

# Healing, connection and *humankindness*



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## Healing, connection and *humankindness*

The heart of what we do at St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation is simple: caring for our neighbors. We are committed to building a healthy Summit County, so that every individual, family and community has the chance to thrive.

This year, we are eager to lean even further into that work, particularly as we embrace the mission, vision and values of our managing health system, CommonSpirit Health. CommonSpirit has always been our partner in care, and our Foundation's purpose remains the same – we are the same people, the same hearts, dedicated to health care for all.

You might hear us talking more about collaboration, excellence, inclusion and **humankindness**. These are just some of the values that motivate us to identify our community's unique needs. When we lead with these values, we can **connect** with local partners and support **healing** initiatives like the TBI educational conference for caregivers, a new mammography machine and the hospital's community open house.

**This work is only possible because of generosity from community members like you.** Your contributions ensure that St. Anthony Summit Hospital can deliver more inclusive, accessible and affordable care – more *humankindness*. Together, we can help everyone in our Summit County community flourish!

With gratitude,



Candy Elkind, MA  
Philanthropy Officer  
St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation



100% of all gifts to St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation stay local, fulfilling the needs of the patients and communities we serve.

Make a gift at [Tinyurl.com/SUMdonate](https://Tinyurl.com/SUMdonate) or scan the QR code.

To learn more about the Foundation or discuss giving options, please contact me at [CandyElkind@Centura.org](mailto:CandyElkind@Centura.org) or (970) 668-2841. Thank you!

Gifts to St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation have already made a remarkable impact since our fiscal year\* began. Together, we can help our Summit County community flourish!

\$18,824

raised through Colorado Gives Day, our Year-End Appeal and Doctors' Day

\$5,000

of in-kind gifts for programmatic support, employee wellness and patient supplies

\$15,000

secured in grant commitments

\$450,000

committed in planned gifts

\$699,485

disbursed to programs such as Capital Enhancements, Bristlecone Health Services, High Altitude Research Center, Caregiver Appreciation, Scholarships and more

\$1M

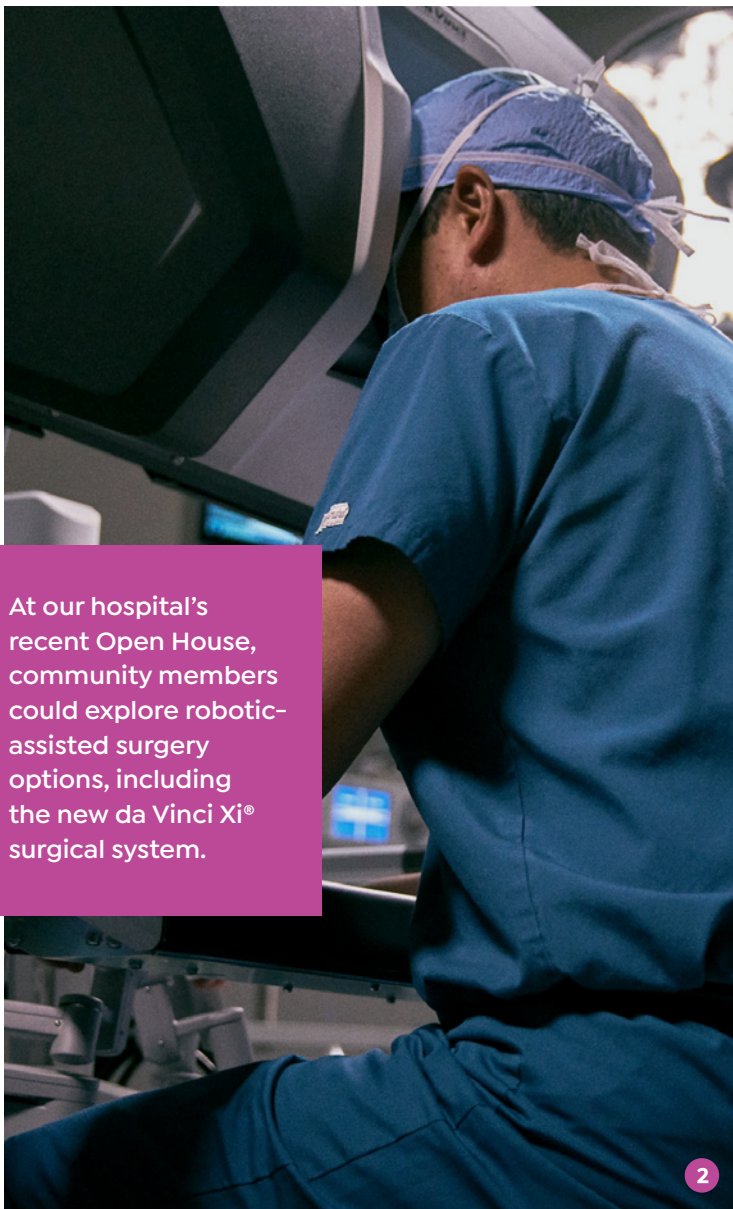
awarded to Foundation for hospital capital investments

\*Data reflects funds raised or distributed between 07/01/2023 and 01/31/2024

## Thank you to our board members!

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### 1 Welcome Trixie VanderSchaaff, BSN, MSN, Interim Chief Executive Officer

We welcomed our Chief Nursing Officer, Trixie VanderSchaaff, BSN, MSN, into a new role this March: Interim Chief Executive Officer. Trixie will serve in place of Lee Boyles, who has moved on to Intermountain Health Montana as president of the Montana and Wyoming Markets and CEO of St. Vincent Region Hospital in Billings. We extend our gratitude to Lee for his service to St. Anthony Summit Hospital.

