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Intermountain CEO Jim FitzGerald (right) discussing the exciting potential of our PureView partnership with his Executive Assistant Anne Wilmoth.

Greetings from our CEO

Intermountain is achieving greater missional impact through our “strategic unions” with other mission-related organizations. This expansion will not only make our mental health services for children and families more accessible, but will also allow us to integrate with other health professionals to effectively and efficiently merge all of our unique competencies and resources. In the last year alone, this exciting initiative has resulted in our clinical staff being embedded in the Billings-based Family Support Network, the Helena-based PureView Health Center, and St. Peter’s Health Pediatric Unit.

Because children with behavioral health issues often have co-occurring primary health care needs, parents can be stressed with multiple appointments in different locations. To address these challenges, Intermountain is pleased to announce our placement in a new school-based clinic, created in partnership with the PureView East Helena Clinic and East Helena Public Schools. This clinic will provide primary, dental, pharmacy, and behavioral health services in one convenient location. The clinic, located on the grounds of East Helena’s new Prickly Pear Elementary School, will provide immediate access to integrated care for students, their families, and the broader East Helena and Helena communities.

As Intermountain continues to make its services more accessible, we increase the overall impact we have on prevention and early intervention by more efficiently reaching greater numbers of children and families. Our prompt response, followed up with effective service, is reducing the need for more intensive and costly care in the longer term.

As we continue to grow as an organization, we want to thank you for continually investing in our mission through generous contributions of time and resources. Your generosity is the gift that enables Intermountain to invest in children, provide caring solutions, and create strong families and healthy communities now and for many years to come.

-- Jim FitzGerald, Intermountain CEO

Healing Through a New Start

Carli’s Story

Carli had a tremendously rough start in life. At birth she tested positive for methamphetamine, she was removed, returned, and removed again from her biological mother’s care repeatedly. By the time she was ten years old, Carli had been in and out of 13 different foster placements. As a child she had experienced chaos, abuse, and neglect. In return she developed defiant and aggressive behaviors which made it impossible to maintain in any foster family placement for very long. Her behaviors continued to escalate to the point of self-harm and eventually she attempted suicide.



When Carli arrived at Intermountain, she was distrustful of adults. She would attempt to distance herself from others by telling graphic stories of the abuses she had suffered. Carli was very jealous of peers and would respond to everyday frustrations with outbursts of anger and aggression. In school, she was overwhelmed and expressed that she felt “stupid”, but would not accept any help.

Throughout her first year of treatment, Carli was very resistant to the process. There were concerns about how little progress she was making, but her team kept marching forward, ever hopeful that Carli might one day be successful within a family setting. Carli stated, “My

hope and my dream was to be adopted. But I thought that I would never be adopted, and so I continued to act out and be crazy. Why should I act like I might be adopted if that was never going to happen anyway?”

Carli started to make baby steps forward, and then those steps continued to grow and grow. Carli continued to work on deepening her relationships with staff, began to use her words to express her feelings, and her aggressive behaviors started to decrease. She had developed supportive relationships with her teachers, learned to ask for and accept their help, and even became a leader in the classroom. Her peer relationships became appropriate and positive, and she was able to develop healthy and genuine friendships like other girls her age. And when she got frustrated and overwhelmed, she was able to explore and process her feelings without regressing to unsafe behaviors. “That’s when I started to change and began acting like a person who actually wanted a family,” Carli recalls.

A family placement was identified for Carli, and though the transition was exciting, scary, and overwhelming, she was able to use the tools she had learned and the relationships she had developed to help her navigate this difficult transition. “When we were first introduced to Carli by Intermountain staff, we heard the story of an angry child, a wild child, a child for whom boundaries did not exist, and who fought anyone who attempted to impose them on her. But the Carli we met one cold January morning was a very different child,” Carli’s parents stated.

Carli went to live with her new family, and despite some minor bumps, she settled well into her new home. She still experienced some normal frustrations, but she and her parents had learned how to walk over those bumps together. Carli and her parents soon sealed the deal with an official adoption! “It was a special day on which the dream came true that I didn’t think was possible.” Carli and her family continue to stay in contact with the friends they made at Intermountain and give updates on the family progress. Carli continued to do well in school, played on a basketball team and a softball team that won the league championship, made great friends along the way, and recently graduated from high school.

