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Dear Friends of Island Hospital Foundation,

Spring is nearly here, and after a gorgeous winter sunrise here in Anacortes, I am pleased to write to you again. The Foundation has made great progress and we have accomplished most all of our short term goals now. Let me tell you about some of our progress.

First, and most importantly, we have hired a new Director for the Foundation and you can read about her in this edition of Heartbeats. Jeannette Papadakis has earned the respect of the community over the last decade as a neighbor, leader, and school Board member and President. She is hard working and as honest as can be. She will serve our community very well in her new position with the Foundation. Welcome her when you meet her in town. She is very involved and has likely crossed your path somewhere before. I look forward to what she and our Development Associate, Nancy Rytand, can accomplish with a committed Board.

We have completed most all of the internal work we had set as goals for the Foundation to eliminate future risks, and to be certain that your contributions can go toward the goals that we share for enhancing the health of both Island Hospital and our community.

We have completed all of the required paperwork and forwarded the final affidavits to our insurance company as required to move our insurance claim forward after the theft from the Foundation. This has been a major focus of our attention over the last four months.

We have some wonderful events to look forward to in 2015. The Gala is set for April 25th and should be fun. Bring the bard in you out and plan now to attend and enjoy the theme, "A Midsummer Night's Dream". This year there is again a very enthusiastic group of volunteers behind all the arrangements. Come and see what they have accomplished.

We continue to appreciate what your support has meant to Island Hospital and our community. The work with behavioral health in the schools has been very successful, and is gaining national recognition as a model for assistance to middle and high school students. The completion of the Medical Arts Pavilion which houses Physical therapy, the Wound Care clinic, and the Merle Cancer Center has been supported greatly by

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contributions to the Foundation. Many of our neighbors have benefitted from critical programs and equipment in many areas in the hospital including the Emergency department, obstetrics and newborn care, and the surgical center, as well as helping with out of pocket non covered needs such as short term housing, initial prescription medications, and scholarship support to our students seeking careers in health care.

I am reminded daily what a wonderful place Anacortes is, that services are appreciated and supported by a community that realizes that what we do locally for ourselves is what is done best.

Thank you for your help in making this happen and, for your continued support of Island Hospital Foundation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Backman MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'D' at the end.

Mark Backman MD
President, Island Hospital Foundation