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## USDA approves funding for new Samaritan Healthcare medical campus


The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved Samaritan Healthcare's project application for \$136 million for funding a new, state-of-the-art replacement hospital in Moses Lake—an important first step in developing a comprehensive medical campus in Moses Lake to serve our region.

"This is such an important project for the community of Moses Lake, Grant County, and the members of the Grand Columbia Health Alliance," said Theresa Sullivan, Samaritan CEO. "We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Samaritan Healthcare Board of Commissioners and Board Committee members, as well as the Samaritan Healthcare Foundation Board and Committee members. Their encouragement, participation, and leadership of the #BuildCommunity campaign have been remarkable."

Samaritan has invested \$10 million into land for the new hospital on Yonezawa Boulevard, adjacent to Lowe's Home

Improvement and Columbia Basin Technical Skills Center. The #BuildCommunity campaign will now seek to raise an additional \$18 million through grants and philanthropic giving.

"More than 70 years ago our community came together to raise funds for a new hospital—Grant County Public Hospital District Number One—believing that there is nothing too good for the sick in need of health. This same sense of community will help make our new hospital a reality," said Gretchen Youngren, Samaritan executive director of development and communications. "A gift given today will be a gift that impacts for generations to come."

To join our region-wide philanthropic movement or to learn more about investing in building community, contact the Samaritan Healthcare Foundation office at [foundation@samaritanhealthcare.com](mailto:foundation@samaritanhealthcare.com) or 509.793.9645. 



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# Hospital News



## Free COVID-19 booster vaccines at our drive-thru clinic.

Booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine are now available at our drive-thru vaccine clinic on the north side of Samaritan Clinic on Pioneer. If you're unsure if you are eligible for a vaccine booster, contact your healthcare provider. First or second doses of vaccines are also being distributed at the drive-thru clinic—call 509.764.3335 to schedule an appointment for any of the vaccines. Learn more about your eligibility for the Pfizer booster at [samaritanhealthcare.com/covid19-vaccine](https://samaritanhealthcare.com/covid19-vaccine).

Flu shots are also available at our clinics. To schedule an appointment for a flu shot with your provider at Pioneer or Patton clinics, please call 509.793.9770.



## Heartfelt gratitude for the care received at Samaritan.

Patti reached out to the floor directors of the Medical-Surgical Unit, Jodi Mauseth, and Intensive Care Unit, Shelley Gay, to share her heartfelt gratitude to the staff regarding the passing of her family member.

Patti's ex-husband, Ron, had passed away after a terminal condition that had him in and out of the hospital for 20 years. Even though the couple had divorced, they were best friends. Patti had even served as his medical power of attorney for the last eight years. Although she lives in California, she had spoken to Ron's nurses and doctors at Samaritan often, receiving updates on the phone.

When Patti came to Samaritan Hospital when Ron was admitted for what became the last time, the nurses and doctors already seemed like friends. She was especially overjoyed to finally meet Theresa face-to-face—the nurse she had spoken to frequently on the phone.

The only visitor Ron allowed in his room was Patti. The staff and nurses helped to make a difficult situation easier and helped to care for her, too, by bringing her coffee, tea, and snacks.

"The doctors, nurses, and CNA staff were so tender with him and made sure he wasn't in pain," said Patti. "Even the doctors, who are so busy, took time to talk to me—and not just about Ron and his condition. I could tell they truly cared and weren't just doing it as a job."

"It was the best end-of-life experience for Ron and for me because while I was caring for Ron, I was also beautifully cared for by Samaritan. When they came into the room and said 'I'm here,' I felt like God was there, too, helping us, through them. I will always praise the care we received at Samaritan—it was a wonderful experience in the hardest time of my life."

## Welcome, new providers!

**Angelica Eldred, LMHC**, and **Wayne Pollard, LICSW**, have joined Samaritan's Behavioral Health team.

Eldred's approach to care combines physical health and emotional/mental health in an overall, holistic manner. She is also fluent in Spanish, which allows her to connect and communicate with patients when English is not their primary language. "I listen attentively to patients' stories and meet them where they are with their symptoms or journey of recovery, so we can work together toward healing," said Eldred.

Pollard provides telehealth services for patients ages 13 and older, which allow patients to receive care from the comfort of their homes. With patients who prefer telehealth, Pollard has seen them put the work into their healthcare plan with the added comfort of the screen. "I especially enjoy witnessing a patient's 'aha' moments in therapy that lead to lasting change," said Pollard.



