

# A shared vision for a healthy future

LONGMONT UNITED HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
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## What does a healthy future look like to you?

Maybe it's having world-class health care close to your home. Maybe it's finding the time and space to prioritize your mind, body and spirit. Or maybe, it's the comfort of knowing that your community shares the same vision of what's possible.

No matter what you see when you look ahead, you can be sure we're working toward it at Longmont United Hospital Foundation. Along with our generous donors, we are meeting the most critical health care needs across our community – providing funding for state-of-the-art equipment, facility improvements, holistic programs and services, caregiver education and so much more.

As we welcome a new season and look forward to honoring our doctors, nurses and hospital staff this spring, there's no better time to renew your support and make your impact. **Together, we can create the future we imagine – one that is filled with hope, healing, generosity and humankindness.**

With appreciation for your partnership,



Josh Atherton  
Executive Director  
Longmont United Hospital Foundation

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Thanks to partners like you, Longmont United Hospital Foundation is making a meaningful difference in the lives of our patients and families!

# \$65,000

provided to renovate two floors in the patient tower, enhancing the family room and kitchen

# 91

patients served through Project Homecoming's Longmont Meals on Wheels program – which delivers free and nutritious meals to patients upon returning home from hospital care

# \$40,000

awarded in scholarship funds to 16 hospital employees, supporting them in their pursuit of advanced education in the medical field

# \$50,000

helped provide colon cancer screenings for 125 low-income community members through the Salud Clinic's ButtSavers program, saving at least two lives

\*As of 04/05/2025



## A growing team for a growing community

As our Longmont community grows, so does the need to continue expanding our team and services at Longmont United Hospital.

Earlier this spring, we welcomed **board certified gastroenterologist, Evan Reinhart, DO**. Dr. Reinhart is passionate about building a trusting relationship with patients, where open communication and mutual understanding guide their journey toward better digestive health.



Joining us at the Hope Cancer Center is **Benjamin Willen, MD, a radiation oncologist** certified by the American Board of Radiology. Dr. Willen approaches his work as an educator, ensuring that his patients fully understand their treatment options so that they can make informed decisions throughout their care journey.



New to our Surgical Oncology team is **Nancy Taft, MD**, who began accepting new patients on May 1. As a breast surgical oncologist, Dr. Taft's care philosophy centers on providing compassionate, personalized, and evidence-based care for every patient she treats.



We are thrilled to have Dr. Reinhart, Dr. Willen and Dr. Taft in the Longmont United family!



## Flight for Life® reaches new heights

Flight for Life is entering an exciting period of growth, as it reaches new patients in new locations.

In the months to come, our fleet of aircraft and ambulances will be re-branded with the CommonSpirit logo and colors – **furthering the confidence that our neighbors are being served by a leading non-profit health system**, with the same skilled and compassionate crew members they know and trust. The updates ensure the highest level of safety for patients and caregivers, incorporating design elements that are easily recognizable in even the most challenging conditions.

We look forward to a new chapter for Flight for Life, with the deepest gratitude for the steadfast support of our philanthropic community.

## Save the date for DRIVE! September 22, 2025

Mark your calendar for the 2025 Longmont United Hospital Foundation golf tournament – DRIVE! for Outstanding Health Care in Our Community – taking place on September 22!

Last year, 120 golfers joined us on the green for a friendly competition to support much-needed updates to the patient tower at Longmont United Hospital.

The 2024 tournament raised \$26,000 to refresh our family rooms, including new flooring, furniture, paint and lighting. When the work is complete, patients' families will have bright, modern spaces to meet in and support loved ones.

**More information will be available soon with registration and sponsorship opportunities for this year's tournament.**



Visit [Give.CommonSpirit.org/LongmontUnitedHospitalFoundation](https://Give.CommonSpirit.org/LongmontUnitedHospitalFoundation) to learn more.



## Supporting the caregivers of tomorrow

Congratulations to the following hardworking caregivers, the most recent awardees of our Longmont United Hospital Continued Education Scholarship! Each of these individuals received \$5,000 in scholarship funds, supporting their pursuit of additional education in the medical field:

- **Tara Horne, RT**
- **Taylor Mallett, CNA**
- **Karen McCarty, Surgical Tech**
- **Kathleen Rembusch, RN**
- **Jenny Slabik, RN, Program Manager, Teleneurology**
- **Amy Vigil**

In addition to helping caregivers advance their education, the foundation also supports graduating seniors who choose to focus on health care with a college education. This spring, we provided \$55,000 in scholarship funds to 11 graduates!

