#### **SPRING 2023**







In a decisive election, voters in the Park Hospital District passed Ballot Measure 8A on May 2.

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This ballot measure does not impose any new tax nor increase any tax rate that residents contribute to support the Park Hospital District. It does enable the Park Hospital District Board of Directors to enter into a multi-year financial agreement if the Board decides to affiliate with a larger nonprofit healthcare services organization.

"This is a great day for Estes Park Health," said Estes Park Health CEO Vern Carda. "This decision can help in securing quality healthcare for our community members and visitors to the Estes Valley for decades to come."

The EPH Board of Directors unanimously supported Ballot Measure 8A, citing access to capital needed to stay current with evolving medical technology, important access to larger payor networks, and financial savings opportunities that could come with affiliation with a larger nonprofit healthcare services organization.

The Board noted, "An affiliation with an integrated healthcare delivery organization will make a significant contribution toward safeguarding the availability of excellent health care services to meet the Estes Valley community's healthcare needs for many years into the future by ensuring there will be reliable and quality referral networks in place to provide services that EPH does not currently provide."

In public meetings, the EPH Board of Directors have said they are currently in talks with a larger healthcare organization. A nondisclosure agreement prevents the Board from making the identity of the organization public. This ballot measure passage is considered crucial for future negotiations.

"Estes Park Health appreciates the support of the voters in the Estes Valley," said Board Chairman David Batey. "We believe the 'yes' vote is the right decision for the future of our hospital."

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED**

Six people ran for four-year terms on the EPH Board of Directors.

The winners are Steve Alper, Cory Workman and Brigitte Foust. Alper was re-elected. Workman and Foust will be new to the Board.



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# We Love Our Volunteers

#### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

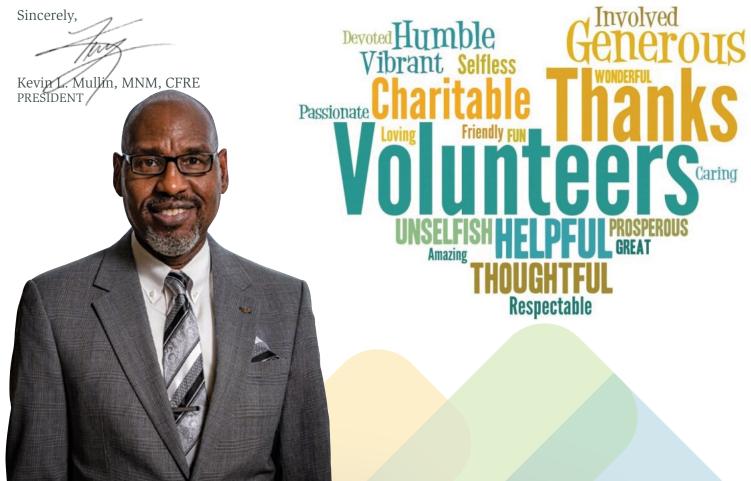
April was Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to all the wonderful volunteers who have dedicated their time, energy, and talents to Estes Park Health Foundation and Estes Park Health. Your contribution doesn't go unnoticed, and it makes a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

Without our volunteers, we simply wouldn't be able to achieve our mission. Whether you've volunteered for a single event or have been with us for years, your dedication is an inspiration to us all. We appreciate your commitment and the positive impact you bring to the Estes Park Community.

Thank you for sharing your time and expertise with us. We are grateful for everything you do and are honored to have you as part of our team. Your kindness, compassion, and selflessness have helped make Estes Park Health a better place.

*To all of our volunteers:* Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication, and we hope to continue building a long-term relationship with you as we strive to make a positive difference in this world.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information about volunteering at Estes Park Health Foundation or Estes Park Health, contact GiveToEPH.org or call 970-577-4370.



# TERESA MUELLER

Chair of the Estes Park Health Foundation Board of Directors



Teresa came to EPHF Board with a history of successful non-profit service spanning de-

cades, running and growing non-profits from Houston, TX to Washington, D.C. to Loveland, CO and Estes Park. She started out in corporate accounting, then became treasurer of a multi-service non-profit where she was instrumental in growing the non-profit from \$800,000 in resources to close to \$8M.

