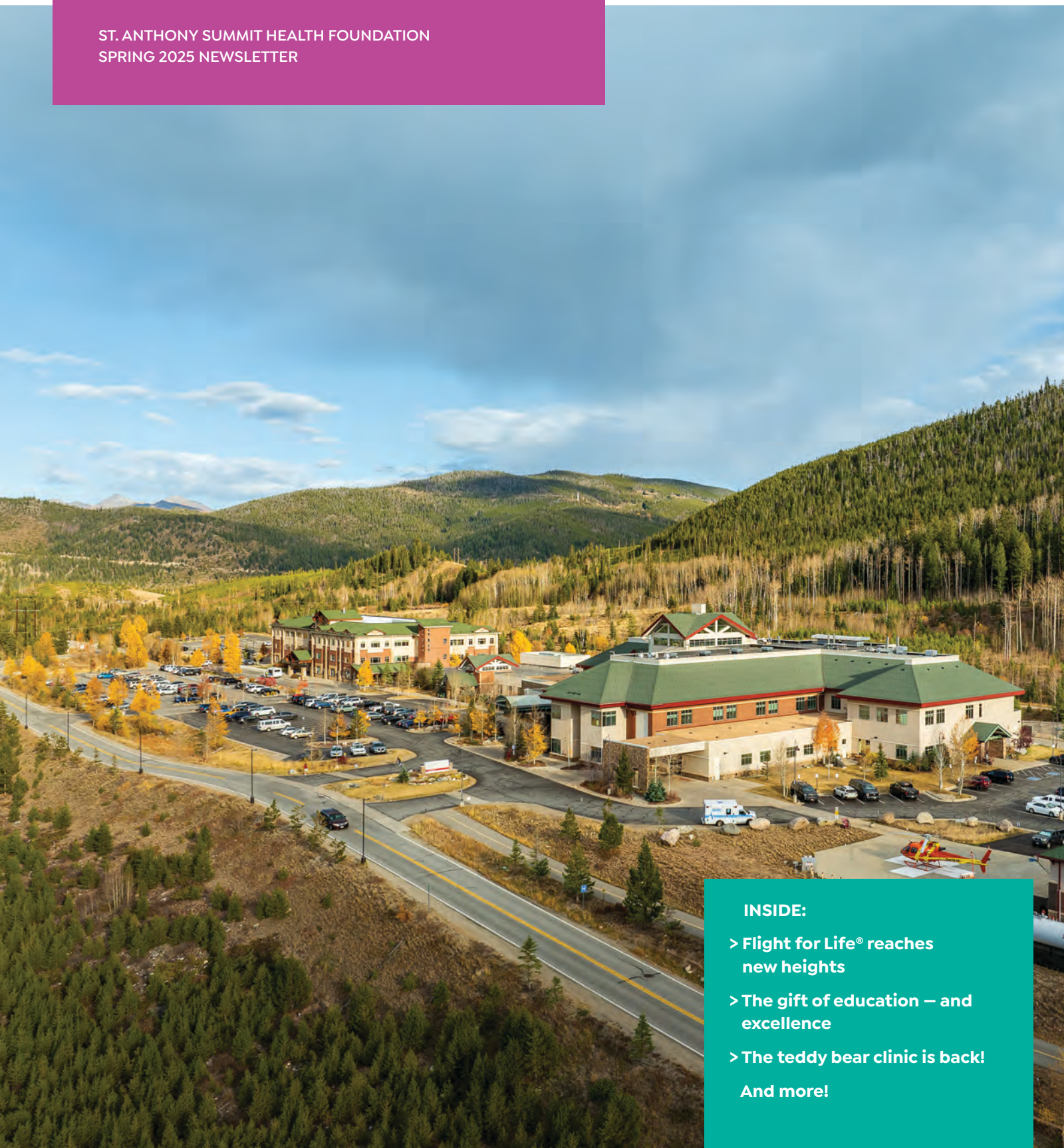


A shared vision for a healthy future

ST. ANTHONY SUMMIT HEALTH 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're imagining, **you can be sure we're working toward it at St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation.** Along with our generous donors, we are meeting Summit County's most critical health care needs – 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 show your support.** Together, we can create the future we imagine – one that is filled with hope, healing, generosity and *humankindness*.

With appreciation for your partnership,



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



Thanks to partners like you, St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation is making a meaningful difference in the lives of our patients and families!

