



## Coronavirus & Subsequent Emergency Response Fund

To respond to the urgent needs and ever-changing guidance around caring for the Estes Valley community during the pandemic, EPHF's Board of Directors established the Coronavirus & Subsequent Emergency Response Fund in March of 2020. This fund has been the focus of fundraising for all of 2020.

With support from generous individuals, business donors, and foundations, EPHF has fully funded retrofitting 7 patient rooms to negative pressure rooms. These rooms enable Estes Park Health Staff to treat patients with COVID-19 in Estes Park rather than sending them to the Valley. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Foundation also funded the purchase of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In July, the Foundation paid for a COVID-19 direct RT-PCR testing machine. This machine is recommended by the CDC for its accurate test results and can run 8 tests at a time with results in 80 minutes. As soon as the machine was calibrated in September, staff at Estes Park Health started running tests around the clock. After the wildfire evacuation in October, the machine quickly became overwhelmed, which means results were taking longer.


"Quick results ensure that those who are negative can continue on with their everyday lives, while those that are positive can isolate and start care right away," said Kevin Mullin, EPHF's Executive Director.

In addition to the higher demand for testing after the wildfire evacuation, weather constraints forced the outdoor testing sites at Timberline and Salud of Estes Park to close in October, leaving Estes Park Health as the only option for COVID-19 testing in the Estes

Valley. The already maxed-out testing machine at Estes Park Health was backlogged further, so patients waited longer for results.

With COVID-19 positive cases surging in November, the Foundation approved funding for an additional COVID-19 direct RT-PCR testing machine to keep up with demand. In addition to supporting testing and treatment for all residents of the Estes Valley, the Foundation underwrites the costs of COVID-19 testing for the uninsured, both documented and undocumented.

"Availability of tests in conjunction with fast test results is a powerful tool in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in the Estes Valley," Mullin said. "The Board of the Estes Park Health Foundation stepped up to provide for this immediate need."

The next step in this campaign is to cover costs for storage, vaccine administration, and PPE/consumable supplies for vaccines given to the uninsured, both documented and undocumented. If you'd like to donate, visit [GivetoEPH.org/COVID19](https://GivetoEPH.org/COVID19). 





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## Brighter Expectations for 2021

Welcome to 2021, a year that we all hope will be brighter than 2020. At the close of the year, some transitions took place at the Foundation office as members retired and new people joined. Peggy Savelsberg, the Foundation's Executive Assistant since 2015, retired at the end of 2020. She has new grandbabies to spoil and purchased an RV to travel in, so she decided to leave her day job to spend more time with family.

After an extensive search and multiple interviews, I hired Samantha Cora, an executive assistant with years of experience supporting at the C-suite level, to fill the vacancy created when Peggy retired. Samantha moved here from Pagosa Springs in December. In a "normal" year, I'd say stop by the office and visit with her, but, for now, all of Estes Park Health, including the Foundation office, is closed to visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Samantha looks forward to meeting our donors and board members, and, in the interim, she's been pretty thrilled to meet the mule deer that frequent the medical center campus.

The Foundation also welcomed new board members Michele Petersen and Tami Scace. Petersen's background in Finance and Health Care, along with prior board experience at Rochelle Community Hospital Foundation, are a perfect fit for our industrious and intelligent board. Scace won Mrs. Rooftop Rodeo in 2019, raising a record-breaking amount of funds to bring 3D Mammography to Estes Park Health. Her 11 years of experience as Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and extensive volunteer and fundraising work with the Rooftop Rodeo & Paint Estes Pink are a valuable addition to the Foundation Board. At the end of 2020, Director Stan Osborne retired after serving 3 years. His contributions and time given to the Foundation are greatly appreciated.

