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# Women Investing in Samaritan Health (WISH)

# **Impact Summary 2022**

In 2022, the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation's WISH Giving Circle fully funded four grants for medical equipment, supplies, and programs, which were approved by WISH members and the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

1.	Samaritan Cancer Resource Center	Sexual Health Education After Cancer	\$1,500.00
2.	Samaritan Center for Women & Families	Neonatal Skylife Phototherapy System	\$5,000.00
3.	Samaritan Community Relations	"ART UP" Program for Patients, Families, and Employees	\$4,300.00
4.	Samaritan OB-GYN Corvallis	Healthy Pregnancy Education for Patients	\$808.00
5.	Samaritan Foundations Patient Support	Lymphedema Garments for Breast Surgery Patients	\$5,000.00
6.	Samaritan Breast Imaging and Technology	Breast Care Mammography Machine	\$15,000.00
		Total Grant Funding 2022	\$31,458.00

## Samaritan Cancer Resource Center for Cancer Patients

The Samaritan Cancer Resource Center with locations in Corvallis and North Albany was awarded \$1,500 to conduct "Sexual Health Education After Cancer" workshops by Jessica Ball, PA-C, of the Samaritan Gynecology and Surgical Associates. Cancer treatment can interfere with sexual desire, fertility, body image, and comfort during sexual intercourse. The Cancer Resource Center believes that providing virtual or in-person sexual health workshops and educational guest speakers during support groups for female cancer patients would allow for a holistic approach to health after receiving a cancer diagnosis.

## Samaritan Center for Women & Families Neonatal Phototherapy System

The Samaritan Center for Women & Families at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center was awarded \$5,000 to purchase a Skylife Neonatal Phototherapy System to replace outdated and cumbersome equipment. This phototherapy system with increased spectral power delivers more effective light to a greater skin surface area of the infant and enables an afflicted newborn infant to remain in the patient room with its parents while receiving treatment, which increases parent-child bonding time.

## Samaritan Community Relations "ART UP" Program for Patients, Families, and Employees

Samaritan Community Relations (ArtsCare) was awarded \$4,150 for its newest outreach project. ArtsCare artists will create an original, mood-lifting arts activity booklet, ART UP, for those in our community who may be socially isolated and are at risk of experiencing the health-damaging effects of loneliness. Distribution of these booklets will be coordinated with the help of social service agencies in Benton County, such as Senior Companions, Community Outreach, Old Mill Center, Vina Moses, Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis, The Arc, CASA, Home Life, and Jackson Street Youth Services.

## Samaritan OB-GYN of Corvallis Healthy Pregnancy Education for Patients

Samaritan OB-GYN of Corvallis was awarded \$808 to purchase eighteen healthy pregnancy weight gain charts, one for each examination room, five round, ligature pain tear pads, and two life-sized-with-child teaching charts. These items facilitate the communication of healthy pregnancy, thereby empowering our patients to make healthy choices for themselves and their babies.



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#### Samaritan Foundations Patient Support for Lymphedema Compression Garments

Samaritan Foundations Patient Support in Corvallis was awarded \$5,000 for compression garments for breast surgery patients with lymphedema or preventable lymphedema. These garments are often needed for the duration of a patient's life. They can be expensive and are not always covered by insurance. In 2021, fifteen women were supported with the \$3,000 allocation from WISH. More patients can be helped with additional funding in 2022.

#### Samaritan Breast Imaging Breast Care Mammography Machine

Samaritan Breast Imaging was awarded \$15,000 toward the purchase of a third mammography machine; an estimated total cost of \$425,000. Diagnostic breast imaging has grown immensely over the last couple years with new guidelines recommending the value in increased breast screening and rapid response to patients suspected of or diagnosed with cancer. A third mammography machine is needed to alleviate the backlog of patient services and increased demand for exams without patient treatment delays.

