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The 3 Wishes Project



UW Medical Center – Montlake Program Summary: **October 2022 to October 2024**

A multidisciplinary program to grow and support compassionate end-of-life care.



2 year anniversary edition



"This music helps our patients and infuses so much humanity into the hospital. My tension has melted away and I feel at peace. I feel so fortunate to have been able to be present for this experience and wish there was more of this across our hospital."

- ICU physician

- 7 fingerprint paintings
- 155 comfort care quilts
- 27 decorations
- 46 EKG keepsakes
- 1,008 fingerprint keychains
- 237 handprints
- 34 hand castings
- 169 locks of hair
- 10 special events
- 56 special requests
- 348 telemetry keepsakes
- 24 twinkle lights
- 31 word clouds
- 8 Virtual Bedside Concerts
- 51 hand clay imprints
- 36 playing music
- 2 pet therapy visits
- 55 heartbeat recording stuffed animals
- 60 stuffed animals
- 21 live music concerts

355 patients

944 wishes

2,201 keepsakes

364 \$0 wishes



"This wonderful program changes so many lives and really helps connect with patients."

- ICU nurse

"There is no easy way to approach the topic of death, but the [3WP] provides a tangible and meaningful way to navigate the grieving process for both family members and clinicians."

- ICU nurse

"His nurse involved us, as we faced the sad, unreal process of watching my son's life slowly decline. The plaster hands, fingerprints, and recorded heartbeat in a stuffed animal were all novel. We all loved these meaningful ways to preserve tender memories of my son as we faced our grief and difficult decisions."

- Family member