Born and raised in the Canal Zone of the Republic of Panama, where her father worked, Teresa moved to Florida so she could finish high school in the US. She received her degree from Florida State University with a degree in Human Sciences and planned to become a teacher. When a hiring freeze on teachers started the year she graduated, Teresa continued her education at the University of South Florida and completed a business degree with an emphasis on accounting.

She and her husband bought a firm in Loveland, CO and local non-profits became aware of her expertise. Before long, Teresa was active in local non-profits, including the Loveland Museum, Rotary District 5440, and Aims and Front Range Community Colleges. She is the current treasurer of the Estes Chamber of Commerce.

Teresa brings her years of providing non-profit expertise to the Estes Park Health Foundation and we are thrilled to have her on board. She and her husband, Paul, have two children and three grandchildren. Teresa is bilingual, speaking both English and Spanish.

# Estes Park Health Department Wish List

EPH department directors request over \$3 million for 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. If you'd like to support a department at EPH, please review the wish list below and contact the Foundation at giving@eph.org or 970-577-4370.

## EPH 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 Request: \$990**

## EPH<sup>+</sup>Physicians Clinic Striker Wheelchairs

EPH Physicians Clinic needs two new wheelchairs to replace the existing fleet, which are old, outdated, and missing some components like footrests. Wheelchairs are used to transport patients around the medical center and newer models are more intuitive for patient use and have a one-touch brake system.

QTY Needed: 2 – Cost per Unit: \$3,500

#### EPH Physicians Clinic Spot Check Vital Towers



Spot Check Vital Towers capture a full panel of patient vitals and make efficient and effective use of time for both staff and patients. These towers are needed due to addition of services lines and the proposed relocation of some services away from the main clinic.

QTY Needed: 1 – Cost per Unit: \$2,500

### EPH Physicians Clinic Phillip ECG Machine

EPH Physicians Clinic needs to update one of their ECG machines, which are used to help diagnose common heart problems. The machine that needs updated cannot support necessary IECG software or EKG readings.

QTY Needed: 1 – Cost per Unit: \$8,500

## THANKS YOU FOR Adopting Ducks

A huge thank you to everyone who bought ducks in the name of Estes Park Health Foundation and Estes Park Health Hospice!

A very special thanks to the Estes Park Rotary for their efforts in helping local charities through the annual Duck Race. They've returned more than \$3 million to the Estes Valley community since 1989.



The Duck Race had a record year this year, and thanks to all of you, so did the Estes Park Health Foundation and Estes Park Health Hospice with a grand total of \$7,216.00 raised to support health care in the Estes Valley.





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# **Crowns for the Care**

Plans for the Rooftop Rodeo are underway, and with it, the Crowns for the Care Subcommittee is seeking volunteer fundraisers to participate in Estes Park Health Foundation's Mrs. Rooftop Rodeo Competition. Contestants raise funds to benefit Estes Park Health oncology services.

Every Crowns for the Care Contestant receives one-on-one mentoring from a past Mrs. Rooftop Rodeo winner. The person who raises the most funds will be crowned Mrs. Rooftop Rodeo on Paint Estes Pink Night at the Rooftop Rodeo on Saturday, July 8.

This year, Crowns for the Care's goal is \$50,000 for a new Dexa scanner to replace the 22-year-old scanner currently in use at Estes Park Health. The new scanner comes with new technology that results in faster, more accurate scans.

A Dexa scan measures bone density and is a painless, non-invasive way to see a fuller picture of your overall health. Women with high bone density have an increased risk

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How would you like to be crowned 2023 Mrs. Rooftop Rodeo?



of breast cancer and a Dexa scan can be an important tool to understand cancer risk, seek preventive measures, and live your best life after cancer. Estes Park Health recognizes that early detection with tools like the Dexa scanner is the best way to fight cancer.

Sign up as a contestant today by contacting the Foundation office at giving@eph.org or 970-577-4370.