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Our Shared Commitment to Exceptional, Compassionate, Patient-Centered Care



Every day, I am humbled by the generosity, compassion, and unwavering support of the Hill Country. We are truly blessed to serve a community and region that cares deeply for one another.

Peterson Health exists to advance health and wellness for our neighbors, friends, and families, and the Foundation plays a vital role in making that mission possible. Through philanthropy, we help fund critical equipment, innovative programs, caregiver support, facility enhancements, and services that allow Peterson Health to meet the needs of our growing region with excellence and heart.

What makes this work especially meaningful is the community behind it. Local support stays local. Every gift to the Foundation directly strengthens healthcare in our region, ensuring that loved ones receive the care they deserve today and in the future.

There are many ways to be part of this impact. Our Honored Caregiver Program offers a meaningful opportunity to recognize a caregiver who has made a difference in your life while supporting patient care. Our Circle of Giving Society celebrates individuals and families who make an annual commitment to sustaining healthcare excellence through philanthropic leadership.

We also understand that philanthropy looks different for everyone. Whether through donor-advised funds, qualified charitable distributions, planned gifts, or other preferred giving methods, our team is here to help make philanthropy both meaningful and impactful.

As we look ahead, I am filled with optimism and gratitude. I feel incredibly blessed to work alongside such a dedicated Foundation Board, an exceptional hospital team, and a community that believes in caring for its own.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support Peterson Health, please know my door is always open to you.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Jenschke".

Danielle Jenschke

Executive Director, *Peterson Health Foundation*

Enhancing Operative Precision

Your Philanthropy in Action

On behalf of our surgical team and patients we serve, thank you for your support! The spider limb positioner has become an invaluable tool in shoulder surgery, allowing for improved positioning, efficiency, and precision. Your investment directly enhances patient safety and outcomes.

The Spider Limb Positioner allows for controlled, hands-free positioning of the operative extremities, and facilitates improved access to the glenohumeral joint and subacromial space. Thank you to the foundation for investing in equipment that meaningfully advances surgical capability and patient outcomes.

Its ability to maintain precise humeral positioning while allowing controlled intraoperative adjustments improves visualization, efficiency, and surgical workflow. We are grateful for technology that enhances operative precision and contributes to high-quality patient care.

Jason Goodrum, MD
Peterson Specialty Care – Orthopedics

Pictured: [Top] Dr. Goodrum with the Spider Limb Positioner. [Bottom] Surgical team members: Noah Garcia, Molly Vanwinkle, Jay Winn, Carol Eisenman, and Alyssa Schumann.



From the Frontlines of Healing

Personal stories from the heart of Peterson, where dedication, resilience, and purpose guide every step of care.



I have been part of Peterson Health for more than 30 years, and it is truly home to me. My calling to healthcare began early, inspired by watching my mother care for our family. That sense of giving stayed with me, and after a family tragedy led me into the hospital setting, I knew medicine was where I belonged. I shifted my path to nursing and began my career at Peterson while in college, working in the emergency department before becoming a nurse.

Over the years, my journey has taken me through neonatal intensive care, emergency medicine, and advanced practice as a family nurse practitioner. Although I briefly left the area, I was drawn back to Kerrville and Peterson Health. Our community and healthcare system are a hidden treasure.

Peterson is family. Every day, I witness acts of kindness and exceptional care delivered through a team-centered approach rooted in compassion and innovation. That spirit was never more evident than during COVID. In the face of loss and uncertainty, our teams came together without panic to serve our community. We stood up vaccine clinics, testing and treatment services, and one of the area's first monoclonal antibody clinics. Those efforts saved lives. We saw that same dedication again during the recent floods as our teams served without pause.

I am deeply grateful to our community for standing with us in times of crisis, loss, and celebration. Thank you for caring for us as we care for you and your families. It is an honor to be part of something so special.

