

# Historical Milestones



**ESTES PARK  
HEALTH**

The availability of health care services is a vital component of a community's quality life. Estes Park Health has cared for our residents and guests since 1975. As the community's medical needs have changed, the types of care and services offered have grown to meet those needs. Through the continued support of the community, Estes Park Health not only brings a wide-range of services, it continues to be recognized as an example of high-quality, compassionate and friendly



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FOUNDATION**

Generous community support began long before the doors opened at the Elizabeth Knutsson Memorial Hospital. The first chief of medical staff noted at the hospital's dedication that there were no federal or state funds used to build the hospital – the resources were derived entirely from within the community. That strong community support carries through to today.

1949

The local chapter of the Quota Club was founded. One of this group's primary functions is to raise money to purchase ambulances for the Medical Center.

1967

Idea for a hospital in Estes Park was first conceived at a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

1968

Park Hospital District was formally established.

1969

Roger Knutsson, a long-time summer resident, donated \$100,000 to the newly formed Park Hospital District as a memorial to his late wife Elizabeth.

1972

The Elizabeth Guild Auxiliary was established to raise funds for the hospital district.

1973

Bond issue passed and construction began on a 16-bed facility.

1975

The Elizabeth Knutsson Memorial Hospital was dedicated and the doors opened to the community on April 15, 1975.

1981

Professional life support service staffed by EMTs and paramedics was established.





2008

Park Hospital District Board of Directors vote to approve expansion of emergency department.

2009

The Trail Ridge Quilters began to raise funds for the Medical Center by hosting sales of their quilted creations.

2009

Expanded emergency department opens with three new trauma bays.

Prospect Park Living Center (now Estes Park Health Living Center) received its first 5-star Award for quality care and patient satisfaction from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

2012

Donors funded the purchase of digital mammography equipment to significantly improve the Medical Center's breast cancer diagnostic services. Donations also funded the purchase of a CT scanner that is four times faster than the previous machine.

2013

Jean Marquart Digital Imaging Suite opened with CT, MRI and digital mammography services.

2013

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.

The Elizabeth Guild breached \$3.5 Million in gifts to the Foundation.

The Foundation Endowment Fund reached \$3 Million with a goal to reach \$5 Million by 2018.

Quota Club donated its 18th ambulance to the Medical Center.

2014

The Foundation opened a fund specifically to aide Medical Center employees who experienced loss from the September 2013 flood, so that they could return to work without worry.

The community's first Paint Estes Pink week and Tough Enough to Wear Pink evening at the Rooftop Rodeo raised funds for the Medical Center's Oncology Department.

2016

Generous donors provided more than 90% of the funds needed to upgrade the infant security system in EPH's Birth Center.

2016

Estes Park Health Birth Center becomes a designated Baby Friendly<sup>®</sup> Hospital.

2017

Due to the contribution of major donors, Estes Park Health Living Center received a fully-equipped, elder-friendly exam room to allow residents to receive medical care within the center.

Thanks to gifts from individuals and businesses totaling more than \$75,000, Estes Park Health Living Center purchased 35 new beds needed for their residents.

Thanks to the efforts of the Quota Club of Estes Park and other donors, two new ambulances were added to the fleet.

2018

Estes Park Health become an Accredited Critical Access Hospital by DNV-GL.

Estes Park Medical Center becomes Estes Park Health to better reflect the continuum of care from the start-of-life to end-of-life.

2018

Funds were raised to upgrade the dining room of Estes Park Health Living Center, along with living room and activities room upgrades.

The Foundation launched an Emergency Capacity Campaign to raise money for Cardiac Monitors for the ambulances and Trauma Stretchers for the Emergency Department.

## Department name changes

- Prospect Park Living Center becomes Estes Park Health Living Center
- New Living Center becomes Estes Park Health Birth Center
- Hospice of the Estes Valley becomes Estes Park Health Hospice Care
- Estes Valley Home Health becomes Estes Park Health Home Health Services
- Estes Park Medical Group becomes Estes Park Health Physician Clinic