Orcas Island Healthcare District Community Benefit Fund

Sustaining Vital Healthcare Services & Building a Healthy Future for Orcas Island

About the Fund

Healthcare on Orcas Island presents unique challenges — from maintaining access to high-quality primary medical and dental care to ensuring timely emergency care, which may necessitate transporting patients to off-island facilities.

The Orcas Island Healthcare District (OIHCD) Community Benefit Fund, held and administered by the **Orcas Island Community Foundation (OICF)**, was established to create a permanent and sustainable philanthropic channel to support OIHCD's vision of ensuring comprehensive, accessible, and high-quality healthcare for every resident and visitor on Orcas Island.

Through this fund, community members, families, and supporters can contribute directly to current healthcare initiatives and invest in the long-term infrastructure of medical and dental care on Orcas Island.

What Your Donation Supports

Your tax-deductible gift directly funds critical healthcare programs, community subsidies and facility expansions.

- **Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Program:** Launched in collaboration with Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, OIHCD provides fiscal support and oversight for this pilot program which provides proactive medical care, follow-up visits, and chronic disease management directly to islanders in their homes, reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and hospital readmissions.
- **Patient & Islander Medical Subsidies:** OIHCD partners with **Orcas Community Resource Center (OCRC)** to subsidize out-of-pocket medical expenses for residents facing financial strain, ensuring cost is never a barrier to receiving essential medical care.
- **Orcas Primary Care Clinic Renovation & Expansion:** As a key philanthropic vehicle for major capital upgrades, this fund will help OIHCD finance the planned expansion and modernization of the Orcas Primary Care Clinic to meet growing community needs.

- **Orcas Island Physical Therapy:** OIHCD supports local rehabilitation services so islanders can recover from injuries, surgeries and mobility challenges locally without the burden of constant off-island travel.
- **Dental Care Access Program:** OIHCD assists in expanding local dental care access to improve oral health for underinsured and vulnerable community members.
- **San Juan Islands Community Health Network:** OIHCD is a collaborative partner in this recently formed network, providing fiscal and organizational support to assess local healthcare needs, address systemic care gaps, improve healthcare access, and minimize duplicative healthcare programming in San Juan County.
- **Orcas Caregiver Project:** OIHCD is the fiscal entity and facilitator support for a collaborative that seeks to support in-home caregivers across the island. The project seeks to improve backup support by building a caregiving community that meets regularly, provides training, and is seeking to break down barriers to connecting caregivers and those in need of in-home caregiving.
- **Future Community Health Initiatives:** As healthcare needs evolve, this fund affords OIHCD the ability to initiate and sustain new programs that enhance clinical care and well-being on Orcas Island.

Fund Management & Governance

- **Oversight:** The fund is managed by the **Orcas Island Community Foundation (OICF)**, ensuring professional oversight and fiscal accountability.
- **Governance:** Distributions from the fund are directed by the **Orcas Island Healthcare District Board of Commissioners** to align directly with public health priorities and strategic healthcare goals for Orcas Island, which will be detailed in an annual report.

Ways to Give

OIHCD welcomes gifts of all sizes and types to help build a healthy and resilient Orcas Island community. To review options for contributing to the Orcas Island Healthcare District Community Fund, please visit https://oicf.us/donors/ways-to-give/.

Need More Information?

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