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Legacy Gift Makes an Impact

In 2021, Debra Jur-Wills contacted the Foundation Office to request a meeting. Her husband, Andy Wills, served as CEO of Estes Park Health from 1987-2002 and passed away on July 5, 2021, from an aggressive form of kidney cancer. At his request, a handsome donation was made to benefit Estes Park Health. During his tenure at EPH, Andy oversaw four major construction projects: addition of the Emergency Department Wing, construction of the Birth Center, expansion of the Diagnostic Imaging Department, and the construction of the EPH Physicians Clinic.


“Andy loved the Estes Valley and Rocky Mountain National Park. He was so proud of his work at Estes Park Health,” said Debra. “He was an avid hiker and summited many of the peaks in the Park. He also volunteered his time at Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park. Andy was passionate about his accomplishments at Estes Park Health, and this gift was his way of saying thank-you.”

Andy was enthusiastic about improving health care services and served as a Board Member on the Colorado Health & Hospital Association, Colorado Association of Homes & Services for the Aging, and Colorado Personalized Education for Physicians.

After talking over options with EPH Foundation President Kevin Mullin, Debra decided to direct Andy’s legacy funds toward purchasing a new MRI machine for Estes Park Health.

“MRI served as part of Andy’s care after he was diagnosed with cancer, and he was proud of the work he did to expand the Diagnostic Imaging Suite during his time at EPH. I believe he would be happy to know his estate helped bring a much-needed new MRI machine to the medical center,” Debra said.

The new MRI machine was put in service in May of 2022. Leaving a gift to a nonprofit organization in your estate plan is a poignant way to uplift an organization. Gifts can be made in the form of cash, stocks, art, collectibles, vehicles, and by naming a nonprofit as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Please contact the EPH Foundation at 970-577-4370 or giving@eph.org if you’d like to learn more about legacy giving. 

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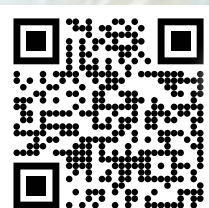
We Need Your SUPPORT

2022 has proved to be a trying year for Estes Park Health. Volatile market fluctuations, inflation, and supply chain issues have changed donor behavior and taxed health care systems. As you have likely heard, senior leadership at Estes Park Health has made difficult decisions regarding service lines and staffing.

Now more than ever, EPH Foundation needs your support. This year, we are raising funds to bring a new fluoroscopy unit to EPH Diagnostic Imaging. Fluoroscopy is used to diagnose and treat conditions like:

- Heartburn
- Pain or Difficulty When Swallowing or Eating
- Acid Reflux
- Food or Fluid in Windpipe
- Abdominal Pain
- Rectal Bleeding
- Chronic Diarrhea or Persistent Constipation
- Evaluation of Ulcers, Tumors, Inflammation of the Esophagus, Stomach, or Duodenum
- Hiatal Hernias, Abnormalities of the Muscular Wall of the Stomach
- Anatomical Problems in Infants
- Unexplained Vomiting, Severe Indigestion, Blood in Stool
- Assessment of Blockage of Fallopian Tubes
- Viewing the Inside of the Uterus
- Injection of Medication Directly into a Joint

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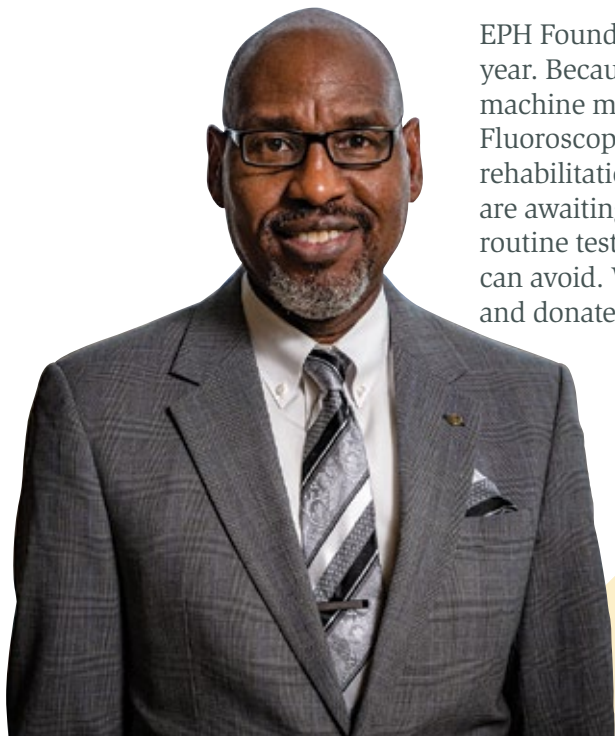
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EPH Foundation will raise \$300k to support the purchase of this unit this year. Because the current fluoroscopy unit is at the end of life in 2023, the machine must be replaced as parts for repairs will become difficult to find. Fluoroscopy is often used to conduct routine swallow tests as part of stroke rehabilitation and to guide needles into joints like the shoulder while people are awaiting surgery. Forcing patients to drive to the Valley to receive these routine tests and treatments that take 30 minutes at EPH is a hardship we can avoid. Will you help? Visit www.GivetoEPH.org/fluoro to learn more and donate.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Mullin, MNM, CFRE
PRESIDENT



EPH Department WISH LIST

Sports Medicine Academy

Each year, EPH's Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Surgeon, Dr. Aaron Florence, hosts a Sports Medicine Academy Simulation for local high school students. Estes Park High School students interested in careers in the medical field participate in a daylong simulation of treating sports injuries, touring the hospital, and meeting with different medical professionals to discuss career paths. The day includes a custom t-shirt for each student and lunch.