“Intermountain is a place that helps kids discover how to deal with their feelings. I couldn’t trust adults, because I didn’t know how to. It took a while, but eventually I began to trust everyone at Intermountain.”
Carli

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Lives of Faith and Service

Fred and Mary Collins

In 1909, Brother Van Orsdel, a United Methodist minister and founder of Intermountain, traveled throughout Montana, sharing the Christian message and working to end the suffering of children. Brother Van died in 1919.



Fred and Mary Collins

A few years later, a man who would follow in Brother Van's footsteps was born in Roundup. His name – Fred Collins.

Fred's mother died when he was just seven. He spent several years in an orphanage in Wyoming before attending high school in Edgar. In 1941 Fred joined the Army Air Corps. In his biography, "Under My Own Fig Tree," he tells of a pending suicide mission trip. During that mission he prayed God would protect him, and in return he promised to go to church every Sunday for the rest of his life. God answered his prayer and Fred returned home safely. In 1948, he attended Rocky Mountain College (also founded by Brother Van). It was during his college years that he answered God's call into full ministry. He attended Asbury Seminar and began serving the Methodist church in Drummond. It was while attending Pastor's School in California that Fred met Mary Gruenewald. They were married in 1956 and spent the next 33 years side-by-side in ministry from Wibaux to Grass Range, Whitehall to Libby, Missoula to Plentywood...going wherever needed and raising their daughters, Ruth and Lois.

Fred and Mary were very dedicated to their ministry. In the mid-60's Fred had back surgery, and while the surgery went well, a few years later the issues flared up and Fred ended up in the hospital in traction.

That was not going to stop them. Mary brought in a tape recorder so he could record his sermon.

Fred and Mary were just as dedicated to Intermountain. They had learned of Intermountain through their Methodist ministry. Fred had a heart for the children due to his own childhood experiences, and both he and Mary recognized the important work Intermountain was doing to help children by using a relational model of treatment, "Healing through healthy relationships." They knew if children and families were healthier, communities would be healthier as well. Fred and Mary supported the children by giving to Intermountain monthly for 34 consecutive years!

After Mary passed away in 2014, Fred moved into a retirement community. One of his neighbors was George Sherry who had worked at Intermountain during summers while pursuing his master's at University of Montana. The two became fast friends, and they would travel together to Helena to attend Recognition Day. They were so pleased to be able to celebrate the growth and progress of the kids who worked hard to heal and succeed at home. When Sunrise Cottage on the Intermountain campus was completed in 2015, Fred was there to deliver the invocation at the dedication.

Fred passed away in January. He and Mary are greatly missed, but their legacy lives on because of the children and families who benefited from their generosity.

"I give because I'm committed. I'm committed because Intermountain is doing a great job with the kids, and helping them get well."

Fred Collins

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OF RESIDENTIAL
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PROVIDED IN 2018

59,056

OF 2018
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PROVIDED BY
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67

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2018 INTERMOUNTAIN
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

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OUR DONORS
GAVE TO SUPPORT
OUR WORK
IN 2018

14,000

OF PARENTS
AND PROFESSIONALS
CHILDWISE HAS
TRAINED IN
CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

31

OF LOCATIONS WHERE
INTERMOUNTAIN
PROVIDES SERVICES
ACROSS MONTANA

12

OF MONTANA COMMUNITIES
COMMITTED TO BECOMING
TRAUMA INFORMED

15

OF MINUTES WE HAVE
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SUICIDAL THOUGHTS
IN ADOLESCENTS

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Relationships

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Small Gift Sparks Legacy of Love

Franchini Family Foundation

Joe and Linda Franchini are champions of Intermountain who have helped the organization grow into what it is today.

Joe's introduction to the organization stemmed from his relationship with fellow Intermountain advocate Andy Miller and their conversation about charitable endeavors in the Flathead. "Andy was the first one who mentioned Intermountain to me," Joe recalled. "We were at a Dirt Bag Bible study meeting in Bigfork and Andy said, 'You ought to check out Intermountain.'"

Joe continued, "We used to meet in a bar with visual distractions that could detract from the Bible lesson, then moved to a Mexican restaurant, and now meet at Pick's Bowling Center." The men's prayer group usually starts off with a few off-color jokes from John Creamer to get everyone's attention. "It is an attempt at humility because we are not worthy; we are dirt bags in need of redemption and religion."

