

What It Means To Be a Best Maternity Hospital



When *Newsweek* named Overlake Medical Center & Clinics among the nation's Best Maternity Hospitals for 2026, it raised an important question: what does "best" really mean when it comes to welcoming babies to the world?

The designation reflects strong quality measures, positive patient experiences, and the respect of maternity care professionals nationwide. These are important indicators of safety, skill, and consistency. **But for families, "best" is often felt in quieter moments, such as how care teams listen, how concerns are eased, and how supported parents feel during a life-changing experience.**

At Overlake, maternity care is built around the belief that every family deserves attentive, respectful care from pregnancy through birth and the days that follow. **It means combining medical excellence with kindness and teamwork.**



It means creating an environment where parents feel informed, confident, and cared for, no matter how routine or complex the journey may be.

Community support plays a meaningful role in this work. Gifts to Overlake help strengthen programs, enhance patient spaces, and support the caregivers who walk alongside families during these first moments together. It is one way our community helps ensure that maternity care continues to grow and improve.

"This recognition reflects the care our teams work hard to provide every day—safe, compassionate, and centered on families," said Sandy Salmon, director of Women's and Infant Services at Overlake. **"Community support helps us continue improving the experience for parents and babies, from pregnancy through those first days together."**

Being named among the nation's best is an honor. Supporting healthy beginnings is the real reward.

Bandage Ball 2026: Donors Brought the Heart and Made History

Bandage Ball returned on May 9, and you made it unforgettable! With your generosity and belief in what's possible, our community raised a **record-breaking \$2.1 million** to advance innovative, world-class care.

From the moment guests arrived, the evening built toward something bigger than a gala. You could feel it in the room—an understanding that **what brought us together that night was deep care for one another**. In their remarks, CEO Jon Duarte and Foundation Board Chair Ben Liu put that feeling into words. As Ben said in his turn at the podium, **"love is the medicine."** Not as a metaphor, but as a truth you continue to make possible through your commitment to caring for our community.

That promise came vividly to life in *The Symphony of Care*, a powerful look inside our Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) program. You saw firsthand how your generosity fuels not just breakthrough procedures, but the extraordinary teams behind them—physicians, nurses, and support teams working in seamless harmony to change and save lives. **Because of you, that level of care is possible, today and into the future.** (You can watch the video and the humorous-but-heartfelt teaser at bandageball.org.)

The energy in the room was electric, but the true impact of the night will be felt far beyond it, in families given more time, and in innovation that continues to push boundaries.

Simply put: this milestone moment belongs to you. Thank you!



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GAME ON!

IMAGINE: you head out for a run on a warm July evening or pick up a racket for the first time in months (or, let's face it, years). Then something doesn't feel right. An unexpected pain, a pulled muscle, a knee that won't quite cooperate. **Fortunately, you know where to go. Overlake's Sports Medicine Program**, offering expert, personalized care, will help you heal and get back to doing what you love.



Your support makes it all possible:

- You help ensure expert care is available close to home when injuries happen.
- You make advanced diagnostics and personalized treatment plans accessible to every patient.
- You support a coordinated team of specialists focused on restoring movement and reducing pain.
- You invest in therapies and approaches that often help patients avoid surgery.
- You strengthen a program that helps people of all ages return to the activities that bring them joy.

And before long, you are back outside, moving freely and feeling stronger. **Because of your generosity, that return is possible not just for you, but for countless others who want to get back out there and make the most of the season. THANK YOU!**

August is Make-a-Will Month



There's no better time to put your wishes in place. **Through our partnership with MultiCare and FreeWill, you can create your will—completely free and in about 20 minutes.** It's a small step that brings peace of mind and lasting impact.

Create your free will in minutes at freewill.com/multicare.

You will be given the option to select the Overlake Foundation as one of your beneficiaries, but have no obligation to do so.

We're grateful for your care in planning for the people and causes you love.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Marion Huizinga: Giving Back with Gratitude

For Marion Huizinga, philanthropy is deeply personal. Living in Bellevue for decades, **Marion and her husband have long been grateful to have a world-class hospital close to home**—especially one that has played such a meaningful role in their family's life.



That connection began early, when Marion's youngest son was born at Overlake. Over time, her appreciation grew into service through the hospital auxiliaries. She became closely involved in fundraising efforts, including fashion shows that required extensive coordination and community support. **Through those projects, Marion saw how donations could be put to immediate and impactful use, particularly in the cardiology department, where new equipment and technology helped strengthen patient care when every moment mattered.**

Marion and her husband have continued to support the hospital through their giving over many years, guided by a belief that philanthropy helps move care forward. Personal experience has reinforced that conviction. Both have received excellent cardiac care, and Marion is especially grateful for the comprehensive cancer treatment she received as a two-time breast cancer survivor. More recently, she is walking pain-free after a successful hip replacement—another example of outstanding care close to home.

"I feel like every donation pushes Overlake into the future," Marion says. "When you receive such wonderful care, it feels great to give something back."

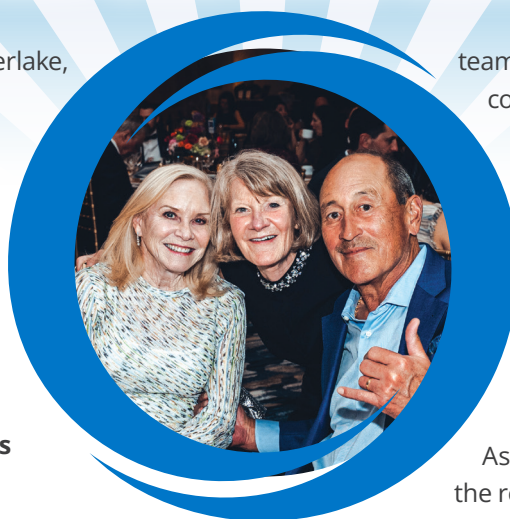
Each time she walks through the hospital doors, Marion knows she—and her community—are in good hands.

Honoring 15 Years of Impact: MOLLY STEARNS RETIRES

After 15 years of inspiring generosity at Overlake, Chief Development Officer Molly Stearns is preparing to retire, leaving behind a legacy defined by meaningful connections and transformational giving. Together with her team, she helped raise more than \$100 million, advancing world-class care and expanding access for patients and families across the community.

Molly's true passion has always been working with donors to align their values with opportunities that make a lasting difference.

She is equally proud of the skilled, collaborative



*Molly (center) celebrates
with donors Sheri and Mark
Robison at Bandage Ball 2026.*

team she built and mentored, whose shared commitment helped turn those connections into lasting impact, year after year.

Under her leadership, the Foundation cultivated a vibrant community of supporters who believe in Overlake's mission and future. Her thoughtful approach and contagious enthusiasm have inspired countless donors to invest in care, innovation and hope.

As Molly steps into retirement, we celebrate the relationships she built, the lives she touched and the enduring impact of her work.

"Philanthropy is about connection," Molly says. "When people see how their giving changes lives, it becomes something deeply personal and incredibly powerful."