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### **Lourdes Auxiliary Donates \$42,000 to Foundation**

Pasco, WA- The Lourdes Auxiliary recently presented the Lourdes Foundation with a check for \$42,000. The money was raised through donations, on-site activities and gift shop revenues.

The funds will be used towards the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment in the currently under-construction Same-Day Surgery Center at Lourdes Medical Center, which when completed will be a huge advantage in serving our community's needs for early cancer detection.

"Early detection of colorectal cancer is a key component of cancer survival, and the new state-of-the-art endoscopy equipment will allow us to obtain results quickly and set up a treatment plan best suited to the patient's needs," says Michael Roach, MD, gastroenterologist at Lourdes West Pasco.

The Auxiliary was founded in the 1940's and has donated nearly 2 million dollars to benefit the organization. The Auxiliary has about 80 members, who give thousands of hours yearly. In fact, there have already been nearly 40,000 volunteer hours logged in the 2010 fiscal year so far.

Auxilians service assignments include the Gift Shop, Clerical Support, Patient Transport, Family Waiting Room, Greeters, Courtesy Cart, Information and Concierge Desk, Foundation and many other exciting volunteering opportunities.

Lourdes is always looking for more volunteers who are interested in serving in a faith-based environment and making a difference in the lives of patients and their families. For information about becoming a volunteer at Lourdes, call Donna Hopkins, Lourdes Volunteer Manager at (509) 546-2301.

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