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The Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary operates the gift shop at the hospital. The volunteer group assists the hospital in various ways.

# AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS help in a variety of ways

## Hospital gift shop has items for all occasions

Blue Mountain Hospital staff

The Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary is a volunteer program established to work for the benefit of the Blue Mountain Hospital and assist the various departments of the facility in any way possible.

Auxiliary members play a significant role in:

- Annual health fair
- Assisting at the senior center, delivering meals and serving at lunchtime once or twice a month
- Providing new mothers with gift baskets
- Making sure that patients and families have clean, accessible literature to read in waiting areas

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- The hospital gift shop
- The annual Christmas bazaar with Santa
- The annual rummage sale

The gift shop is located in the lower level lobby at the hospital. It is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and staffed by the Auxiliary members. The gift shop provides all-occasion gifts and necessities for all ages including infants and children.

The Auxiliary is composed of persons who like to donate their time, energy, ideas and inspiration to help others. The Auxiliary welcomes new members and encourages people interested to contact Auxiliary President Chris Yriarte at 541-575-2545.

# How to support the Healthcare Foundation

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The Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation is a local non-profit organization that plays a crucial role in keeping Blue Mountain Hospital one of the most modern rural hospitals in Oregon. Community financial support through the foundation means residents continue to get top-level care close to home. The foundation is a separate tax-exempt entity, governed by a volunteer board. All donations to the foundation are tax deductible.

People can support the foundation in multiple ways:

### • Join the foundation

Annual memberships provide ongoing financial support. Membership dues are pooled to allow the hospital to update equipment and provide services that otherwise would be limited. Membership levels are:

- Individual: \$25
- Couples: \$50
- Businesses: \$50
- Lifetime individual: \$500

### • Support special funds

Helping Hand Fund supports special community programs, Legacy Fund builds an endowment for the future and the Care Center Fund provides crucial support for the Prairie City facility.

### • Play in the annual golf scramble

Saturday, July 28: 18-hole scramble with teams of four. A fun-filled day of golfing for a good cause.

### • Attend the annual benefit dinner

Held in the fall, the foundation's dinner and auction is one of the premier social events in Grant County. Join in the lively bidding for scores of auction items, knowing your winning bid puts more money into hospital equipment and programs.

### • Donate

Mail a donation to Blue Mountain Healthcare Foundation, 170 Ford Road, John Day, OR 97845.

Foundation-supported purchases in recent years included a new ambulance, a pediatric stretcher crib, cardiac monitoring equipment, a nurse call system for the care center, portable X-ray equipment, a mammography unit, a bone density machine and an automated medication cabinet.

For more information, contact Foundation Director Jena Knowles, 541-575-1311, ext. 2213, or [jknowles@bluemountainhospital.org](mailto:jknowles@bluemountainhospital.org).