The scholarship program began in 1990 when Bill and Anne Boettcher generously donated \$2,000 in seed funding. Since then, the foundation has awarded \$1.5 million (and counting!) to Longmont United Hospital team members and other aspiring health care professionals seeking to advance their education.

**“This support has been an incredible blessing. I will never be able to truly express how much receiving this scholarship has meant to me. Thank you for believing in me... I look forward to using the knowledge to continue to serve the LUH community.”**

Tara Horne, RT, Manager Multiple Service Lines

## Celebrating our A-Team

We are thrilled to share that Longmont United Hospital has received an ‘A’ rating in both the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades.

The Leapfrog Group evaluates hospitals across the country on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents and infections, then assigns an A through F grade accordingly.

Our ‘A’ is the result of thoughtful planning and the commitment of every one of our team members to the safety and outcomes of their patients throughout the care journey.

**Donor support elevates every aspect of our work at Longmont United Hospital**, including our dedication to patient safety and an exceptional experience at every visit. These are our collective accomplishments to celebrate!



## LUH employees give back to enhance hospital care

Longmont United Hospital employees are deeply invested in the health and well-being of their neighbors. So much so, that many of our team members are also foundation donors — **supporting our iCount Employee Giving Campaign to ensure a healthy future for their community.**

“I’ve been a supporter of the foundation since 2016,” says General Surgeon, David Donahue, DO. “The foundation has provided support for our physicians and staff by investing in the operating room, helping us with building projects and various other initiatives. We are very appreciative.”



**110** employees have collectively donated more than **\$50,000** to the foundation, in support of hospital initiatives and community programs like these, among others:

**Facility renovations and a \$43,000 ultrasound machine** for The BirthPlace at Longmont United Hospital. The BirthPlace is the only birthing center of its kind in the Longmont area, offering personalized, patient- and family-centered birth experiences.

**A \$60,000 AirSeal® machine** to be paired with our state-of-the-art da Vinci robot, improving our surgeons’ visibility and precision for even the most complex procedures.

**\$50,000 disbursed to the Longmont Salud Clinic’s ButtSavers program** — supporting low-cost colonoscopies for roughly 125 community members, some of whom received lifesaving treatments as a result!

Carrie Riantong, RN, MSN, CNOR, Director of Surgical Services, shares why she gives: **“I truly believe in the care that we provide at Longmont United Hospital!** Contributing to our foundation is another way I can work to improve our care environment, as well as to support our care providers.”

We are grateful to all our Longmont United employees for their service and generosity. And they are grateful to donors like you for supporting their work and strengthening our collective impact!



## A planned giving myth, debunked

There’s a popular misconception that planned gifts require a large, outright contribution (in other words, a lot of cash).

**The reality is that planned gifts come in many shapes and sizes** and are more accessible to you than you might think. Through your estate — including common assets like retirement accounts, property, insurance policies and more — you can make a gift that achieves your long-term charitable and financial goals, while supporting the health of your family, friends and neighbors for generations to come.

**We invite you to connect with us to explore these options, and more:**

- Bequest
- Beneficiary of Retirement Plan or Insurance Policy
- Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)
- Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)
- Property (Home, Farm or Real Estate)
- Named Endowment

Schedule a meeting today with Josh Atherton, Executive Director, to discuss how you can leave a legacy that makes a meaningful difference to the future of our Longmont community. **You can contact Josh at [Josh.Atherton@CommonSpirit.org](mailto:Josh.Atherton@CommonSpirit.org) or (303) 651-5021.**

**To learn more about our Employee Giving Program, visit [Give.CommonSpirit.org/LongmontUnitedHospitalFoundation/Giving/Employee-Giving](https://Give.CommonSpirit.org/LongmontUnitedHospitalFoundation/Giving/Employee-Giving).**



The Longmont United Hospital Foundation is dedicated to administering all fundraising methods that provide support and advance the missions of the hospital. This is part of an ongoing commitment to the continuous improvement of the hospital's working environment and service to the community. **The purpose of the foundation is to benefit the people, programs, and facilities of the hospital and the communities it serves.**



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