January 1, 2021, Dr. Robyn Zehr became Chief of Staff at Estes Park Health, replacing Dr. John Meyer, whose term ended on Dec. 31, 2020. Dr. Zehr has been a family medicine physician at Estes Park Health since 2014. The daughter of a family doctor, she grew up seeing the impact her father's work made in her hometown of Pontiac, Illinois. She's passionate about caring for people of all ages in the Estes Valley Community, and in her role as Chief of Staff, Dr. Zehr serves as a liaison between EPH providers and administration.

For now, the Foundation is unable to host events, but I look forward to the day I can invite you to an educational seminar or donor reception. In the meantime, I'm available for Zoom meetings and phone calls. Thanks for all you do to support community-owned health care for the people of the Estes Valley.

Sincerely,  
Kevin L. Mullin, MNM, CFRE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### PATIENT COMPLIMENT

*"The care and love my father has been shown by this hospital has been a great comfort to our family. The last few times he's been hospitalized he has had poor experiences and was treated like a number. I know the Estes Park staff has treated him with the best care and love. It means so much to our family – it means we can focus on comforting each other, praying and being reassured he's getting the best care possible. COVID has been hard on everyone and I want the staff to know we see their kind hearts."*

~ Joy D.

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# Estes Park Health Foundation Legacy Society Members Bill & Marianne Solms

## DONOR PROFILE

Bill and Marianne Solms have been full-time residents of Estes Park since 2018, and Marianne's mother started visiting Estes Park at age 16.

"My mother came out with the Girls Reserve when she was 16 to attend camp at the YMCA, and she fell in love with Estes," Marianne said. "She and my dad came here on their honeymoon in my grandfather's Model T. In 1971 they bought the land where we live now, and in 1973 built a vacation home on it."

Marianne used to be a surgical orthopedic nurse manager at a pediatric hospital, and she believes this little town just can't survive without Estes Park Health. Along with Bill and herself, their parents, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren have all used services at Estes Park Health. Marianne had a knee replacement with Dr. Florence last year and has been able to start hiking again. Her background in health care as well as the service her family has received drove her decision to become a Legacy

Society member at Estes Park Health Foundation. Legacy Society members are donors who have made a gift to Estes Park Health Foundation as part of their estate plan.

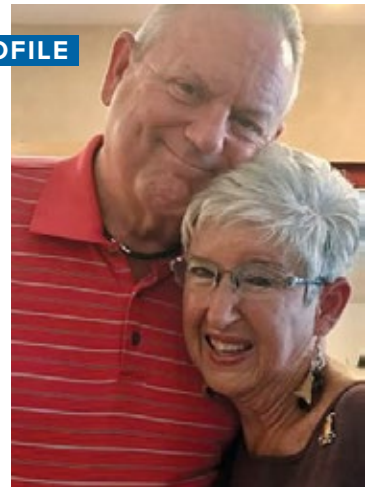
Bill grew up in Mexico City, a town that is close to 8,000 feet in altitude. After vacationing in Estes Park for years, the move to Estes Park brought him reminders of his childhood surroundings.

"A lot of the flora and fauna are similar as well as the effects of the altitude and the mountains surrounding the town," Bill said. "It's easy for me to enjoy the atmosphere of living at this altitude and being in the snow. The fact that my wife is so happy here is important for this phase of our life."


For Bill, becoming a Legacy Society member was an easy choice.

"This community supports us, and we are a part of this community. Leaving a Legacy here is the least we can do," Bill said.

When the Solms changed their residency in 2018, they took the time to update their estate documents with their local attorney, including their legacy gifts.



**BILL & MARIANNE SOLMS**




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"When we changed our residency from Florida to Colorado, it made sense for us to update our legacy gifts to the nonprofits in the area aligned with our philanthropic goals," said Bill. "I'm serving my second term as a Director on the Board of Estes Park Health Foundation, and I'm confident in the staff and governance. I've had a chance to review all of the internal documents. The Foundation is well-run, and we enjoy satisfying, to the extent that we can, the emergencies that pop up at the hospital."