Trixie has served as Chief Nursing Officer at St. Anthony Summit since 2016, the same year she was recognized as the 2016 Nurse of the Year for Excellence. She began her nursing career as a staff nurse for Bristlecone Home and Health and has continually developed her clinical and leadership skills within the CommonSpirit Health system.

As a longtime resident of Summit County, Trixie understands the integral role the hospital plays in the health and wellness of our community. She is knowledgeable, collaborative and passionate, making her a fantastic part of our leadership team. Congratulations, Trixie!

### 2 Community explores robotic surgery options at open house

Our Foundation was honored to support and host a special open house last November at St. Anthony Summit Hospital. This community event invited families, schools and community members to explore the robotic-assisted surgery options available to patients, including the new da Vinci Xi® surgical system.

With interactive simulations and educational demonstrations from surgeons like Scott Otto, MD, guests could talk with physicians, test the technology themselves and learn what to expect if they or a family member undergoes surgery.



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We hope that you feel confident about the excellent care that St. Anthony Summit surgeons provide! For more information on minimally invasive surgical options at St. Anthony Summit, contact us at (970) 668-3300 or visit [Mountain.CommonSpirit.org/Location/St-Anthony-Summit-Hospital](https://Mountain.CommonSpirit.org/Location/St-Anthony-Summit-Hospital).

### 3 New mammography equipment enhances patient experience

Thanks to the generous support of our community, our Foundation has fully funded a new mammography unit for the Breast Imaging Program at St. Anthony Summit Hospital.

The Hologic 3Dimensions Mammography unit will enhance the already high-quality care experience for patients. With the introduction of synthetic 2D imaging, the amount of time a patient will need to hold their breath is significantly reduced – a particularly vital feature in our high-altitude environment. The unit is also equipped with curve compression paddles, creating a more comfortable experience.

Sage Schabo, Director of Clinical Shared Services, shares that the new unit also features “notably improved ergonomics for our technologists, a high-resolution monitor that enhances their ability to identify abnormalities during evaluations, and the introduction of synthetic 2D mammography capabilities – which reduces radiation exposure by nearly half – and decreases scan times.” These advantages for caregivers ultimately benefit patients, as it has the potential to ensure quicker access to services needed.

The Foundation disbursed a total of \$417,000 to grant this request. We are thrilled that we could serve our patients and community with this new equipment!

## 5 Healing brain injury with knowledge

We helped welcome nearly 100 physicians and caregivers to Summit County for the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Conference last November. With support from Foundation funds, the TBI Conference gathered professionals from near and far to continue learning how to best treat patients experiencing brain injuries and concussions.

As one of the top adventure tourism destinations in the country, we are honored to help keep our caregivers trained to provide care in these difficult situations. One attendee noted: "What was most helpful was learning the overall picture of how head injuries are being treated from the different stages of treatment."

The speaker list featured several of our St. Anthony Summit Hospital physicians, including Jay Johannigman, MD, FACS, FCCM, who shared: "I had a blast and am privileged to be part of the Summit team. What a wonderful conference."

Thank you to all of our supporters who help us invest in our care teams with knowledge and training. We thank you, and so do our community members and guests!

## 6 Clinical excellence begins with education!

Thanks to contributions from our generous donors, we are very pleased to announce that we have once again opened our Scholarship Program to St. Anthony Summit Hospital employees this spring.

Applications will be accepted between May 1 and June 30, and eligible employees may receive awards of up to \$20,000 in scholarship funds for advanced education in a medical field. Last year, we were able to disburse nearly \$50,000 total to six employees. These scholarships provide our employees with the opportunity to pursue their goals and advance their careers.

When we invest in our health care workforce, we ensure that our community continues to receive high-quality, compassionate care – both now and in the future.



If you or someone you know might be interested in applying for a scholarship, visit [Tinyurl.com/SUMscholarshipAPP](https://Tinyurl.com/SUMscholarshipAPP) for more information – or scan the QR code to the left.

## A legacy that endures

Now that tax season is ending, have you considered how you want to plan your charitable giving for the rest of 2024? There are many ways you can ensure that your support continues to enhance the lives of St. Anthony Summit patients, families and providers 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 Candy Elkind, Philanthropy Officer, to discuss how you can leave a legacy that makes a meaningful difference to the future of Summit County. You can contact Candy at [CandyElkind@Centura.org](mailto:CandyElkind@Centura.org) or (970) 668-2841.



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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