

LIFE SUPPORT EVENT

FOUNDATION MERGER...

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... to achieve the best outcomes. In the moments that matter most – whether with a joyful or sorrowful outcome – we need to be confident everything that could have been done was done to help someone in their greatest time of need.”

Life Support Foundation

Life Supports’ mission to overcome regional emergency care challenges and raise funds critical to enhancing Fire and Emergency Medical Services in upper Kittitas County began in 2000 by raising \$20,000. In their 25 years, they’ve raised over 12 million dollars, built multiple fire stations, purchased a wide range of apparatus and medical/rescue equipment, provided ongoing training, and in September 2025, will complete a Fire Training Tower at KCFD7 Station 76, located off Bullfrog Road.

Medic One Foundation

Medic One is acclaimed for leadership in pre-hospital emergency medical services. Dr. Michael Copass and Dr. Leonard Cobb became involved with the organization shortly after its establishment in 1970. For five decades, they elevated the program and set the standard for pre-hospital cardiac care, the advancement of trauma care, and all emergency medical incident serv-

ices. They were part of a coalition of medical and emergency response leaders dedicated to providing air transport, which evolved into Airlift Northwest. Since its inception, Medic One has earned a worldwide reputation for excellence, innovation, and dedicated service. It is a recognized leader in lifesaving care.



PINKY HERRERA (Swedish) gets a surprise thank you from Cheri Marusa.
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION. Brian Trickel, Chief Administrative Officer (at left), and Pat Patton, Chief Nursing Officer, hold the Life Support awards presented to Swedish as Trevor Bennett, Associate VP of Operations, spoke on behalf of Providence Swedish at the event on Saturday, July 12.
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WHO WILL WIN? Dave Sandona rallies to beat (at right), Kim Martin, Nathan Wei, Sue Calkins and Scott Wallace in the final round to win a Cruise for two on Holland America.
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VFW POST 1373 MEMBERS Fred Talerico and Renee Norris present the flag while Clarice Alfonso sings the *National Anthem* during the evening festivities.
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AUCTION ITEM COORDINATORS Janelle Sabo and Angela Juris happily volunteer.
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ALL IN THE FAMILY. The Weis Family table brought several generations out for this year's Life Support Dinner Auction at Swiftwater Cellars Winery.
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- In Memoriam -

Dr. Michael Copass

Cheri Marusa recognized Dr. Michael Copass for his ongoing advice in helping Life Support. Dr. Copass commitment to advancing EMS played a foundational role in developing the Medic One program, revolutionizing prehospital advanced cardiac care, trauma care, patient transport, and survival rates. Also, his work contributed significantly to establishing Airlift Northwest. His efforts are credited with bringing a high standard of prehospital care that is now recognized and utilized worldwide.

Frank Chopp

Speaker of the House Frank Chopp was deeply committed to advancing Life Support initiatives. Under his leadership, the Regional Fire Authority legislation passed. His mentorship of Life Support and dedication to fire and emergency medical services demonstrate his compassionate approach to helping those in need. His leadership reflected a firm commitment to game-changing outcomes. He exuded optimism and opportunity to improve the quality of life in communities across the state. He was fearless, focused, and elevated everyone around him to become leaders without hesitation, doing whatever it took to accomplish success.