Estes Park Health Foundation is grateful for every donor that has chosen to Leave a Legacy. If you'd like to learn more about the Legacy Society, contact the EPHF's Executive Director, Kevin L. Mullin MNM, CFRE, at 970-577-4306 or [kmullin@eph.org](mailto:kmullin@eph.org).

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ALICE HOCKER

## Colorado Gives Day Recap

On December 8, the Foundation participated in Colorado Gives Day, a statewide day of giving. Donors who give on Colorado Gives Day take advantage of a \$1.5 million incentive fund that increases the value of every donation.

This year, 36 donors gave \$6,518 to Estes Park Health Foundation to support COVID-19 care for uninsured residents of the Estes Valley. If you'd like to learn more about Colorado Gives Day, check out [coloradogives.org](https://coloradogives.org).



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## Board Updates: 1 Director Retires, 2 Join



STAN OSBORNE

After 3 years on the Board of Directors, Stan Osborne retired at the end of 2020. Everyone at Estes Park Health Foundation is grateful for the hard work and time Osborne has given to the organization over the years.


In January 2021, the Foundation welcomed Michele Petersen and Tami Scace to the Board of Directors.

Petersen is a Financial Wellness Consultant at KeyBank in Estes Park. Prior to moving to Estes Park full-time in 2018, Petersen worked in the health care field for over a decade and served on the Rochelle Community Hospital Foundation Board.

"I am excited to be part of the Estes Park Health Foundation because I believe in helping the community by raising much needed funds and awareness for excellent, quality health care for all the lives that are served here in the Estes Valley," Petersen said.

Mrs. Rooftop Rodeo 2019 and a Boulder native, Scace moved to Estes Park full-time in 2013. As the wife of a career military man, Scace worked positions across the country, eventually serving 11 years as Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in Groton, CT. Scace is also the Hospitality Chair for the Rooftop Rodeo, where she coordinates 500 meals per night during Rodeo Week.

"Being Mrs Rooftop Rodeo 2019 really opened my eyes to opportunities to serve EPH as a fundraiser and community supporter," Scace said. "The hospital was a reason Dan and I moved to Estes Park with confidence."

Estes Park Health Foundation Board Directors serve a critical role in providing direction and governance to support the capital and operation needs of Estes Park Health. If you're interested in serving, please contact the Estes Park Health Foundation at 970-577-4370 or [giving@eph.org](mailto:giving@eph.org). 

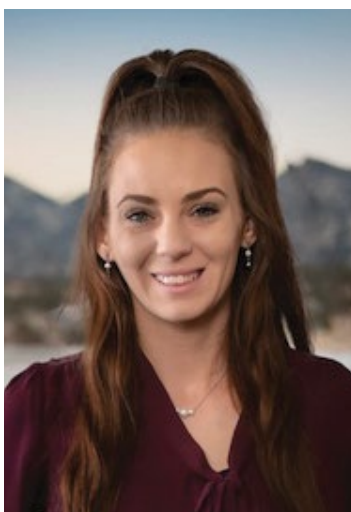


MICHELE PETERSEN



TAMI SCACE


## Samantha Cora Joins Estes Park Health Foundation

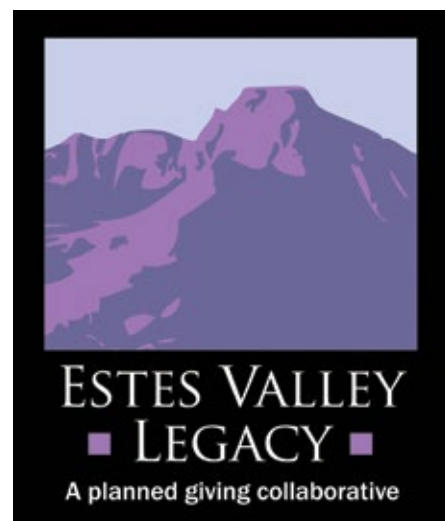


SAMANTHA CORA

In December, Samantha Cora joined Estes Park Health Foundation as Executive Assistant. She brings a breadth of experience, including 7 years prior admin experience supporting at the VP and C-suite level.

