



## ***Success With Effort to Upgrade Newborn Safety and Security***

We are so appreciative of all the individuals and businesses who helped fund the infant security system replacement in EPMC's New Life Center. In total, \$92,502 in donations were received — 90% of the entire project cost.

Thanks to our generous donors, our community will have the quality of care and a level of security that rivals the region's largest birthing centers. Installation will be complete by the end of this month. The new system, along with other safety protocols, lets new parents and staff focus worry-free on caring for newborns and experiencing the joys of family life.

Donors are invited to attend a New Life Center Open House to hear from appreciative staff and see a demonstration. More information will be available soon. +

## **Proud to Help Now and Later**

What started as simply saying "yes" to a friend seeking a donation on behalf of the Medical Center, has become a gratifying tradition for Clark and Nancy Lupton. The two have been loyal Foundation donors since 2004 and decided to include EPMC in their estate plans about five or six years ago.

"We feel good about giving to the EPMC Foundation and doing our part to make sure the hospital is available for future generations," said Clark. "Being in a fairly isolated small town, we are fortunate to have such a nice facility with all of the excellent physicians and specialists."

The couple particularly appreciates the specialty clinic at EPMC which keeps them from having to travel an hour or more to see Clark's cardiologist or Nancy's ophthalmologist. Having diagnostic testing, physical therapy, and the sleep lab at EPMC has also been convenient.

When asked about being members of the EPMC Legacy Society, a designation for those who include the Medical Center in their will or estate plans, the couple shared that they made the decision because they felt it worthwhile and it made sense.

"It wasn't difficult," said Clark. "It was just a matter of letting our wishes be known. Our son, who is also our executor, knows it is important to us and that we are proud to help EPMC maintain the availability of such a

variety of doctors and specialists."

If you'd like information about estate planning options that can meet your financial needs, as well as your goals for giving to the people you love and the organizations you believe in, contact Kevin Mullin at 970-577-4306 or [kmullin@epmedcenter.com](mailto:kmullin@epmedcenter.com). He would be happy to provide information on options, with no obligation, that you can discuss further with your legal and tax advisors. +



## From the Executive Director

Happy New Year from the EPMC Foundation! We are very excited about the work that lies ahead of us in 2017, but I think I would be remiss if I did not comment and express appreciation for the work that occurred last year.

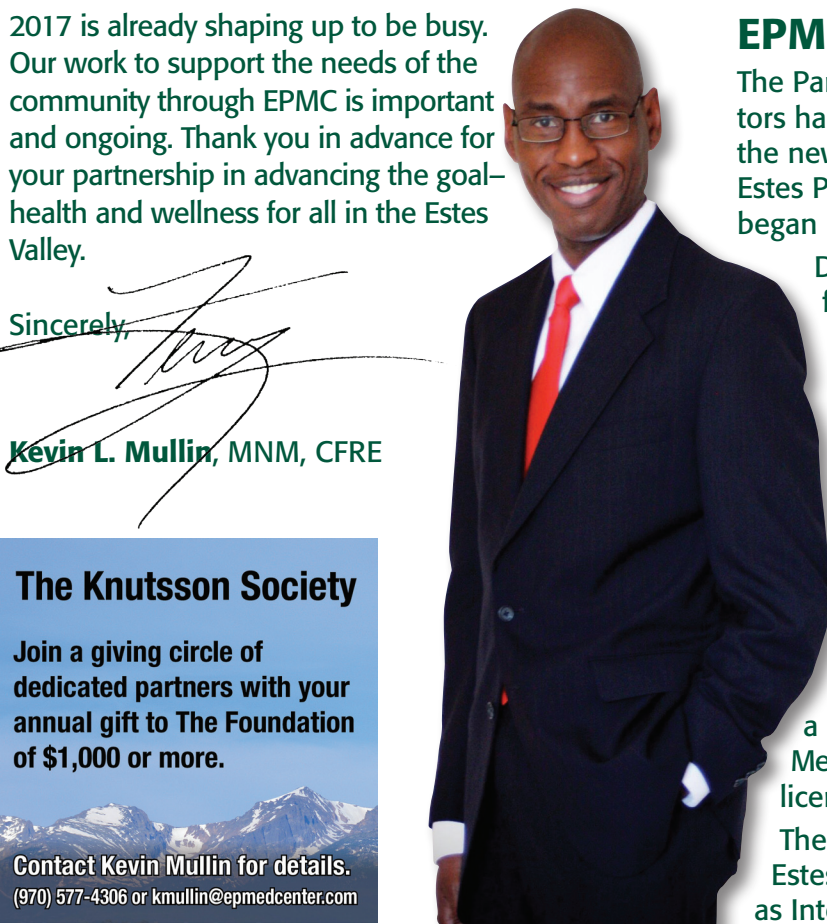
The Board of Directors and staff were quite busy in 2016. Significant projects included an executive search, launch of the Wellness Center Capital Campaign, development and launching of a new Strategic Plan, and successful campaigns to fund new hospital beds for the Med/Surg Unit, as well as a new Infant Security System for the New Life Center. In between these projects, many smaller grants were distributed for various hospital priorities and needs. It has been a busy year.