Shelia Mays APRN, CEN, FNP-BC
Clinical Operations Director, Peterson Medical Associates



Ever since I was a child, I knew I wanted to be in healthcare. I am a 4th-generation nurse and have always wanted to make a difference in others' lives. Peterson was my first job as a nurse. I instantly felt the love and compassion that everyone in this organization carries with them, and I knew this was a place I wanted to be. It is more than just a job. It is pride and a sense of community. Peterson acts as more than just a hospital, it is a keystone in our community.

I was born in North Carolina and moved to Texas in 2013 after obtaining my first degree. I attended nursing school at Howard College in Big Spring, Texas, before moving to Kerrville. I went on to get my bachelor's in nursing from Schreiner University. I have worked in the Acute Rehab Unit (ARU) since starting at Peterson, and I can honestly say that the connections I have made over the years make Peterson my second family.

Making a difference as a healthcare worker means committing to service, integrity, and continuous learning, to help my community live healthier, safer, and more fulfilling lives. I remember one afternoon walking through HEB with my family. All of a sudden, I saw this woman coming towards me with a huge smile on her face, and when she stopped me, I recognized her as a patient I had cared for. She explained that we had saved her life, and she was specifically appreciative that I took time to sit down and ease her anxiety when she felt her world was over after having a stroke. She explained that when she first came to ARU, she was unable to walk, and now she was practically running through HEB. It was a little reminder that the work we do here is meaningful.

Brian Plaster, RN, BSN, CRRN
Peterson Health – Acute Rehabilitation Unit

Thank You to Our Generous Donors in 2025

The strength of Peterson Health lies not only in the care we provide, but in the community that makes it possible. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the donors whose generosity fuels innovation, expands access, and strengthens our ability to serve.

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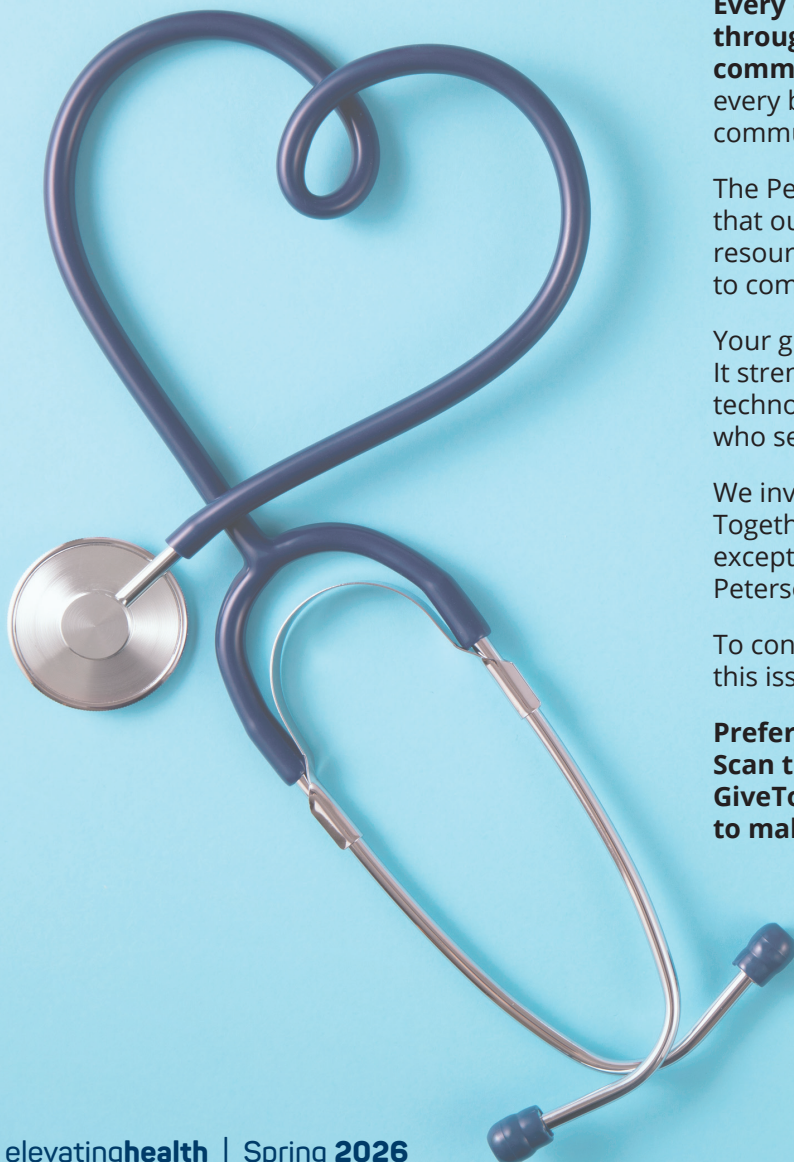
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The Peterson Health Foundation exists to ensure that our patients, families, and caregivers have the resources they need not just today, but for generations to come.

