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## From our clients:

*"Thank you for all you do! Greater Lakes has been a huge influence on my celebrating 30 years of sobriety. You are always so positive and it's always great to see the smiling faces."*

*"As a caregiver, I really appreciate the treatment my client has received. He has trouble engaging with others, but his therapist has made a real connection and I can see the difference in his behavior and the way he interacts with his family, and with me. It's been a real lifesaver!"*



## 2018 Vision of Hope Fundraiser

*Annual event raises \$73,000 for client-support programs*

On May 16, 2018, more than 200 guests gathered at the McGavick Center at Clover Park Technical College to support and celebrate Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare. Guests enjoyed a buffet, hosted bar, raffle baskets, and the chance to meet new people and catch up with old friends. By the end of the evening, a total of \$73,000 had been raised to support Greater Lakes' clients.

In past years, funds raised at the event were designated for specific areas, such as PATH homeless outreach or the COPS co-responder program. This year, however, the proceeds will benefit all Greater Lakes' programs. In addition to PATH and COPS, the funds will support the Emergency Needs Fund, Child and Family Services, Residential treatment programs, and other areas — wherever the need is greatest.

"These donations are really important," explained Greater Lakes President & CEO Terri Card. "There are so many people in our community who have lost hope, who can't see a way out of the cycle of despair they are in. It's so hard for people to focus on their mental health when they are hungry, lack transportation, or don't have a bed to sleep on. But when we can meet those needs, it really makes a difference. It gives people hope, and often that's all they need to take the next step."

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In addition to raising much-needed funds, the event is also a chance to thank donors for their support, share success stories, and remind everyone of the important role that Greater Lakes plays in the community.

If you were unable to attend this year's event, it's not too late to make a donation. And be sure to mark your calendar for next year's *Vision of Hope* Fundraiser, which will be held May 15, 2019.



Board members Greg Unruh and Mimi Tucci announced the raffle basket winners at the conclusion of the evening.



Donnie Weeks (seated), the driving force behind the creation of Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare in 1964, was an honored guest at the *Vision of Hope* fundraiser. She posed with a few current and former Greater Lakes staff, (standing, left to right): Annette Arriola, Bob Firth, Mary Bohn, Doug Crandall, Lisa Cramer, Pamela Zimmerman, David Flentge and Deb Lopez.



More than 200 guests attended the fundraiser at the McGavick Center in Lakewood.

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# Whole Person Healthcare

By Terri L. Card, President & CEO



**Terri Card,  
President & CEO**

Over the past few years, I have shared with you the excitement and challenges posed by the upcoming integration of mental healthcare, substance use disorder treatment and physical healthcare. From the beginning, the board of directors and staff have fully supported this much-needed integration and recognized the potential for better client care. We quickly realized, however, that in order to take advantage of the opportunities that integration would provide, we would need to partner with a large health system.

After a lot of research and careful consideration, we announced in March that we had chosen to affiliate with MultiCare Health System, which shares our dedication to holistic, compassionate behavioral healthcare. You have likely heard this news already, but I wanted to take this opportunity to say once again how excited we are about this partnership, and about providing better, integrated care to our clients. I also want to assure you that we are retaining our separate nonprofit status, organizational identity, name, mission, and culture. We remain a community-focused organization, and your donations will continue to support Greater Lakes programs and services.

**Mimi Tucci,  
Greater Lakes’  
Board President,  
and Florence Chang,  
MultiCare Health  
System’s Executive  
Vice President,  
sign the affiliation  
agreement on  
March 26, 2018.**



While we have no immediate plans for any changes to operations, we are already looking for ways to save costs through consolidation, and will update you about any changes and enhancements that occur going forward.

We value your loyal support and your commitment to the work we do. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [Terric@glmhc.org](mailto:Terric@glmhc.org) or 253-620-5135. I would love to talk to you. Thank you!

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Crisis Prevention Team

Every day, at least one clinician from this team is assigned to be available for any urgent situation that may develop. It may be a phone call from a distraught client or someone who comes to the agency seeking immediate help. If the person’s regular therapist is not available, the assigned Crisis Prevention Team member meets with the client to evaluate the situation, identify resources, and provide solution-oriented care. The goal is to keep the client safe and resolve the issue before it become a crisis. Thank you, team, for your commitment to providing clients with compassionate, high-quality care every day!



**Left to right: Shayne Plantz, Julie Dura, Alex Stoker, Tina Mansfield, Brian Miller, Christine Mohr, Shane Scott, Darlene Davies**



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## Make a Difference!

Greater Lakes relies on generous donations from our compassionate community to support our programs and provide hope, relief and recovery to those impacted by mental illness. Please consider making a gift to Greater Lakes — a gift that could change a life.

Mail your check to the address below, or make your gift online at [www.glmhc.org](http://www.glmhc.org).

For information about monthly giving, planned giving, or other ways to support Greater Lakes, call Marguerite Richmond at 253-620-5184.

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## OUR MISSION

Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare:

- Empowers *hope* through compassion, engagement and connection with those we serve.
- Empowers *relief* through effective evidence based practices that promote skills and resilience.
- Empowers *recovery* by building upon strengths and supporting individuals in their goals.

## OUR VALUES

- Do the right things for the right reasons.
- Provide great customer service with high quality outcomes.
- Communicate openly, honestly, and respectfully.
- Problem solve collaboratively with clients, staff, and the community.
- Promote healthy options for clients and staff.
- Be nimble and responsive in creating solutions.

Adopted July 23, 2015