



# Your Mary Bridge Children's Hospital

Mary Bridge Children's Hospital was built in 1955, but it existed long before that. It lived for decades as a dream in the minds of a brigade of tenacious women. It remains a cause that is embedded in the heart of our community.

## MARY BRIDGE CARE PROMISES

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:

**CONNECT**

I will acknowledge and be available to you.

**HONOR**

I will treat you with dignity and respect.

**LISTEN**

I will listen to understand.

I will teach you and learn from you.

**TEACH**



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Philanthropy is defined as the love of mankind. Mary Bridge is defined by the love of children.

In 1921, fifteen women formed the Tacoma Orthopedic Association (TOA), now the Mary Bridge Brigade, set an ambitious goal: building a children's hospital in Tacoma. Their grassroots perseverance in fundraising was augmented with a legacy gift from Dr. Albert Bridge, a local physician who left money in his will for a children's clinic to be named after his mother, Mary.

The opening of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in 1955 was a major milestone in improving children's health. Today, our community's commitment and determination to ensure that all children have access to the care they need, regardless of their family's ability to pay, remains the very heart of our hospital.

Today, thousands of former patients, grateful families and generous community leaders continue to provide critical support for the health and future health of our children.

**Mary Bridge**  
**Children's**  
MultiCare 

# Love in Numbers (every year)



**100%**

of your contributions  
directly support the  
healing and future  
health of children



**44,834** emergency department visits



**6,500** children receive therapy



**3,809** inpatient hospital stays



**1,700** victims of child abuse and neglect received support



**90** cancer patients receive chemotherapy (hundreds more receive follow up care)

**300,000**

VISITS TO MARY BRIDGE FACILITIES



**70%**

ARE ON MEDICAID

**99<sup>TH</sup> Percentile** in patient/family satisfaction nationwide (there is no 100th)

When kids need care, Mary Bridge is there, offering children and families:

- Dedicated pediatric primary care
- Advanced pediatric specialty care
- Pediatric trauma center
- Child and family-centered care
- Financial resources to meet the health care needs of all children, regardless of their ability to pay
- Outreach programs promoting health and safety

Give a gift of support at [marybridge.org](http://marybridge.org)

Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Network is more than just a place for children to heal. It's a place for them to grow and thrive. A place for families to come for solutions and support. A place where medical expertise and a passion for children and families work together in perfect balance.

- Child Life Services
- Family-Centered Care
- Medical Team

Building on the foundation of our family-centered care philosophy, the Mary Bridge experience is strengthened by generous community support.

