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St. Joseph Regional Medical Center recently became the first hospital in the region to earn the Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval® for Disease-Specific Care Certifications, receiving separate awards for knee replacement, hip replacement and spinal fusion.

The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to provide safe and effective patient care. "We continue to bring firsts to the region that are shown to improve quality and the first to illustrate through an independent review, a level of care that meets the highest standards available for our community served," CEO Blain Claypool said.

Certification is a voluntary process. St. Joseph underwent a rigorous, onsite, independent evaluation July 24 and 25 to assess compliance with certification standards. Joint Commission experts evaluate compliance with national disease-specific standards as well as requirements specific to knee and hip replacements and spinal fusions.

"Pursuing this independent evaluation is important and the right thing to do for our patients," Claypool said. "These phenomenal distinctions demonstrate the quality and patient-centered care that our team and Medical Staff deliver each and every day. I am so proud of our entire team and all they have accomplished."

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Mick Wimer, Lewiston Resident
St. Joseph Patient

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\$13.6

million in charity & uncompensated care

922

local employees

180+

physicians and healthcare providers

215

meals delivered per day in collaboration with Meals on Wheels

17,000

hours of volunteer service annually

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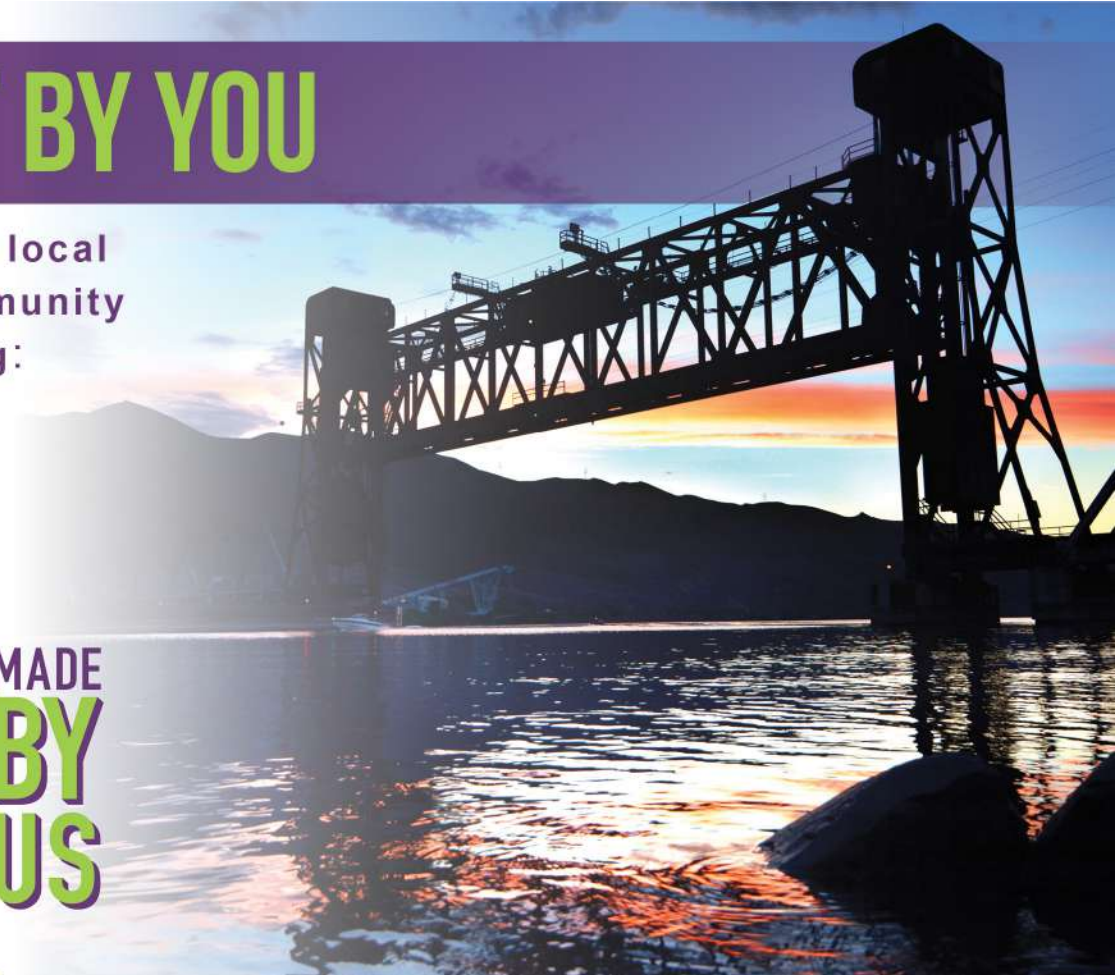
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