The work of The Foundation happens because dedicated Board Members and other volunteers give generously of their time and talent. Thank you to each one of you for your efforts, they have not gone unnoticed. Additionally, Executive Assistant Peggy Lorenz is an invaluable part of the Foundation team. She works tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to run the office and make sure that our donors and volunteers receive a high-level of customer service, care and support.

2017 is already shaping up to be busy. Our work to support the needs of the community through EPMC is important and ongoing. Thank you in advance for your partnership in advancing the goal—health and wellness for all in the Estes Valley.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin L. Mullin, MNM, CFRE



### The Knutsson Society

Join a giving circle of dedicated partners with your annual gift to The Foundation of \$1,000 or more.

Contact Kevin Mullin for details.  
(970) 577-4306 or kmullin@epmedcenter.com

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH 18

*Sports & Fitness Expo*

### MARCH 23

*Legacy Gifts with Lifetime Income and Tax Benefits for the Donor \**

### APRIL 15-16

*Free Entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park*

### APRIL 22-23

*Free Entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park*

### APRIL 24

*EPMC Blood Drive\**

### APRIL 28-29

*Estes Park Mountain Festival*


*\* More details at [GivetoEPMC.org](http://GivetoEPMC.org)*

## EPMC Welcomes New CEO

The Park Hospital District Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Larry Leaming as the new Chief Executive Officer for the Estes Park Medical Center. Dr. Leaming began his new role on January 16.



Dr. Leaming comes to Estes Park from Portales, New Mexico, where he served as the Chief Executive Officer for Roosevelt General Hospital, a small, critical access hospital serving rural New Mexico. He has served as CEO in other hospitals in Colorado, including St Vincent Hospital in Leadville, Sterling Regional MedCenter in Sterling, and East Morgan County Hospital in Brush. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology and Chemistry from Augustana College, a Master of Science in Health Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Doctor of Health Administration degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. Larry is also a licensed Respiratory Therapist.

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Larry to Estes Park, and thanks Mark Gregson for his service as Interim CEO since the end of 2015. 





## Foundation adds 5 New Board Members, appoints 2017 Officers

The Estes Park Medical Center Foundation welcomes five new Board Members to the Board of Directors for 2017. Two additional Board Members have been reappointed for a second term on the board. New Board Members include Chris Shotts, Diane Scruton, Ken Zornes, Rod Unruh, and Dr. Larry Leaming. Reappointed Board Members are Diane Munro and Jose Almeida (*not pictured*).

### EPMC Foundation Officers for 2017 are:

**SHELLEY DOGGETT**  
*President*

**TIM HULL**  
*Vice President*

**TARA MOENNING**  
*Treasurer*

**KEN TeSELLE**  
*Secretary*

**KEVIN MULLIN**  
*Executive Director*

"The EPMC Foundation is honored to have such strong community support, as evidenced by the number of intelligent, creative and accomplished new Board Members," states Shelley Doggett, Board President. "We are excited to have the new members join our team as we move forward with our 2017 strategic goals."

A complete list of 2017 Board Members can be found online at [GivetoEPMC.org](http://GivetoEPMC.org). 



