

# Samaritan Foundations Critical Needs & How You Can Help!

**Due to the COVID-19 crisis Samaritan Health Services has three critical areas of need:**

1. The **Employee Emergency Assistance** fund at your local hospital can help support dedicated employees who are working tirelessly to provide the best possible care for our patients. We know that some of our caregivers who are on the front line of the fight against COVID-19 will face hardships within their families and may need additional financial assistance. These funds are administered through the Samaritan Employee Emergency Program.
  - a. **If you are an employee facing a financial emergency**, the Samaritan Employee Emergency Program has also been updated to ensure that we are able to care for employees in need during this crisis. These updates include the addition of leave pay from the new SHS Major Disaster Leave Sharing Program, as a new form of assistance offered through this program. If you are in need, please consider completing an application for assistance (available on the SHS Insider).
2. The **Patient Support Program** offers vulnerable patients funding for resources such as transportation, medical bills, durable medical goods, nutritional supplements and prescription assistance.
3. **Samaritan Emergency Relief Fund** (new) – we have established a new fund designed to help our System purchase emergency equipment and supplies, meet emerging needs during a crisis, and fund efforts to repair and rebuild following an extreme emergency, such as COVID-19, or a natural disaster

## Ways to Give:

*As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act), a \$2 trillion stimulus package that is meant to mitigate the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had and will continue to have on our economy, the IRS is allowing an above-the-line deduction of up to \$300 in charitable contributions for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions in 2020.*

### **Paid Time Off (PTO):**

We have updated our Paid Time Off (PTO)/Leave Donation Program and now have two unique and impactful ways for you to give a gift of PTO.

- **PTO Donation converted to a cash contribution** to one or more of the five Samaritan Foundations. In this scenario, the value of your PTO is converted to a tax-deductible cash donation to the foundation and fund that you select. The cash value of PTO will be added to and then subtracted from your gross pay in the pay period in which it is deducted. The Payroll taxes for the PTO will be deducted from your paycheck at the same time. To initiate a PTO Donation that will be converted to a cash donation, please complete the [Samaritan Employee Giving Form](#) to select the site foundation, fund/s you would like to support and number of PTO hours.
  - 2020 Submission deadlines:
    - 4/17/2020 (deducted 1st pp in May)
    - 5/15/2020 (deducted 1st pp in June)
    - 6/19/2020 (deducted 1st pp in July)
    - PTO Donations will be processed each quarter after July 2020
- **Leave Donation to new SHS Major Disaster Leave Sharing Bank** – In this scenario, your PTO donation is transferred from your personal leave bank to a shared SHS Major Disaster Leave Sharing Bank. You are not taxed for this type of leave donation and it is not a tax-deductible donation. The Payroll taxes are paid by the recipient of the donated leave when it is paid out to them on their paycheck. To initiate a Leave Donation please review the Kronos GTOR Instructions for PTO Donation to Leave Sharing Bank on the SHS Insider.

**Payroll Deduction:**

To make a gift via Payroll Deduction, complete the [Samaritan Employee Giving Form](#) and select the site foundation, fund/s you would like to support and per pay period deduction.

**Gifts of Cash:**

To make a cash gift, please visit your local hospital foundation or the Samaritan Foundations Central Office. Please note the Samaritan Foundations team is primarily working off-site right now, so you may want to email your site contact ahead of time to confirm that someone will be available to receive your gift.

**Check:**

Make checks payable to the appropriate foundation, indicate the fund you wish to support in the Memo and mail to Samaritan Foundations at 815 NW 9<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 136 – Corvallis, OR 97330.

**Credit Card:**

Visit the links below to make a one-time, recurring or pledge gift via credit card.

- Albany General Hospital Foundation (Albany): <https://www.samhealth.org/aghf>
- Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation (Corvallis): <https://www.samhealth.org/gshf>
- Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation (Lebanon): <https://www.samhealth.org/lchf>
- North Lincoln Hospital Foundation (Lincoln City): <https://www.samhealth.org/nlhf>
- Pacific Communities Health District Foundation (Newport): <https://www.samhealth.org/pchdf>

**Stock:**

Email [SHSFfoundations@samhealth.org](mailto:SHSFfoundations@samhealth.org) for stock transfer instructions.

Please reach out to your local foundation team or email [SHSFfoundations@samhealth.org](mailto:SHSFfoundations@samhealth.org) with any questions.

- **Albany General Hospital Foundation (Albany):** Jennifer Stanaway & Bobby Williams
- **Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation (Corvallis):** Darrel Kau & Whitney Olsen
- **Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation (Lebanon):** Brandy O'Bannon & Christy Duncan
- **North Lincoln Hospital Foundation (Lincoln City):** Cathy Sandoval & Leslie James
- **Pacific Communities Health District Foundation (Newport):** Ursula Marinelli & Karla Clem
- **Samaritan Foundations Central Office:** Taylor Gilmour