Your gift, no matter the size, is an investment in healing. It strengthens programs, expands access to advanced technology, and supports the dedicated professionals who serve with heart and expertise.

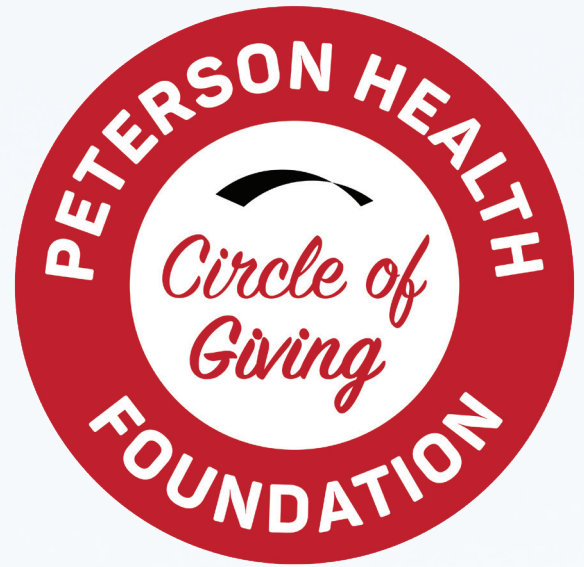
We invite you to join us in shaping the future of care. Together, we can continue to bring hope, comfort, and exceptional patient-centered care to all who depend on Peterson Health.

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You're Invited to the Circle of Giving



A Community of **Compassion**

At Peterson Health, exceptional care begins with people who believe our community deserves the very best, close to home. Members of the Circle of Giving share that belief and make it possible for Peterson to respond quickly to patient needs, invest in advanced technology, and support compassionate care every day of the year.

The Circle of Giving is a special group of donors whose annual generosity provides funding where it is needed most. Together, members ensure Peterson Health can continue delivering high-quality, patient-centered care today and for generations to come.

Why join the **Circle of Giving**?

- Support compassionate, patient-centered care for friends, families and neighbors
- Create lasting impact through annual support that strengthens Peterson Health
- Join a community of donors committed to the future of local health care

Circle of Giving Levels

- **Amethyst: \$500 – \$2,499**
- **Emerald: \$2,500 – \$9,999**
- **Sapphire: \$10,000 – \$24,999**
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When you join the Circle of Giving, you are making a powerful statement of care for this community and for every patient who turns to Peterson Health in moments that matter most.

Scan the QR code to join today or to learn more.

Your generosity makes healing possible.

Why Support Peterson Health?

From Donors Like You



Behind every visit to Peterson Health is a story of compassion shown in difficult moments, of caregivers who listened, and of care that placed patients and families at the center of every decision.

Those stories matter. They reflect the heart of who we are and inspire our team to continue delivering exceptional, patient-centered care each and every day.

If Peterson has made a difference in your life or the life of someone you love, we invite you to share your experience with us.

Your story can encourage others, honor a caregiver, and remind our community of the powerful impact of compassionate healthcare.

To share your Compassionate Caregiver experience, please email Foundation@PetersonHealth.com.