SHOTT'S



SCRUTON



ZORNES



UNRUH



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## PPLC Memorial Lights Christmas Tree


*By Kerrie Hill, EPMC*

Brightly burning lights have adorned the memorial lights tree on the lawn of Prospect Park Living Center since the first week in December. A total of \$1,465 in donations were donated in memory of those who have touched the lives of others, and are a symbol of life and remembrance. Memorials were contributed in memory of:

David B. Tyson by Leslie Leppla Tyson and Floyd Tyson; Al Howard and Owen Winters by Ginger Howard; Shirley Bergman by Carla Ficke and Jean Saul; Jenn Bettts by Stacey, Emily, Chelsea and Bug Betts; Myron Teggatz by Sue Taggatz; George Strumbos and Dixie Parsons by Kim Parsons; Bill Johannigmeier and Velma Johannigmeier by Carol Johannigmeier; Janet West, Marion Frances West, Bill Bangs and Billie Bangs by Debbie and Jim Bangs; Madeline Framson by Lloyd Fosdick; Thomas K. Lloyd, Mildred and Gene Hutcherson, Harry Hutcherson, Bev and Len Taylor by Charlotte Lloyd; Verna and Carl Johnson, Mary and Joseph Vergoth and Jean and Richard Marrquart by Marilyn and John Vergoth; Peggy Ramsey and Dorothy Seifert (anonymous gift); Freda Fincham by Abel Family; Ernie and Wendy Altick by Cora Petrocine; Pat Smith by David and Cella Essex, and gift donation by Ronald and Sherry Colburn.

Each light on the tree is a visual tribute to the lives and the spirit of those who have touched our lives but who are no longer living. The purchase of a light can also be a healing event, remembering a loved one who is no longer here but will never be forgotten.

The Tree of Lights not only affords the opportunity to remember someone special with the purchase of lights, but it also helps in a very tangible way. Funds raised help to purchase much needed items for the residents at Prospect Park Living Center (PPLC). PPLC is a skilled nursing facility adjacent to Estes Park Medical Center offering a home-like setting for residents as well as skilled, professional 24-hour care.

The residents of Prospect Park Living Center thank you for your participation in the Memorial Lights Christmas Tree. Your donation puts a light on the tree to remind us that we are not alone and that life is forever strengthened by those we have loved. Happy New Year from the residents and staff of Prospect Park Living Center. 



## The Knutsson Society – a Donor Partnership

Committed donors who belong to the Knutsson Society have generously partnered with the EPMC Foundation on an on-going basis to ensure vital resources are in place at the Medical Center.

These individuals, couples, businesses and organizations donate \$1,000 or more each year to The Foundation so that we can all count on receiving the best possible health care at EPMC. Their annual gifts enable the Medical Center to offer the wide-range of services necessary in our community and to continue to be held up as a national example of high-quality care, compassion and friendly service.

Each year, this highly-esteemed giving circle is recognized on a plaque in the Medical Center lobby. We are honored that they continue to partner with The Foundation and place such a high priority on quality health care. 2016 Members of the Knutsson Society are listed below.

If you would like to join this prestigious group, please contact Kevin Mullin at 970-577-4306 or [kmullin@epmedcenter.com](mailto:kmullin@epmedcenter.com). +

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Quota Club of Estes Park was chartered in 1949 by a small group of women with hopes of raising money to purchase an ambulance for the local hospital. Even today, fundraising to provide ambulances for the Estes Park Medical

Center continues to be a primary function of the local chapter. Estes Park has one of the strongest and most active clubs in its district, and has received a national award for their ambulance fund raising efforts. Other Quota Club projects include the Loan Closet, which is located on the Estes Park Medical Center Campus. A wide variety of hospital/medical equipment is available for loan to area residents and visitors. A deposit is required on all loaned equipment and is held until equipment is returned and checked in. In addition the club purchases and installs microphones and speaker systems in the elementary and middle schools, and hosts the Community Easter Egg hunt.

Founded in 1919, Quota International, Inc. is an international service organization that links members of all ages, occupations, and nationalities in a worldwide network of service and friendship. Quota's motto is "We Share", and members are known for their service to deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired individuals and disadvantaged women and

children. Quota shares the values of serving and encouraging others, developing friendships, and promoting international understanding.