Angelica Eldred, LMHC  
Behavioral Health



Wayne Pollard, LICSW  
Behavioral Health

Make an appointment in Behavioral Health: Joining two psychiatrists and five providers, Angelica Eldred will see patients of all ages at Samaritan Clinic on Pioneer. Wayne Pollard will provide care for patients age 13–adult via telehealth. To schedule an appointment, call (509) 793-9770.







## Samaritan's Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab Program Certified by Industry Leader

**S**amaritan Healthcare's Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab program has been certified by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). This certification recognized our commitment to improving the quality of life of patients by enhancing standards of care. Each year we must attest to our adherence to the AACVPR standards and the certification is valid for three years.

Our cardiovascular rehabilitation program helps people with cardiovascular problems—such as heart attacks or coronary artery bypass graft surgery. Pulmonary rehab provides comprehensive rehabilitative care for patients with chronic lung diseases. AACVPR-certified programs are recognized as leaders in the field of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available and have proven track records of high-quality patient care.

"To earn accreditation, our Cardiac and Pulmonary rehabilitation program participated in an application process that requires extensive documentation of the program's practices," said Jennifer Estep, exercise physiologist at Samaritan's Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab. "Our cardiac rehab clinic was first AACVPR certified in 2018. This year we had to reapply for our cardiac program and go through the extensive, audit-like process to keep our certification. We retained our certification despite the challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic."

Most notably, the Pulmonary Rehab Clinic, which opened in fall 2019, is now also AACVPR certified. "After closing temporarily due to COVID 19, our team devised a 'comeback plan,'" said Estep. "By following the plan, we were the first and only Pulmonary Rehab program open for several months and the first cardiac clinic to reopen in the state. We extended our hours, screened our patients in their cars, wore masks, and monitored ourselves and our circles to keep our patients safe and our doors open."

We maintained our eligibility to apply for our certification and were confident that our patients were meeting the highly set outcome goals by AACVPR. We had enough patient data to show meaningful results and this would not have been the case if our team hadn't put in the time, effort, and genuine care to bring pulmonary care back to our community.

Now our pulmonary exercise physiologists are caring for recovering post-COVID 19 patients. Working with our providers we found a way to help patients suffering from long-term pulmonary effects of COVID by allowing providers to refer their patients to pulmonary rehab based on the symptoms.



Patients can discuss their eligibility for cardiac or pulmonary rehab with their cardiologist or primary care provider. Call Samaritan Healthcare at (509) 793-9530 for more information or visit [www.samaritanhealthcare.com](http://www.samaritanhealthcare.com)





# Foundation News



The Samaritan Healthcare Foundation’s 20th annual Desert Golf Classic, held on September 16, was one to remember! While attendees enjoyed a fun event, the purpose of the Desert Golf Classic was raising donations for Samaritan’s new medical campus.

Thirty-one teams with a total of 124 players, played in support of Samaritan Healthcare Foundation and our #BuildCommunity campaign for a new medical campus, contributing more than \$15,000 toward the campaign.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, players and volunteers that came out to support our annual event! 🏌️

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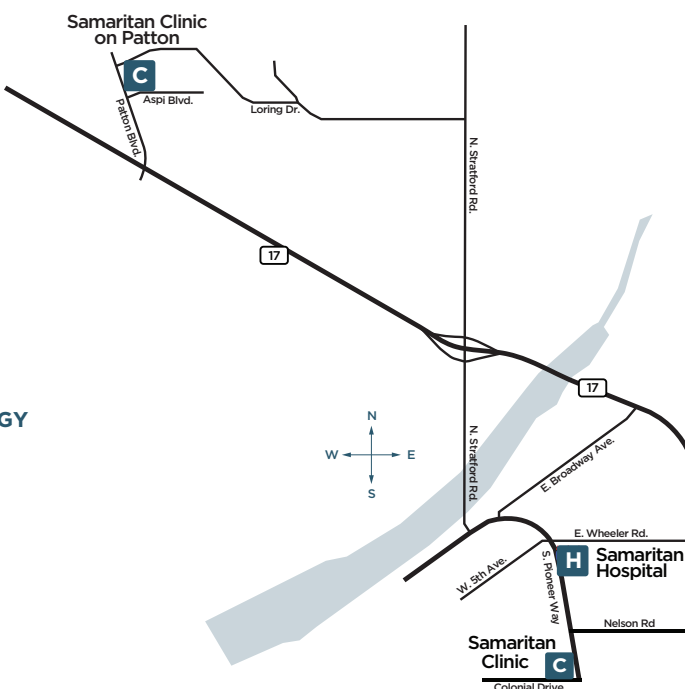
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