

CMH Foundation leader to retire

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Janet Niemi, executive director of the Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation for the past 15 years, will retire at the end of the year.

"Janet, her staff and the Foundation Board have had a tremendous impact on the services Columbia Memorial Hospital offers to this community," the hospital's CEO Erik Thorsen said. "She will be missed, but her hard work

will live on as CMH continues to grow and expand services."

During Niemi's time, the foundation raised more than \$3 million in donations for the hospital's Healing Garden, a patient and family lounge, an obstetrical surgical suite, a trauma system upgrade, a digital mammography unit, the Cardiac Rehab Center, the Infusion Center, the Tranquility Garden, the Surgical Services Expansion and the hospi-

tal's and Oregon Health & Science University's Cancer Care Center.

The foundation is trying to raise \$3 million to include radiation therapy as part of its Knight Cancer Collaborative with the university. Niemi has led the campaign since its inception in July 2012. To date, more than \$1.5 million has been committed toward the project.

The search for Niemi's replacement will begin immediately.



Janet Niemi

Retirement class on tap

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Clatsop Economic Development Resources offers a workshop on retirement plans for small businesses Sept. 22 in Astoria and Seaside.

The workshop, taught by investment representatives Teresa Brown, covers the advantages of retirement plans, types, costs and differences between defined benefits and defined contribution plans.

It runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 22 at Clatsop Community College's South County Campus, located at 1455 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside. Then from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Columbia Hall, Room 219, at 1651 Lexington Ave. in Astoria.

Email sbdc@clatsopcc.edu for a registration link, or call 503-338-2402. The workshop costs \$20, payable at class by check or credit card.

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