"I'm thrilled to work for Estes Park Health Foundation, supporting community-owned health care. Estes Park is a gorgeous town, and I look forward to getting to know EPHF donors and the community at large."

Everyone at Estes Park Health Foundation is excited to welcome Samantha as a partner to the small, hardworking team that raises funds to support Estes Park Health. 





## Executive Assistant Peggy Savelsberg Retires

Peggy Savelsberg, Executive Assistant at Estes Park Health Foundation since March of 2015, retired at the end of 2020.

"I have really enjoyed working for the Foundation for the past 5½ years. Kevin, Kaci and the Board have been wonderful to work with, and meeting many of our donors has been a pleasure," Savelsberg said. "I'm honored to have been a part of the important work the EPH Foundation does for our hospital and our community!"

In 2020, Peggy and her husband, Dave, welcomed two new grandchildren to the world: Myles and Victoria. The mother of four children, Peggy looks forward to spoiling her grandbabies and traveling with Dave in their RV.

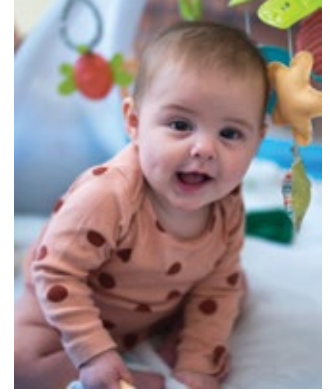
The Board of Directors, Executive Director Kevin Mullin, and Development & Communications Coordinator Kaci Yoh commend Peggy for her diligent work, consistent positivity, and service to both the Foundation and its donors over the years. She will be missed. 🌄



PEGGY & DAVE SAVELSBURG



GRANDSON MYLES



GRANDDAUGHTER VICTORIA

## COVID-19 Vaccines at EPH

EPH has been requesting substantial quantities of vaccine each week since they became available; we are at the discretion of the State of Colorado as to how many doses we are allotted. We are asking for many more doses than Colorado has yet provided. Colorado makes the allotments based on size and geographic coverage of the requesting entity. We want to get everyone vaccinated who wants to get vaccinated and will continue to work unceasingly with the state

and county to ramp up volumes until we get you covered. If you are able to get the vaccine elsewhere in the meantime, we encourage it, and of course we remind you that the need for masking and social distancing will remain in place for many months.

For updates on COVID-19 vaccine availability at EPH, follow our Facebook page, sign up on our email list at [eph.org](http://eph.org), or visit [www.eph.org/covid-19](http://www.eph.org/covid-19).



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## \*NEW\* Estes Park Health Department Wish List

Estes Park Health Department Directors request over \$3 million in capital funds every year, including equipment upgrades needed to continue their work at Estes Park Health. EPH has an annual capital budget of around \$1.3 million, so less than half of those requests are funded. Due to COVID-19, capital expenditures are on hold for 2021, except for emergencies. If you'd like to support a department at EPH, please review the wish list below and contact the Foundation at [giving@eph.org](mailto:giving@eph.org) or 970-577-4370.

### Estes Park Health EMS

EPH EMS is in need of King Vision Videoscopy replacements. These are utilized for video intubation, which improves successful intubation of critical patients on the first attempt. Our current supply is getting aged and we have replaced one already this year. Additionally, we need 1 to replace a failed device in one of our ambulances.

**Cost per Unit: \$1,400 — Quantity Needed: 3**



### Estes Park Health Laboratory

The EPH Laboratory needs a new refrigerator to relieve the overloaded ones in the lab. Many patients are ill and new tests are being developed daily. More testing is being done in the lab, which means more space is required. With a new refrigerator, we can run more tests, reduce shipping and handling fees, and house reagents when new tests are moved in-house. Additionally, the current refrigerators are always full so we have no back-up space if one goes down.

**Cost per unit \$5,000 — Quantity Needed: 1**