Pictured: [L-R] Dr. Chris Glanton, Chief Medical Officer, Peterson Health, Dr. David Peters, Primary Care Provider, Peterson Medical Associates, and Danielle Jenschke, Executive Director, Peterson Health Foundation.

A GIFT TO CARRY EXCELLENCE FORWARD

"If you are fortunate, you have a story about a great doctor – someone who has helped you or a family member in big and small ways. Our 'great doctor' story is about our primary care physician, Dr. David Peters. He is an excellent physician and a trusted advisor.

We wanted to acknowledge and thank him for his commitment to medicine and his patients, but weren't sure how to do so in a manner that would truly express our gratitude.

We ultimately decided the best way to show our appreciation and thanks was with a gift to the Peterson Health Foundation in his honor.

That gift means Dr. Peters now indirectly touches even more lives in his subtle and unassuming yet substantive and meaningful way.

It is our hope that this gift carries forward his excellence, ensuring that his commitment to healing continues to make a difference across our community."

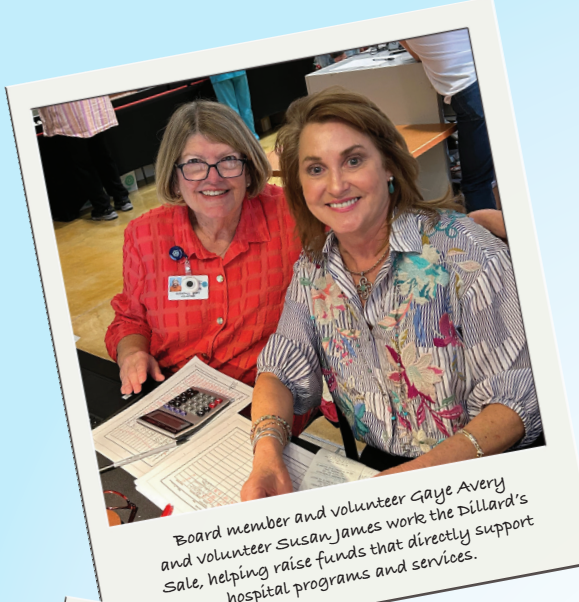
Danette and Coy Gallatin

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Honor a Peterson Health Caregiver by making a donation to Peterson Health Foundation in their name.

Visit GivetoPetersonHealth.com or scan the QR code to donate online today.



Board member and volunteer Gaye Avery and volunteer Susan James work the Billard's Sale, helping raise funds that directly support hospital programs and services.



The Tivy Antlers run through the new tunnel donated by Peterson Health, celebrating school spirit and our investment in local athletics.



Peterson Rehab team at Tivy Football sharing how physical therapy supports athletes and families through movement and recovery.

Gratitude GALLERY

Snapshots of the people and moments that are elevating health through the spirit of generosity and connection. Health and wellness extends beyond clinics through the kindness, support, and unity of our community.



Hospice volunteers prepare for the annual Tree of Lights, creating a meaningful space for remembrance during the holiday season.



Nurse Educator Eric donates during our annual blood drive, ensuring lifesaving resources are available for our community.



Auxiliary volunteers proudly showcase the Peterson Health T-shirt sold to help raise funds for families impacted by the July 4th floods.



Our Auxiliary delivers bouquets, created by volunteers who design and arrange the beautiful flowers found in our gift shop.



Two of our wonderful volunteers shared smiles that reflect the compassion and dedication they bring to Peterson Health every day.

If you feel inspired to support Peterson Health, we would love to connect with you. Our mission is strengthened by people who care about our community's wellbeing, and there are many ways to get involved. You might volunteer your time, support our work through a donation to the Peterson Health Foundation, or lend your voice and ideas by serving on committees that help plan and organize events. Every act of support helps us continue elevating health across the Hill Country.

To learn more, visit PetersonHealth.com/Volunteer-Opportunities or call 830.258.7237.

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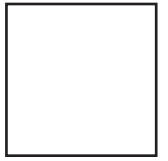
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