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ST. ANTHONY SUMMIT HEALTH FOUNDATION
FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Health Foundation



Generosity at work: State-of-the-art equipment for our expert physicians

Thanks to your generous contributions, our caregivers can perform cardiac CT angiography – an innovative service now offered at St. Anthony Summit Hospital!

The foundation provided \$50,000 for this advanced technology, which allows physicians to identify coronary artery disease (CAD) earlier and provide therapies or interventions sooner, preventing heart failure.

Katarina Nelson, MD, FACC, Cardiologist, used the new CT imaging tool for patient Aaron Thomas, on the very first day that it was available. The results showed severe CAD – an unexpected diagnosis for a 41-year-old like Aaron – and Dr. Nelson was able to intervene with a cardiac catheterization and a stent placement.

Without the diagnosis and this intervention, Aaron could have had a life-threatening heart attack at any moment. Today, he is being closely monitored for progress of his disease and is grateful to the foundation for their support of this lifesaving technology!

“The imaging modality has such strong evidence of preventing mortality and morbidity in patients (by 40-70%) that it is now incorporated in most recent guidelines and is replacing stress testing that can be highly inaccurate.”



KATARINA NELSON, MD, FACC,
CARDIOLOGIST

Celebrating new leaders

On Thursday, August 8, we gathered with donors and stakeholders to reflect on exciting changes taking place at St. Anthony Summit Hospital. Together, we celebrated the appointment of **Trixie VanderSchaaff, BSN, MSN**, as our new President and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO).



Foundation board member, Bob Kopp, and his wife, Debbie, hosted the reception and shared a few words about why he supports hospital leaders and caregivers:

"I know how important a quality health care system is to people who live in mountain towns... It is really comforting to know that we have quality doctors, nurses and staff right here, ready to take care of us no matter what happens. I hope you will all join me in support of the hospital and the foundation. Let's keep the good work going."



You can watch highlights of the special event at [TinyURL.com/August8Highlights](https://tinyurl.com/August8Highlights) or by scanning the QR code on the left.

We were also pleased to welcome **Paul R. Ross, MBA**, as Vice President, Philanthropy for the Mountain Region in August. Paul will support our important work at St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation in collaboration with our region's executive leadership team.



Join me in celebrating and welcoming these new leaders! To learn more about these leadership changes, please contact Candy Elkind at Candy.Emerson@CommonSpirit.org.

Flight For Life® Colorado

Remembering July 3, 2015

Every July, we take time to remember and honor the life of Flight For Life pilot, Patrick Mahany, who died when his helicopter crashed in Frisco on July 3, 2015. We are deeply grateful to Patrick and his surviving crew members, Dave Repsher and Matt Bowe, for their incredible service to our community.

As we look ahead to the 10-year anniversary of the crash next summer 2025, we plan to host a special memorial event that remembers Patrick's life and honors the service that our Flight For Life crew members provide to our Mountain Region.

Stay tuned for more details – to learn more or get involved, contact Rebecca Blackwell, MD, at Rebecca.Blackwell@CommonSpirit.org.

"It has been almost a decade since the tragic Flight For Life helicopter crash, and we pause to remember the bravery and sacrifice of those who served our community with unwavering dedication. In honoring this memory, we recognize the profound impact Flight For Life has on our mountain community, providing critical care and hope when it is needed most. Their commitment continues to be a beacon of strength and support for all of us."

TRIXIE VANDERSCHAAFF, PRESIDENT, CNO

Supporting our Frisco crew members

Since the beginning of the year, the Frisco-based crew has completed 271 rescues with the Lifeguard 2 helicopter and 64 rescues by ambulance on ground. This crew needs a lightweight, portable AED that they can use for backcountry transports – which require hiking by foot, inaccessible by helicopter or ambulance.

Would you consider making a gift to help cover the cost of this device? Flight For Life depends 100% on private donations to sustain its service to Coloradans, always regardless of ability to pay. Please use the enclosed remittance envelope or the QR code on the back of this newsletter. Thank you!



Investing in our caregivers – and our future

Thanks to generous support from our colleagues and our community, we have awarded \$90,000 in scholarship funds to 24 recipients this year! These funds are allocated for St. Anthony Summit Hospital employees, employee dependents and high school graduates who wish to pursue or advance their careers in the medical field with education.

We are so proud of our employee dependent scholars:

Jacob Boyle, Cecilia Lowe and Harper Reid. These three individuals will use their scholarship funds, awarded in April, to follow in the footsteps of their parents working at St. Anthony Summit Hospital.

Congratulations to the following Clear Creek High School and Summit High School graduates, who submitted applications this spring and were awarded scholarships in June:

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| • Ella Alspaugh | • Ashley Leidal |
| • Sophia Bertonneau | • Kevin Lopez Perez |
| • Skyler Brook Bower | • Iryna Petrovitska |
| • Michele Choma | • Juan Rodriguez |
| • Megan Collins | • Gabriela Saldivar Graciano |
| • Coco Garman | • Ximena Vele |
| • Aissa Gassama | |
| • Corbin Hall | |



Summit High School students, Juan Rodriguez (left photo) and Michele Choma (right photo) celebrate their scholarships with family members.



Pictured from left to right: Trixie VanderSchaaff (CEO, CNO), Patty Price, Katie Krause, Christa Gutzel, Jennifer Williamson, Nathan Love and Dharam Friedberg

In September, we celebrated seven team members who each received funds to support their continued training and education.

Congratulations to these hardworking employees:

- Dharam Friedberg, Nurse Manager
- Christa Gutzel, Critical Care Tech
- Kathleen Krause, Critical Care Tech
- Nathan Love, Director Surgical Services, Community Health, Pastoral Care
- Jessica Nordstrom, RN
- Patricia Price, Market Director, Human Resources
- Jennifer Williamson, Community Engagement Health Equity

When we invest in our current and future caregivers, we ensure that our community continues receiving high-quality, compassionate care – now and for many years to come. **Thank you to our generous donors, whose gifts make these programs possible!**

Dear Common Spirit,
I want to sincerely thank you for your generosity with the 1500 dollar scholarship. This money will help pay for my college education. Going to college is important to me because it will set me up for my future, and allow me to get the job and career that I have chosen for myself.

Clear Creek High School student, Ella Alspaugh, sent a note to thank the foundation for her scholarship.

As a part of CommonSpirit Health, 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.



Mark your calendar for Tree of Memories

Each holiday season, our community comes together for Bristlecone Tree of Memories to remember lost loved ones and celebrate their lives. You are invited to join us this year on Wednesday, December 4 at the St. Anthony Summit Hospital chapel. From 5:30 – 7:00pm, we will enjoy each other's company, light candles, share stories and more.

Bristlecone Tree of Memories

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

5:30-7:00 PM

St. Anthony Summit Hospital Chapel

Reception to follow



Register online using the QR code or by visiting:

Give.CommonSpirit.org/StAnthonySummitHealthFoundation/BristleconeTreeofMemories

Gifts made through the event will support CommonSpirit Home Health Bristlecone, a ministry of St. Anthony Summit Hospital, in its mission to provide compassionate, at-home health and hospice care to patients and their families in the greater Summit County community.

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 Give.CommonSpirit.org/StAnthonySummitHealthFoundation/Donate or scan the QR code. Thank you!



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