Shortly after Andy's endorsement, Todd Garrison, now a retired Intermountain and ChildWise staff member, paid a visit to the Flathead to meet with Joe. "I was really impressed with Todd and his dedication and emotional connection to this endeavor. I indicated to him that Linda and I were looking for a meaningful charitable organization to support and that I had experienced several disappointments with selections I had made in the past."

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Linda Franchini

In 2008, Joe gifted of a pair of canoes to the residential program in Helena. That was the start of a lasting bond. "The following year it was something else again, a little bit more," said Joe. "It was intended to be a gradual process. I wanted to be sure this was the organization I wanted to embrace for the long term. The only caveat was that the programs in Helena be established in the Flathead."

Joe continued to do his homework on Intermountain. "I found its history and age to be very impressive, and the relational model just made so much sense to me." The Franchinis took a trip to Helena where they spent time on campus and were introduced to the cottages and direct care staff. "We were tremendously impressed. The following year I invited our entire advisory board to take the trip that has become unforgettable for us all."

After they returned from Helena, the Franchinis immediately started to advocate for Intermountain's services to expand permanently to the Flathead.

Linda added, "To see the kids and the unique approach that Intermountain has with loving kids through their problems remains key to our decision to lend support. There are so many charities to choose from, but this is a local one that helps children in dire need, even in the middle of the night. How can you say no?"

"Intermountain is unique in its delivery, instilling confidence in children that can carry them through to adulthood. These children had been disappointed and lied to and left abandoned by so many adults in their past," Joe said. "One of the things that Intermountain does that breaks all the rules is that the staff forms a bond that allows a child to trust them by embracing the child through hugs. To see how the children respond to that is gratifying."



Joe and Linda Franchini, pictured here at the 2018 Summer Roundup in Kalispell

Joe credits his education at home, the way he was brought up, as well as 12 years of parochial education for his inspiration to give back. "Your parents teach you to be kind and passionate and share what you have. It's a privilege to have the assets to be able to share, and to put those assets where they will do the most good. The Franchini Family Foundation continues to teach this through the involvement of our children, grandchildren, and eventually our great grandchildren," said Joe.

In addition to supporting Intermountain's Summer Roundup fundraising event in the Flathead, Joe and Linda arranged for trust assets to be ear-marked for construction of Providence Home in Kalispell, a transformational contribution that helped make the home possible.

Joe considers a family foundation something to consider as part of an estate plan. "Like most plans, it will evolve over time to comply with or take advantage of federal tax laws." Joe chose the family foundation as opposed to a simple will since the foundation, with its governing board, will monitor charities for compliance with pre-set parameters.

As the asset base grows, so does the requirement for distribution (5% annually). In time, the landscape changes and gifting

adjustments may be required. New local charities may surface and the Foundation, after scrutiny, may determine to make a change. Joe relayed a story of a woman he knew who gifted a parcel of real estate to a town for a park. Joe said that many years after the gift, the town had a developer make an attractive financial offer and the land was sold. The final wish of the lady and the desire for a park in perpetuity were gone. Joe chose to establish a foundation to protect and monitor changes to be consistent with its mission statement.

When asked how one goes about establishing a family foundation, Joe responded that they were fortunate to find a person and firm that are sensitive to their needs and can accommodate their wishes. Joe used the firm U.S. Financial Services and its managing partner and administrator of the foundation, Gerard T. Papetti, CPA, CFP. Joe said, "The firm team includes several CPAs and CFPs who have all the requisite licenses and certifications one would expect. We have enjoyed a longstanding relationship of over 30 years. The firm has depth in young management that will also carry the ball as needed. They are resourceful, imaginative, and keenly involved."

"It is a joy for me to know that after many years of hard work and long hours, my efforts now allow us to help those in need. My idea is to keep my family together in a common cause and to have this Foundation be the vehicle that promotes their cooperation and benefits others." Other gifting includes the Birthing Center in North Valley Hospital, an innovative project for the Veterans Home, and support for "HUB", a project in progress for construction of a facility for the Boys & Girls Club in the Columbia Falls community.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Franchini Family Foundation. Joe's three sons and their adult children will carry on into the future. They embrace the philosophy and will diligently carry out their respective responsibilities. Joe and Linda have six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, all of whom they expect will join actively in their work in progress.

Joe and Linda have seeded the foundation with the transfer of life insurance and real estate. They look forward to the foundation thriving in perpetuity and for Intermountain to continue its work for the next 100 years.



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