Total Needed: \$990

Perioperative Services Tourniquet Machines

In July, EPH's Tourniquet Machine failed, leaving the department to borrow a unit from a neighboring hospital in order to perform scheduled surgeries. Without this machine, surgeries on any extremity of the body (fingers, hands, arms, feet, ankles, knees, or legs) are not possible. The tourniquet machine controls blood loss/flows for indicated timeframes and is a critical piece of equipment. Two are needed so there is redundancy with this equipment in case of future maintenance needs.

Cost per Unit: \$9,300 — QTY Needed: 2

Estes Park Jazz & Blues Festival Draws a Crowd & Funds for EPH Foundation



In May, The Stanley Live presented the Estes Park Jazz & Blues Festival to benefit EPH Foundation. Acts included Chris Daniel & the Kings, Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore, and The Wendy Woo Band. Chris Daniels has been playing and recording since 1970 and was inducted in the Colorado Music Hall of Fame in 2013. Mollie O'Brien is also a member of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame and won a Grammy in 1997. A Colorado music scene mainstay, Wendy Woo has shared the stage with Michael Franti, the Indigo Girls, and many other national favorites. The award-winning Estes Park High School Band also took the stage.

In its first year, the EP Jazz & Blues Festival raised \$9,000 to support the work of EPH Foundation. Sponsors The Stanley Live, Estes Chamber of Commerce, Estes Park News, Estes Park Trail Gazette, Oskar Blues, Rocky Mountain Channel, UCHealth, and Visit Estes Park helped make this event a success.

To add to the benefit, EPH Foundation held a silent auction with items from local artists and businesses. The silent auction was an imperative piece to making the event successful.

EPH Foundation is looking for sponsors and silent auction donors for the 2nd Annual Estes Park Jazz & Blues Festival to take place in the Spring of 2023. If you're interested, please contact the office at giving@eph.org or 970-577-4370.

EPH Foundation Board Leadership Updates



DREW WEBB



BRAD ANDERSON

EPH Foundation Board Director **Drew Webb** was elected to the Park Hospital (PHD) District Board in May 2022 and now serves as PHD Board Representative to the EPH Foundation. Since Webb moved to the PHD Board, EPH Foundation Board Director **Brad Anderson** now serves as the EPH Foundation Board Secretary and Board Development Committee Chair, replacing Webb.

Prior to this year's election, **Bill Pinkham** served as PHD Board Representative. Pinkham continues to serve on the EPH Board through 2023, but no longer serves as the PHD Board Representative.

"Bill Pinkham did an excellent job of connecting the EPH and EPH Foundation Boards," said Rodney Unruh, EPH Foundation Board Chairman. "I thank him for the work he did as PHD Board Representative, and I look forward to Drew Webb expanding on this liaison role. Webb's attention to detail and leadership on the EPH Foundation Board made lasting improvements for which we are grateful. Brad Anderson has been a part of the EPH Foundation Board since 2018, most recently as a member of the Executive and Finance Committee. With this background, he can seamlessly transition to serve as Secretary and Board Development Committee Chair, and I thank him for taking on these new responsibilities."



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Elizabeth Guild Donates **\$75,000** to Estes Park Health

The Elizabeth Guild recently presented EPH Foundation President Kevin L. Mullin with a \$75,000 donation to help fund medical equipment and staff training, critical needs for Estes Park Health's work in the community.

"Each year, the Elizabeth Guild Board, Volunteers, and Staff spend countless hours sorting, pricing, and selling gently used items at their store in Estes Park, and each year, I'm amazed at the amount of funds they give," said Mullin. "This year, support from the Elizabeth Guild is both appreciated and critical."

Elizabeth Guild Board President Mimi Hardendorf and Treasurer Jan Kilgore were onsite to deliver the funds. Store Manager Joe Payne was also present.

"The work of the Elizabeth Guild serves the community in several ways. Offering a place for people to bring their gently used items in town saves space in landfills. Our prices are very low, so people find bargains and stay well within their budgets, and we give a sizeable donation to the hospital each year," said Hardendorf.

Support from the Guild funded a scholarship for Estes Park Health employee Setsuko Hernandez. Born in Japan, Hernandez has worked as a CNA in the United States since 2003. In August of 2022, she will start a Medical Assistant Certificate Program to



advance her career in the medical field. Her ultimate goal is to become a Registered Nurse (RN). The Elizabeth Guild operates a thrift store at 427 West Elkhorn in Estes Park. Almost entirely volunteer-run, all proceeds are given to Estes Park Health to fund scholarships for EPH Staff and facility improvements and upgrades to help EPH accomplish its mission. The Guild has been in operation for more than 40 years and donated over \$4 million to Estes Park Health. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the Elizabeth Guild at 970-586-7205. 