Your generosity enhanced the care Denise received by helping us make improvements to the ICU care environment, expanding education and well-being support for care providers, and providing additional programming for patients enduring strenuous rehabilitation.

Today, after successful treatment, Denise has fully recovered and is enjoying gardening and spending time with her grandkids.

“I know that during my time at Fairview, my care providers made a huge difference for me,” says Denise. “From the Emergency Department to the nurses to nutrition services and environmental services, it was a perfect experience. Thank you to Fairview for an incredible experience.”

Denise’s incredible experience was enriched by programs, equipment, and well-trained staff — all thanks to donors like you. From the minute she walked into the Emergency Department to her last day of therapy, you made a difference in her care.

Watch Denise’s story at fairview.org/giving/why-giving-matters.

You can help enhance the care of patients like Denise by making a gift.
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You improve patient care

When Chris Linke, RN, BSN, Leah Chapman, RN, and colleagues attended an early mobility session at a critical care conference, they immediately saw the potential for their patients in the intensive care unit (ICU).

Early mobility is the practice of getting ICU patients up and walking, even if they are dependent on a ventilator or other life-saving machines. It’s a proven method to reduce ICU-acquired weakness and it can shorten ICU and hospital stays.

“We knew we couldn’t move the program forward without financial support,” Leah recalls.

Thanks to gifts from donors like you, two transportation ventilators and seven patient LIVENG00D platforms, or “walkers,” were purchased.

“Patients who’ve participated in the early mobility program have experienced a reduction in common ICU side effects like delirium, restlessness, muscle loss, and anxiety,” says Chris.

The program is also encouraging for others — when patients or family members see other ICU patients walk down the hall, it gives them hope.

That was certainly true for Ben, an ICU patient who was one of the first to try the new early mobility program. “Being able to walk was very empowering and I felt like I was contributing to my healing and recovery,” he says.

Because of continued generous support, more patients across the system will have access to this life-altering program.

“Patients are the single biggest driver of this program. We want to improve the quality of their life after they leave the ICU,” says Chris.

Your gifts make life-changing programs like early mobility possible — shortening our patients’ ICU stay and getting them on the road to recovery faster.

Offering specialized treatment

Two days before Christmas, Missi was at a crossroads. She had started drinking again and was hiding it from her family. Desperate for help that met her needs as a member of the Deaf community, she checked into the Minnesota Chemical Dependency Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals at Fairview.

Thanks in part to support from donors like you, patients of the 28-day inpatient substance abuse program can participate in workshops, individual and group therapy, a spirituality group, grief groups, interpreted meetings in the community, and aftercare planning. American Sign Language is available 12 hours a day, seven days a week, and participants have the support of their Deaf peer group.

Patients also have direct, convenient access to medical services at University of Minnesota Medical Center – West Bank.

“For many patients, this is the first time they can understand what’s happening in a program,” explains Elly Carpenter, Supervisor, The Minnesota Chemical Dependency Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals. “The program is designed to address an individual’s unique cultural and linguistic needs.”

“There are limited chemical dependency resources for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind people,” adds Dustine Meyer, Outpatient Director of Substance Use Programs.

The majority of patients come from out-of-state, have limited funds, and little or no insurance.

Gifts from donors help improve access by supplementing transportation and housing costs, offering opportunities for expanded staff training and resource materials, and providing comfort and entertainment items to improve patient experience.

“The need is great and we want to grow our program to provide even more people with the chemical dependency support they need,” says Dustine.

Today, Missi is nearly two years sober. “I am so grateful for the support of Fairview’s Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program and for who I am now,” says Missi.