

BEGINNING ANEW




Estes Park
Medical Center
Foundation

HOW to HEAL

There is no question that the Flood of 2013 affected our Estes Park Community. As a result, our donations were down for 2014.

Thankfully we are adept in helping in the healing process and learning how to begin anew. Our experience has shown us that disasters, trauma, and dealing with the unexpected actually brings us together, makes us stronger, and builds a better community.

As we begin to heal as a community, we need your help to make sure we are ready to help with life's unexpected times. Your support will help us with the Prospect Park Living Center Restoration Project, secure a Cardiac Ultrasound and supply new patient beds.

As most of you already know, we will miss our Executive Director Jill Anderson. We are so appreciative of the leadership Jill gave the EPMC Foundation these past 5 years. We believe she has prepared us well for the future.

Sincerely,

Ken TeSelle
Board President, EPMC Foundation



A STRONG START

“ Dear Jill and all the members of the Foundation who provided this awesome equipment: I could not have said it better myself! The awesome staff, well trained and working together as a team, the ventilator built into the warmer and state of the art equipment generously provided by you made all the difference! It is used for every delivery, but for a very special situation like we had Wednesday it made THE difference in providing the best possible care for this infant!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Dr. Mark Wiesner
Pediatrician, Family Medical Group

“ Last year, the Foundation purchased and made a generous gift of two infant warmers to the New Life Center. I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for this gift. Oftentimes, you do not get the opportunity to know how your generosity has impacted the lives of others.

This week, we had a critically ill newborn delivered in the New Life Center. This infant required extensive care, and the capabilities of the warmers that we received from the Foundation allowed us to provide optimal care for this newborn. We needed to intubate the infant and he required support of his airway for several hours until the transport team was able to take him to a higher level of care. I cannot begin to tell you how important the capabilities of blending oxygen and the ventilator settings on this warmer was to the care of this infant.

As a result of the knowledge and skill of our amazing physicians and nurses in conjunction with this state-of-the-art equipment, we stabilized this newborn and provided the best possible care. I have to say that I have worked in many larger facilities that did not have the benefit of this type of equipment. Please know that your generous gift was truly lifesaving to one of the newest members of our community. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU for all that you do for EPMC and our community.

Deb Green, RNC, BSN
Interim Manager, New Life Center

Dr. Mark Wiesner
Pediatrician
Family Medical Group



Beginnings of our **NEXT CHAPTER**

1986 FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

From the Foundation's very beginning in 1986, its purpose has been to support the Medical Center and fund the addition and expansion of necessary equipment and services. The strong support that has been shown, especially over the last three years, has made many milestones possible.

DR. CHARLES ROBINSON,
Husband of EPMC Emergency
Department Patient

"Wow! Everything that occurred in the Emergency Department was exceptionally well done. And many a bigger hospital would envy the spaciousness and layout of your Emergency Department!"

07-09 EMERGENCY ROOM EXPANSION & RENOVATION

Over the course of a two-and-a-half-year capital campaign, more than \$4 million was donated to fund construction of the expanded emergency department. Medical staff worked closely with architects to develop the award-winning layout so that it could accommodate the enormous influx of patients seen each summer.

"Throughout the years I've seen significant changes to the hospital's infrastructure and services provided. A lot of that could have never happened without the Foundation's help. Every day I am lucky to treat patients in such a great facility and the patients are lucky to have such a facility offering the very best in quality care."

CHRIS DALEY, MD, Emergency
Department Physician

2012 DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY SYSTEM

This donor funded purchase significantly improved the Medical Center's breast cancer diagnostic services. The new digital equipment reduced the time patients spend in the mammography unit while providing radiologists immediately available, higher-quality images to review.

2012 CT SCANNER PURCHASED

Donations to the Foundation provided funding for the purchase of a CT scanner that is four times faster than the previous machine. Other benefits of this 24-hour "work-horse" include: quicker turn-around times on interpretation, less patient radiation exposure, quicker scan times and higher quality images.

September **2013** HISTORIC FLOOD

When flooding rivers damaged roadways, stopped communication systems and cut off Estes from the rest of the state, the Medical Center never wavered. Extraordinary measures were taken to provide health services. This allowed community members to continually receive the care they needed during the disaster.

"Friends of the Foundation ensure our medical staff has the necessary tools to provide excellent patient care. It is exciting to see what we can accomplish together."

