



2018 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Friends,

We write today with great excitement to announce the launch of the Immanuel Foundation. As you know, Immanuel Lutheran Communities has always been a nonprofit organization that seeks charitable contributions. By establishing the Immanuel Foundation, we've formalized these fundraising efforts and clarified our organization's commitment to developing a broad base of community support.

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As an Immanuel supporter, you know that the nation is aging fast — and Montana is aging even faster. By 2020, 20% of Montanans will be over the age of 65. Aging Montanans will need places to live and people to care for them. As Medicaid reimbursements fall and Medicare, too, faces changes, places like Immanuel will rely even more on philanthropy.

Guided by our principles of respect for the inherent value of seniors, compassion for those in need, and stewardship of all charitable contributions, the Immanuel Foundation envisions a future in which every senior in western Montana has a safe, secure home in an engaging and supportive community. Thus our mission is to secure charitable contributions so that Immanuel Lutheran Communities can provide safe homes in vibrant communities for Montana's seniors in need.

As the foundation director and board president, we are delighted to be joined in our efforts by a staff and board eager to tackle our ambitious goals. Right now, our board is small, and so is our staff. Our plan is to grow as our donor base grows, building a fundraising team as we build a secure foundation. We are eager to work with you to help make our vision a reality. Thank you for being part of the Immanuel community.

Sincerely,

Sarah Shepard, CFRE and Ken Kalvig, JD
Foundation Director and Board President

Immanuel in the Community:

This year, Immanuel Lutheran Communities provided support for seniors and caregivers beyond our walls:

- ♥ Immanuel Lutheran Communities offered **24 hours** of caregiver education to those caring for seniors at home.
- ♥ The organization brought in **12 experts** (one a month) to lecture on topics of interest to older adults—from heart health to Glacier National Park.

Immanuel made the Flathead Valley more dementia-friendly:

- ♥ Our Caregiver Support group met **12 times** (once a month) so that those caring for a person with dementia could get support tailored to their situation.
- ♥ Immanuel staff educated **25 first responders** about how to recognize and assist seniors with dementia.

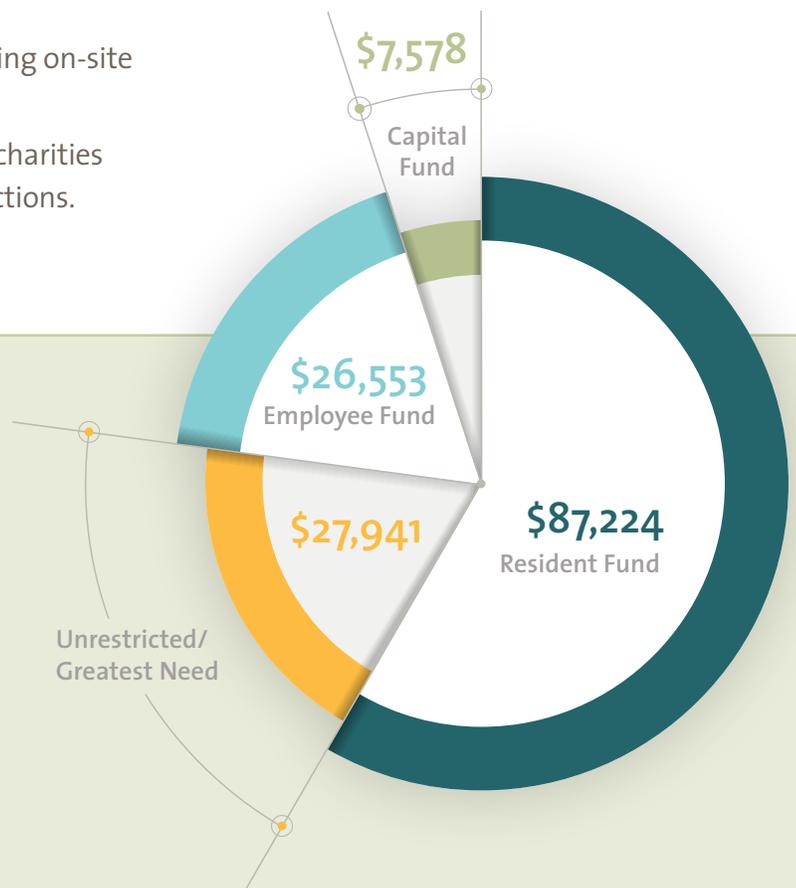
Immanuel partnered with area nonprofits to make the Flathead Valley a stronger community for everyone:

- ♥ Immanuel provided food and staff volunteers for Feeding the Flathead at area churches **16 times**.
- ♥ Immanuel donated **\$3,600** in food to the Abbey Shelter and Habitat for Humanity.
- ♥ Immanuel staff gave **56 pints** of blood during on-site Red Cross blood drives.
- ♥ Immanuel staff members gave to various charities through the United Way and payroll deductions.

Financial Snapshot

100% of funds raised by the Immanuel Foundation directly benefit Immanuel residents and staff.

Funds Raised in
Fiscal Year 2018
\$149,296



Immanuel Foundation Inaugural Board

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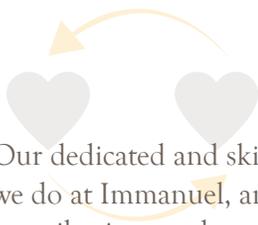
Core Areas of Need:



Caring for Seniors

At Immanuel Lutheran Communities, all residents receive the same high level of service, regardless of their ability to pay. This includes private rooms and, in many cases, private bathrooms. The Immanuel Foundation remains focused on closing the \$1.4 million gap between Medicaid reimbursements and the cost of caring for seniors in the Immanuel Skilled Care Center. A grant from the Hospice Care Foundation of Missoula has helped close the gap for hospice residents on Medicaid, and individual donors have also contributed to shrinking this number.

We also know what a big difference little things can make, so we raise funds to help residents cover incidentals over and above their \$50 monthly Medicaid allowance. These extra dollars buy necessities like toothpaste, as well as small pleasures like greeting cards for loved ones. This emphasis on comfort and joy along with basic needs is why we also maintain a fund for resident recreation events, including outings and parties on campus.



Caring for People Who Care for Seniors

Our dedicated and skilled employees are critical to what we do at Immanuel, and we want to acknowledge their contributions and support them in becoming better at their jobs. That's why Immanuel has an Education Fund. Staff members can apply for tuition assistance from this fund, and increasing numbers are taking advantage of this benefit every year. In fact, the program has been so successful that the Immanuel Foundation has made it one of our priority fundraising areas.

We support employees in other ways too. Immanuel's CNA class teaches the nursing skills necessary to care for residents in the skilled care and assisted living departments, at no cost to the students. In addition, the Employee Crisis Fund provides emergency resources to staff members who find themselves in difficult situations.



Creating Safe and Supportive Environments

Construction projects are underway across Immanuel's campus, including new independent living apartments, an auditorium and chapel at Buffalo Hill Terrace, and an extensive remodel of the Immanuel Skilled Care Center. The Immanuel Foundation is currently seeking funds for worship furnishings and stained glass for the chapel. Thanks to a grant from the William and Blanche Hetzel Foundation, the proceeds from a quilt raffle, and other generous contributions, we are well on our way to creating a sacred space for residents.

And while all of this construction is underway, there's still much that needs to be done. We've taken note of the growing need for memory care in the Flathead Valley, and we're planning to build a new memory care addition to the Immanuel Skilled Care Center sometime in the next few years. In support of this endeavor, the Immanuel Foundation will launch a capital campaign, so be on the lookout for more information!