



Heartbeat



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New campaign underway

Lab's 'blood cell detective' needs a shot in the arm

Cascade Medical Foundation's next fundraising focus is on a piece of lab equipment that likely has tested — or will test — the blood of nearly every Cascade Medical patient.

A lab necessity: If you're a Cascade Medical patient, the hematology analyzer likely will test your blood at some point. We want it to be ready when you need it.

It's a sort of "blood cell" detective, said Cascade Medical Lab Director Robin Wolf.

The hematology analyzer runs the complete blood count, the most-ordered test by Cascade Medical providers. The count of white and red blood cells is a standard first

step in screening a patient's overall health, providing 18 "numeric" results that can help identify infection, anemia and/or leukemia, in addition to flagging abnormalities with blood cell health. Doctors also use blood cell count tests to monitor patient response to treatment.

The machine, used 20 to 30 times a day at Cascade, is showing its age.

"We are seeing an uptick in service needs and the current unit has experienced increased down time," Wolf said. "This is a machine we need running reliably all the time."

The blood analyzer's vital importance pushed it to the top of the Foundation's current fundraising efforts — a \$70,000 campaign to replace and upgrade the machine in 2024.

PHOTO: Cascade Medical Lab Director Robin Wolf checks results from the hematology (blood) analyzer, a vital machine that is showing its age. (Photo: CMF)

Help fund more AEDs

We're participating in the Give NCW online fundraising drive this fall!

The drive is hosted by the Community Foundation of NCW and runs from Thanksgiving to December 31. Funds donated to CMF through the campaign will be used to purchase more life-saving automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for local businesses.

Visit GiveNCW.org for more details or to make a donation.



READ MORE ABOUT THE "SHERLOCKING" POWERS OF THE HEMATOLOGY ANALYZER:
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Mark Judy

July 17, 1947–March 25, 2023

Building leaders

Donations to the Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund help our caregivers and the community. Donate today.

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Honoring Mark Judy's legacy

Education fund helps Cascade Medical staff

Cascade Medical Foundation is honored to announce a new and exciting way we'll be supporting Cascade Medical: *The Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund*.

The beloved and respected former Cascade Medical CEO and Foundation board member passed away suddenly last March – and many honored him with gifts to the Foundation. The Foundation Board decided to use those generous contributions to help continue his legacy.

As Mark inspired and challenged others to grow, the fund in his name encourages Cascade Medical employees to continue their career training, which ultimately enhances Cascade Medical's skilled workforce and the community's access to quality care.

The first scholarships will be awarded in the spring. The Foundation is also accepting donations to continue to grow the core fund so annual scholarships can continue in perpetuity.



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OUR MISSION:

To enhance and financially support Cascade Medical's ability to deliver quality healthcare to our community.

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A tribute to our 2023 event sponsors

Mission accomplished thanks to your support

Cascade Medical Foundation hit its \$87,000 fundraising goal for a new cardiac rehabilitation center earlier this year thanks, in part, to sponsors that helped make our 2023 Marson and Marson Cascade Golf Classic and 'Live Time in the Cascades' fundraising concert successful. We'd like to send a huge shout-out to both our in-kind sponsors — businesses that donated goods and services — as well as businesses and individuals who provided cash sponsorships. Your generosity will help make cardiac rehab a reality for patients in the Upper Valley as early as January and even gave us a head start on our next \$70,000 fundraising campaign for a new hematology analyzer. **Your support makes a difference!**

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