union.



Logan Health distributes turkeys to all employees in November. Any extra turkeys are donated to local food banks.



Logan Health physicians and administration spend a day talking with the community about the state of health care in Montana.



Logan Health - Cut Bank hosts annual Community Health Fair.



Logan Health - Conrad at the Pondera County Mental Health Advisory's annual Mental Health Awareness Walk



Toole County Health Department and Logan Health - Shelby team up to raise awareness about breast cancer.