TARA MOENNING, Former EPMC
Foundation Board President

2013 JEAN MARQUART DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SUITE

Friends of the Foundation met a short-term, high-intensity challenge to raise \$500,000 in 50 days to fund the final piece of equipment for the new diagnostic imaging suite. Jean Marquart's family provided the lead gift for the project in her honor, so that the Medical Center would no longer have to rely on weekly mobile MRI visits. With the new suite and state-of-the-art equipment, the MRI/CT services and comfort offered at the Medical Center are comparable to any diagnostic suite in the Front Range Area.

MARGARET CLARK, Inaugural
President of the EPMC Foundation

"I'm glad to see that little by little the Foundation has provided funding for the equipment to make a bigger hospital. I'm proud of it!"

2014 WELLNESS

A cooperative agreement was made between EPMC, the Stanley Hotel, the government and the voters of Estes Park to build a new Wellness Center on a property adjacent to the Stanley Hotel. With the commitment to seek the funds for this project, the Foundation worked closely with the EPMC, helping with designs, interagency agreements, and cost estimates. Support was also provided in the planning of the proposed town Recreation Center and its wellness component.

"I had the extreme privilege of witnessing the EPMC team during the flood. Our small critical access hospital came together as a team to do exactly what a critical access hospital should. It never shut its doors, and it stepped in to fill all of the medical needs of the local community and visitors, from providing emergency care to ongoing primary and specialty care to filling prescriptions when the local pharmacies were shut down. I have never had such a sense of pride in the medical profession and in our community as I did during those moments of crisis."

FRANK DUMONT, MD, Estes Park
Medical Center Chief of Staff

A Second CHANCE

TEAMWORK AND PROTOCOLS PROVIDE FOR A FULL RECOVERY

Dick heard Ruth gasp as she slumped next to him. He turned her face toward him and felt he was looking into the face of death. 911 was called and chest compressions were soon underway. It took three shocks before the paramedics were able to report that Ruth had a pulse. The paramedics contacted the emergency department with the good news so that preparations could be made as Ruth was transported to the hospital. Staff followed best-practice protocols to help ensure Ruth had a full neurological recovery and later were treated to a lovely visit from Dick and Ruth to share their thanks and appreciation for all that was done.

CARDIAC
ARREST SAVE
RATE BETTER
THAN

2 TIMES
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

One of the many ways excellence was demonstrated in 2013 was the Medical Center's cardiac arrest save rate. It was more than twice the national average; 43% compared to just 17% of patients nationwide who experience a return of spontaneous circulation following cardiac arrest.

FOCUS ON PATIENTS BRINGS OPTIMISM DURING THE SCARIEST OF TIMES

When Cynthia fell to her knees without warning, her husband quickly called 911. She was having a heart attack. Paramedics made it through a blizzard to her mountainside home and quickly got her to the emergency room. Although Cynthia felt as if she were dying, having such a competent group focused on caring for her brought great comfort and gave her a sense of optimism and hope.

CYNTHIA KRUMME,
Medical Center Patient

"Without the Medical Center's intervention, I wouldn't have made it. Dr. Chew saved my life. I'm very grateful."

AWARDS

With the backing of Foundation donors, the Medical Center leadership and staff are able to focus on and embrace a culture of continuous improvement. That dedication to excellence was recognized with several awards in 2014:

AWARDS IN EXCELLENCE

2014 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award.

Colorado Rural Health & iVantage Award for 2014. Top Performance in Quality, Outcomes and Patient Satisfaction.

AWARDS IN INNOVATION

National Rural Health Resource Center, Innovation Award for Care, Patient Access and Prevention and Wellness.

PROSPECT PARK LIVING CENTER

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, 5-star Award for Excellence.



A Story of ENDING WELL

GOING OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY

A 1,000 mile journey, the 100th birthday celebration for a nationally known Angus bull and getting evacuated from his home by a front loader are just a few of the highlights from Dennis McHenry's last weeks. And the Estes Valley Hospice was there to support him and his niece/caregiver Carol through all of it.

When Denny wanted to take a road trip to his grandfather's farm in Denison, Iowa, and attend the community's Earl Marshall 100th Birthday Party, Carol worried that the trip might be too much for him. The Hospice staff encouraged her to make his time as full and rewarding as possible and helped her with all of the medical preparations. They even explained everything that would happen and how they'd help with arrangements in the possible event that Denny didn't make it home. Fortunately the trip went smoothly and the whole experience was very gratifying for Denny.

