

Local Businessman Gives Back After Emergency Brain Surgery at EvergreenHealth

Long-time EvergreenHealth patient, Kirkland resident and retired international businessman Bob Cranmer and his wife, Gail, settled in Kirkland in 1998. Part of putting down roots on the Eastside meant finding new doctors. They didn’t have to look far. The Cranmer family established care at the community hospital about four miles from their Kirkland home: EvergreenHealth. When he first established care, however, Bob had no idea he would one day become well acquainted with one of EvergreenHealth’s top neurologists.

Bob and Gail were enjoying retirement between vacation travel and taking frequent trips down to Austin, Texas, to see their daughter Lisa, son-in-law Bruce, and granddaughter Jasmine. Bob was finally catching up on some leisure time after nearly six decades in the business world.

In the three years since retirement, Bob enjoyed steady health. Then last year he hit his head after a bad fall. Not thinking it was serious, he went on with his life. But as time went on, some of his cognitive symptoms indicated a bigger problem.

Bob met with doctors at EvergreenHealth’s Bella Bottega Urgent Care in Redmond. After a CT scan, the physicians quickly identified brain hemorrhaging—a medical emergency that would require surgery. Bob and Gail were sent by ambulance to EvergreenHealth’s primary hospital in Kirkland. EvergreenHealth neurosurgeon Dustin Hayward, MD, scrubbed in for surgery, acting quickly to seal two instances of subdural hematoma. After surgery came a long recovery.

“I was out of it for a while,” Bob said. For about eight months, he was closely monitored by Patrick Duffy, PA-C, a neurosurgical physician assistant, as the blood from his brain was reabsorbed into his body.

Today, Bob is healthy—something he attributes to the exceptional care at EvergreenHealth.

“That was such a big and scary experience,” Bob said of his brain surgery. “It kind of stimulated me to give to EvergreenHealth.” He understands how critical it is to have exceptional health care in his backyard, and why it matters to support investments in life-saving technology and clinical excellence.



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“We are very fortunate to have landed where we landed,” Bob said, “and found a place like EvergreenHealth to be our primary care facility long-term.”



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Message from the Board Chair & Foundation Manager

As this year comes to a close, we reflect on our shared achievements and extend our deepest gratitude for the support we’ve received from so many individuals, businesses, patients, and staff. Every donation strengthens our mission to improve the health care services provided at EvergreenHealth Monroe.

We were thrilled to host our second annual Spring into Recovery Breakfast, which resulted in a noteworthy increase in funds raised thanks in part to an infusion of new local sponsors and first-time guests. The generosity of these new supporters, alongside the continued commitment of long-standing donors, made a powerful difference for The Recovery Center this year.

Each gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to a healthier, stronger community. Your contributions are vital in helping us continue to grow. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our Blue Jeans & Boots Gala and supported the expansion of EvergreenHealth Monroe’s Multi-Specialty Clinics. With your help, we are bringing essential specialty care to our community.

That expansion began with Cardiology, which opened in 2023, followed by the opening of ENT in October 2024, and Urology and Neurology services slated to open in 2025. The Multi-Specialty Clinics are already making a meaningful impact by increasing the range of services available to EvergreenHealth Monroe patients. These expansions ensure that patients can access high-quality specialty care close to home, reducing travel barriers and improving timely access to treatment.

The expanded Multi-Specialty Clinics allow specialty physicians to serve their patients here in Monroe, particularly important for seniors and others for whom transportation can be a challenge. This strategic expansion minimizes unnecessary travel, saving valuable time and resources for individuals and families. Enhanced accessibility also ensures timely assessment and treatment, leading to improved health outcomes.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our community, for which we are extremely grateful. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of our patients.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your continued generosity and commitment to EvergreenHealth Monroe. As we look forward to the future, we are inspired by the impact your support makes and remain dedicated to our mission of providing exceptional care and fostering a healthier community.

With heartfelt gratitude,

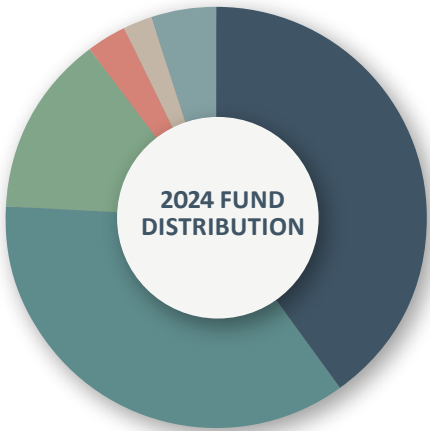


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FUND NAME	PERCENTAGE
Multi-Specialty Clinic	40.14%
Equipment Fund	35.95%
Greatest Need	13.80%
Emergency Services Fund	3.01%
Recovery Center	2.19%
Other	4.91%



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