In February of 2017, Quota Club will have funded the 19th ambulance for Estes Park Medical Center. There are currently 6 ambulances that serve Estes Park and the surrounding area. One ambulance will be retired with over 200,000 miles. "We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Quota Club of Estes Park as well as the community in raising monies for the new ambulance," said Mike Bielmaier, Director of Emergency Medical Services at Estes Park Medical Center. "The new, state-of-the-art ambulance with all its features will assist us in providing safe care for both our patients and our crew. On all our ambulances, we proudly display the Quota Club logo."

The new rig is a Dodge chassis with a Frazer ambulance with liquid spring suspension. The Cummins Onan generator powers all the ambulance functions to save wear and tear on the chassis, and allows for the ambulance to be parked and still be used without the engine running. The LED lighting is more dependable in that it is longer lasting and uses less energy. EPMC ambulances serve Estes Park, Glen Haven, Big Elk Meadows, Pinewood Springs, Allenspark, Highway 36 to mile marker 11 1/2, Highway 34 to the Waltonia Bridge, and the upper section of Lefthand Fire District off of Highway 72.

The Estes Park Medical Center thanks the Quota Club of Estes Park for their service to our community, its residents and visitors. +

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## Volunteering is a Joy

Marilyn Vergoth has volunteered at the Estes Park Medical Center for 16 years and plans to continue as long as she can.

Marilyn began with filing invoices two afternoons a week. Now, you'll see her at the Medical Center nearly every day making her rounds with the mail cart. In addition to collecting/delivering mail and working in the mailroom, she continues to help in the accounting office and fills in at the switchboard over lunchtime.

"I am happy to do the running so staff can continue their important work," said Marilyn.



All of that "running" equates to at least eight miles of walking for Marilyn each day. Beyond keeping her physically active, Marilyn also appreciates the mental and social aspects of her work.

"Volunteering is so rewarding," said Marilyn. "The satisfaction from helping makes me feel like I'm the best paid person in the hospital. I feel blessed to be here."

Regardless of how much time you have to give, Marilyn believes most people would fit in and enjoy volunteering at the Medical Center.

"It is such a satisfaction to be able to help others, to make those personal connections and feel appreciated for your contributions," said Marilyn. "I encourage everyone to think about giving it a try."

To learn more about volunteering, visit [GivetoEPMC.org](http://GivetoEPMC.org) or contact Amber Rahn at 970-577-4458 or [arahn@epmedcenter.org](mailto:arahn@epmedcenter.org). +



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## WELLNESS CENTER PROGRESS

*By Wayne Park, Wellness Steering Committee Chairman*

The Steering Committee continues to press forward with its fund raising work. Energetic and committed small teams are reaching out to prospects with the goal of making the Wellness Center a reality. We are still in the major gifts phase of the campaign, seeking larger donations from a combination of individual, foundation and corporate donors. We will open the doors to general town member funding when we complete this phase.

It is important for all of us in Estes Park to understand the broad range of benefits that emanate from the Wellness Center once it is operational. It will have a major positive effect for our town. We bullet the major ones below to tweak your memory:

- A new income flow to our hospital giving it increased financial stability. This income will not be based upon insurance reimbursements.
- A portion of the new income will be used to improve the wellness of all in the Park Hospital District.
- An increase in Estes Park tourism visitation. This visitation will be year round and not limited to summer months.
- New professional and non-professional year round employment. This employment will draw new families to Estes and bring an increase in our school enrollments.

- The Wellness Center will be a national resource for demonstrating that wellness programs as presented in this center will result in permanent lifestyle changes for its clients. These changes will bring them improved and sustainable health and wellbeing. The impact of these results for the US medical community will be huge, changing the current medical paradigm that wellness programs do not work. The change will reduce the need for medical procedures and greatly reduce medical costs.

We note also the activities underway now in the hospital to enhance and refine the business plan for the Wellness Center. Newer versions will provide a parametric view of the Center under various operating conditions. The current plan was built to show that even under very limited visitation estimates that the Wellness Center will operate in the black within three years.

The hospital has also contracted a marketing firm to begin to draft the tools necessary to assure successful marketing of the Wellness Center once the building is opened.

If members of the Wellness Center Steering Committee have not contacted you yet and you would like to consider a major gift to the Wellness Center, we look forward to meeting with you. Please call the EPMC Foundation office at 970-577-4370 and we will be in touch with you. ➕