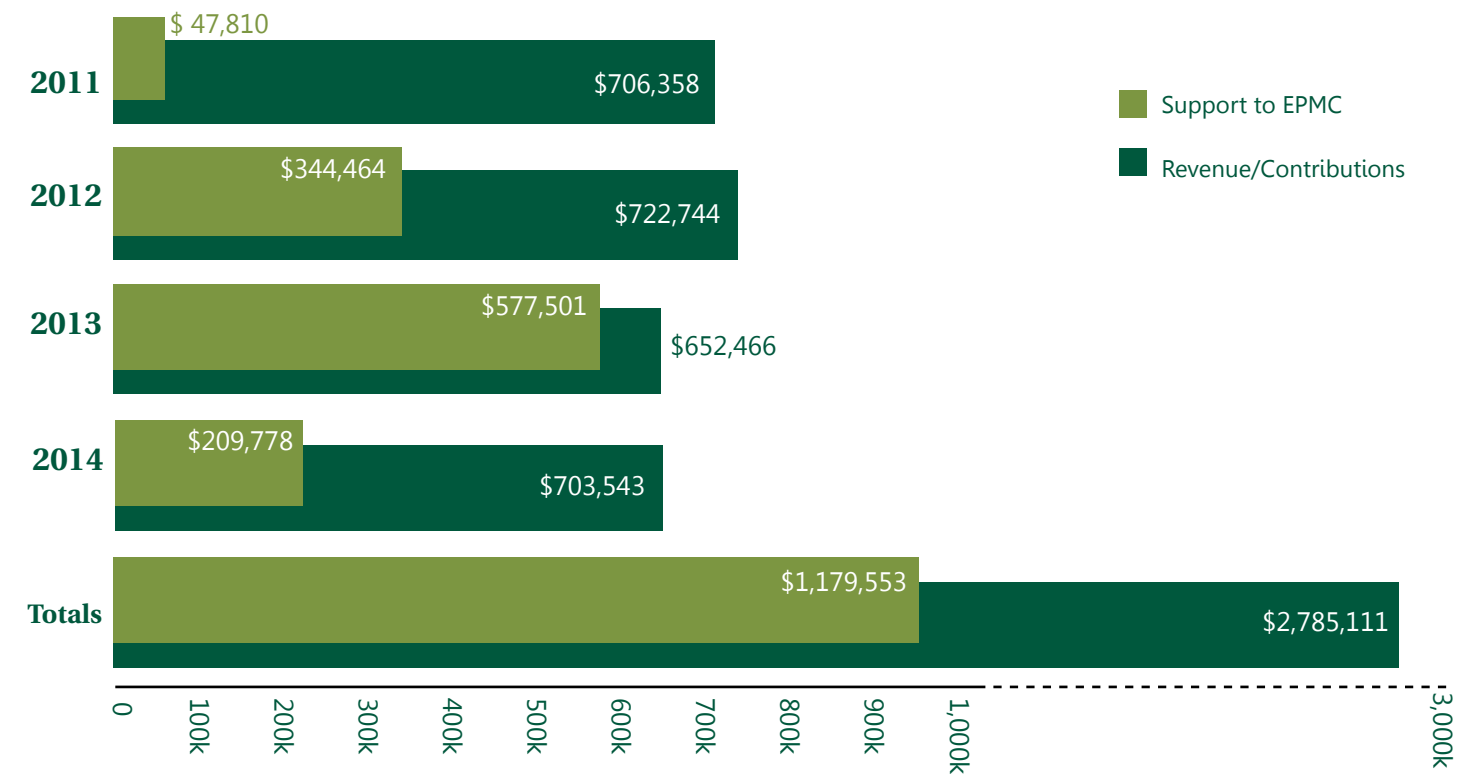
They returned to Estes just before the rain started to fall, and fall, and fall. One night they were awakened by the alarm on Denny's oxygen concentrator when the power went out. After switching over to oxygen tanks everyone was able to get back to sleep. The next morning however, they discovered a three-foot deep mud slide had just missed the garage and made the neighborhood roads impassible. Hospice first sent a volunteer to check on them and then Denny's nurse and two paramedics hiked in to help them evacuate. A friend ended up getting them out by carrying them and their baggage on a platform attached to the bucket of a front loader.