\$1,292,401

total fundraising revenue in 2024

6,512

home health visits completed, and 244 patients served in 2024 through Bristlecone Home Health Services – thanks to funds supporting the fleet vehicle program

110

active donors in our generous community of support

\$300,000

disbursed to support capital hospital needs, including new imaging equipment, a nuclear medicine treadmill for cardiology and equipment upgrades for our emergency unit centers partnering with ski clinics

*Data reflects outcomes from 2024 (ending 12/31/2024).



Flight for Life® reaches new heights

We are thrilled to share that last December, **Colorado Grand stepped forward with a generous \$15,000 gift** to support the purchase of a lightweight, portable AED for our Frisco crew. This critical addition will support team members on backcountry rescues, which requires travel on foot.

As Flight for Life enters an exciting period of growth this year, our fleet 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 – including Colorado Grand!



The gift of education – and excellence

Thanks to generous donor contributions, we are once again offering scholarships to St. Anthony Summit Hospital employees this spring.

Applications will be accepted 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, 36 employees have received a collective \$300,000 in scholarship funding, enabling them to pursue their career goals and strengthen their commitment to serving our neighbors in Summit County.

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



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 Summit County community.

Thank you to our foundation's board members!

Noel Hansen, Chair
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Trixie VanderSchaaff, President and Chief Nursing Officer, St. Anthony Summit Hospital
Candy Elkind, MA, Chief Philanthropy Officer, St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation



Supporting families at the end of life's journey

With our new regional hospice director onboarded, CommonSpirit Bristlecone Home Health has seen significant growth in recent months. We are thrilled to begin the hiring process for additional caregivers and staff, as well as to continue planning to resume hospice services at Bristlecone this year.

Our donors play a significant part in the compassionate end-of-life care we provide to our neighbors in Summit County, helping to cover the cost of grief counseling for families, education for our care team, transportation assistance and more.

Many of our supporters have been touched by hospice in their own lives, inspiring them to help others who are facing a similar journey. In fact, **we recently received an incredible \$50,000 estate gift from Ginger Sudin**. Ginger lost her father-in-law in April 2024, following the passing of her sister-in-law and husband in previous years. Hal was the last living member of her late husband's family (pictured above).

Ginger shared news of her gift shortly before our Tree of Memories event in December, making it especially meaningful for the community. We were honored to gather at the St. Anthony Summit Hospital chapel with roughly 30 guests and the Summit Choral Society to remember lost loved ones, share stories and celebrate lives well lived.



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!

Schedule a meeting today with Candy Elkind, Chief Philanthropy Officer, to discuss how you can make a meaningful difference to the future of Summit County.

Contact Candy at
Candy.Emerson@CommonSpirit.org or
(970) 668-2841.





Keeping our community moving

With a continued commitment to providing specialized orthopedic care to Summit County and beyond, **CommonSpirit Summit Orthopedics** has a new name, but the same high-quality providers and clinic location in the heart of Frisco.

To commemorate this milestone, the clinic welcomed community members to an open house in January, where they could explore our state-of-the-art facility and meet the team.



“As a longtime resident of Summit County, I know how important it is to help our community stay healthy and active. The expert orthopedic care from our providers at CommonSpirit Summit Orthopedics keeps our community moving, no matter the season. **We’re proud to continue to offer comprehensive orthopedic care from specialists who live, work and play right here in the county.**”

**TRIXIE VANDERSCHAAFF, PRESIDENT & CHIEF NURSING OFFICER
ST. ANTHONY SUMMIT HOSPITAL**

Celebrating our A-Team

We are thrilled to share that St. Anthony Summit Hospital has received an **‘A’ rating in the Fall 2024 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades**.

The Leapfrog Group evaluates hospitals across the country on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents and infections. 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.

In addition to the Leapfrog distinction, **St. Anthony Summit Hospital recently earned the following awards and accolades:**

- ANCC Pathway to Excellence Designee
- The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Orthopedic Trauma
- Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission
- The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award for Patient Experience in Emergency Department
- Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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



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.

The Teddy Bear Clinic is back

There's nothing like a soft teddy bear to help ease the anxiety of a trip to the hospital. That's why we're hosting our beloved Teddy Bear Clinic again this year, taking place on **Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

We invite families to bring their elementary-age children to St. Anthony Summit Hospital for a special tour to receive a teddy bear, meet our caregivers and learn what to expect during a visit – with their new stuffed friend to help them feel brave.

Mark your calendar for the return of this cherished community event; more details will be shared as soon as they are available.



To support one of the programs featured in this newsletter, visit: Give.CommonSpirit.org/StAnthonySummitHealthFoundation/Donate or scan the QR code.



100% of your gift will stay local to St. Anthony Summit Hospital and supports the program of your choice.



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