

A shared vision for a healthy future

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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 Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation. Along with our generous donors, we are meeting the most critical health care needs in Colorado Springs – 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,



Kate Deaver
Chief Philanthropy Officer
Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation

Welcoming Sarie Joubert

I'm thrilled to share that we welcomed Sarie Joubert to our foundation team last month!



As our new Manager of Philanthropy, Sarie's years of experience in Financial Planning and Major Gifts fundraising will be instrumental to our work, helping us fulfill our mission and serve our Colorado Springs community.

You will hear from Sarie in the coming weeks and months as she gets to know our community. Please join me in welcoming Sarie to the Penrose-St. Francis family!



To support this work, scan the QR code or give online at
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To learn more, please contact our foundation team at
SupportPenroseStFrancis@CommonSpirit.org.

Thank you!



Gifts to Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation are making an incredible impact!
Together, we can help our Colorado Springs community have a healthier future!



\$168,350

raised to-date to support the acquisition of the da Vinci 5 surgical robot, the latest in surgical technology, for Penrose Hospital



\$2,000,000

bequeathed from the late Gary and Jane Loo in 2024, to establish a named, unrestricted endowment and to support caregiver wellness and resilience



\$114,350

provided for two new jet ventilators at the St. Francis Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) to treat air leaks and other complications for our smallest patients



\$338,723

disbursed to purchase a state-of-the-art Stryker tower, providing better visualization and documentation of procedures by our exemplary women's oncology physicians at St. Francis Hospital



109

patients visited our SET Clinics for the first time in January 2025 – where our uninsured or underinsured neighbors can receive compassionate care at no cost to them



6

dinners hosted by our community to serve guests of our John Zay and Ingram Guest Houses!

*Data reflects outcomes from FY2025 to-date (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025), unless otherwise indicated.

Thank you to our foundation's board members!

Michael Suggs, Chair

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A meet and greet with hospital leaders

Executive teams from our Penrose and St. Francis hospitals enjoyed meeting with business leaders, top donors and key stakeholders of Colorado Springs at a **special welcome reception earlier this year**, hosted by Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation.

During the event, both local and regional hospital leaders shared their vision for the future, provided updates on organizational priorities and addressed important questions from guests.

Listening to our community and having transparent, available leadership is a critical part of the work we do to position Penrose-St. Francis as our market-leading health care system, **continuing and expanding on our incredible legacy in Colorado Springs.**

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the reception! We look forward to bringing our community together again soon.



Fall fun for a milestone anniversary

St. Francis Hospital – Interquest hosted its inaugural community Fall Festival last October to celebrate an incredible milestone: **one year of serving our neighbors in Colorado Springs!**

Families and team members spent a beautiful autumn day outdoors, enjoying warm drinks and treats, picking pumpkins, learning about the hospital's emergency department and orthopedic specialty services, and commemorating a year of exceptional care.

We are grateful to the many donors whose generosity, support and trust helped our hospital grow during its first year open. **The future of St. Francis Hospital – Interquest is bright, thanks to their continued partnership.**





Keeping it “cool” on the journey to health

In February, National Cancer Prevention Month, one of our amazing patients had a “cool” opportunity with the Air Force Academy Hockey team during their Falcons Fight Cancer game. Larry Friend, a former Air Force graduate and soccer coach, kicked-off the game on the rink with his family by his side.

It was an honor to celebrate Larry and his courageous battle with cancer, while raising support for our Cancer Center at Penrose Hospital.

Thank you to our awesome partners at Air Force Athletics. Go Falcons!

A sweet fundraiser for breast cancer care

Breast cancer survivor, Laurie Nelson, still recalls the moment she received her life-changing diagnosis. She remembers the fears, the questions and the uncertainty of what was to come.

But more than anything, **she remembers the connections she formed** with women who were facing their own cancer journeys – a blessing that still inspires her to help others however and as often as she can.

While searching for ways to channel her compassion into impact, Laurie – who owns a local restaurant, The Lounge in the Village – developed an idea: **she would host a fundraiser, and it would be sweet.**

“With the help of my good friend Sherri and my sister Denise, who both have been through breast cancer as well, we sold jello shots,” Laurie says. “The first year, we raised \$1,500 and last year we raised our donation to \$6,000! Who would have thought that making jello shots would raise this much money?”

Proceeds have supported the programs and resources at St. Francis Breast Center, providing comfort to our patients when they need it most.

“It’s our amazing customers that made this possible,” Laurie continues. **“It means a lot knowing that we are donating this money to help others!”**

Pictured from left to right: Sherry (friend of Laurie), Laurie Nelson, Brianna McDevitt, DO, Peggy Thomas, BSN, and Teresa Labovich, RN, MSN, OCN.





The gift of education – and excellence

Thanks to generous donor contributions, we are once again offering scholarships to employees at our Penrose and St. Francis hospitals this spring.

The application portal will be open from May 1 through June 30, and eligible employees may receive awards of up to \$20,000 to advance their education in the medical field. To date, 43 employees have received a collective \$364,591 in scholarship funding, enabling them to pursue their career goals and strengthen their commitment to serving our neighbors in Colorado Springs.

On behalf of all scholarship recipients, thank you to the many people who support this initiative each year. Their ongoing investments in our employees help to create a healthy future for our entire community.

To support scholarships for caregivers at Penrose Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and St. Francis Hospital – Interquest, use the reply card or make a gift online at Give.CommonSpirit.org/PenroseStFrancisHealthFoundation/Donate.

If you or someone you know might be interested in applying for a scholarship, visit Tinyurl.com/PSFscholarships or scan the QR code.



Celebrating our A-Teams

Penrose and St. Francis hospitals continue to lead the way in providing world-class, local care to our community members in the Springs.

In addition to earning 'A' ratings in both the Spring and Fall 2024 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, our hospitals are proud of the following achievements:

Did you know that Penrose Hospital is a Lymphedema Conservative Care Center of Excellence? This international standard, granted by the Lymphatic Education & Research Network, means that Penrose has the training and resources available to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary clinical service for families affected by Lymphatic Diseases (LD).



With more than 1,200 medical staff, **St. Francis Hospital is the only full-service hospital in Northern Colorado Springs** and features a modern Birth Center, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Care Unit, Emergency Department, Level III Trauma Center, Imaging Services, Surgical Services and Critical Care Unit.

Donor support elevates every aspect of our work at Penrose Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and St. Francis Hospital – Interquest, including our dedication to an exceptional patient experience at every visit. These are our collective accomplishments to celebrate!

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.



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 Kate Deaver, Chief Philanthropy Officer, to discuss how you can leave a legacy that makes a meaningful difference to the future of Colorado Springs. **You can contact Kate at Katherine.Deaver@CommonSpirit.org or (719) 776-7163.**



We make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.



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