Once
down the mountain, the
Hospice staff got Denny settled comfortably
into a room at Prospect Park Living Center. He remained there and visited with
friends and family until he passed.

Now Carol can't speak highly enough about the Hospice staff and all of the support and help they provided. For her, they truly became part of the family and she credits them with getting through the experience smoothly.

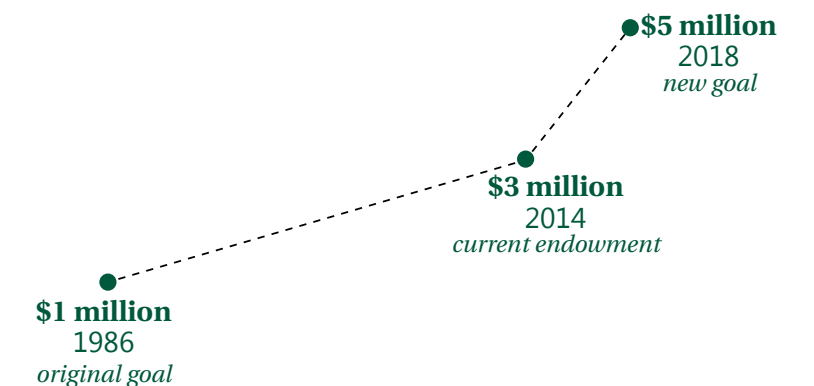
Strengthening COMMUNITY

Giving the Gift of Good Health



ENDOWMENT

When originally formed, the Foundation board set a goal of raising \$1 million for a permanent, self-sustaining fund to off-set the support needs of the Medical Center. As our community grows and new medical technologies are developed, our endowment fund must grow to meet ongoing needs. In addition to direct endowment fund contributions and bequests, the Foundation has diligently set aside a portion of fund earnings and unrestricted donations each year to continue growing the fund. We are committed to ensuring the highest level of patient care at Estes Park Medical Center will always remain our "norm" and never be the exception.



Working TOGETHER

The Medical Center is fortunate to have so many champions in our community. The Foundation works hand-in-hand with the following groups to pursue and fulfill their fundraising goals that benefit the Medical Center.

ELIZABETH GUILD

In the early 1970s, a group of 46 ladies met and founded the Elizabeth Guild Auxiliary. Named in memory of the late wife of Roger Knutsson, a long-time summer resident and benefactor to the Medical Center, this group of ladies started a nearly new shop to raise funds. As of July 2015, the Elizabeth Guild Thrift Shop has raised nearly \$4 million for the Medical Center.

QUOTA CLUB

Estes Park has one of the world's most active Quota International chapters. The group hosts several community fundraising events including the Medical Equipment Loan Closet, Taste of Estes and Holiday Home Tour, which combined have helped to purchase 18 new ambulances over the last 25 years.

TRAIL RIDGE QUILTERS

The Trail Ridge Quilters create and sell beautiful hand-crafted quilted items and donate the proceeds to the Medical Center. Applications from various departments are submitted for equipment purchases that assist physicians and staff with providing the very best patient care.

MEDICAL CENTER STAFF

The most powerful catalyst for new relationships with the Foundation is receipt of outstanding care. Medical Center staff members are some of the best Foundation ambassadors and many are also devoted donors to the Foundation through the Champions of Caring and Compassion campaign.

LESTA JOHNSON, RN,
MSN, Director Clinic Nursing

"The foundation has been integral to keeping our high level of care. Without support from the Foundation we would be the average small community hospital rather than a state-of-the-art facility where we can enjoy high-quality care in a friendly, local atmosphere."

Tradition of GIVING



There are many ways we recognize our Friends of the Foundation. These are our most elite ...

KNUTSSON SOCIETY

The highly esteemed giving-circle that recognizes those who have given gifts of \$1,000 or more annually.

LEGACY SOCIETY

Friends of the Foundation who have planned to leave a portion of their estate to the EPMC Foundation.

LADIES LEGACY CIRCLE

The Ladies Legacy Circle recognizes and honors women who ensure a bright future for the Medical Center through their annual gifts, bequests and endowment support.

MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES & HONORARIUMS

Several different opportunities are available to honor special friends in the memorial garden, and on plaques, bricks and benches around the Medical Center campus.

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