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CommonSpirit 

St. Mary-Corwin
Health Foundation

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The heart of what we do at St. Mary-Corwin Health Foundation is simple: caring for our neighbors. We are committed to building a healthy Pueblo, 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 a new state-of-the-art robotic operating system and scholarships that increase quality of care.

This work is only possible because of generosity from community members like you.

Your contributions ensure that St. Mary-Corwin Hospital can deliver more inclusive, accessible and affordable care – more *humankindness*. Together, we can help everyone in our Southern Colorado community flourish!

With gratitude,



Linda Russell
Philanthropy Officer
St. Mary-Corwin Health Foundation



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

Make a gift at Tinyurl.com/StMaryCorwinDonate or scan the QR code.

To learn more, please contact me at LindaRussell@Centura.org or (719) 557-5247. Thank you!

Gifts to St. Mary-Corwin Health Foundation are making a remarkable impact. Together, we can help our Southern Colorado communities flourish!

\$18,634

raised through Colorado Gives Day and Year-End Appeal efforts

\$24,000+

in-kind gifts, raising support for Flight For Life® Colorado and our Dorcy Cancer Center

\$44,524

distributed to the Dorcy Cancer Center Patient Needs Fund, helping patients cover the cost of prescriptions, travel and lodging

\$50,798

paid to Flight For Life Colorado, ensuring crew members can continue to safely transport patients – no matter their ability to pay

\$365,977

disbursed to our hospital's Greatest Needs Fund, supporting the most critical projects so that patients never have to wait for the most advanced care

\$750,000

bestowed from the Mary Jane Voelker Family Trust, bringing the total of Mary Jane's legacy gifts to \$8.2 million!

*Data reflects funds raised or distributed between 07/01/2022 and 01/31/2024

Thank you to our board members!

Scott Robb, Chair

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CHRISTINA KOSHAK, MD



1 First robotic spine surgery made possible by philanthropy

We recently had the privilege of supporting an exciting milestone at CommonSpirit St. Mary-Corwin Hospital: completing our first robotic spine surgery!

Funded partially by the St. Mary-Corwin Health Foundation, the state-of-the-art robotic guidance system allows surgeons to visualize the patient's anatomy, plan the procedure in 3D and perform with precision using robotic guidance.

“With this system, we can give patients at SMC more confidence that their individualized procedure, whether minimally invasive or open, will meet their treatment needs,” says Christina Koshak, MD. “Bringing this technology to SMC allows us to treat patients close to home, right here in Pueblo.”



Our local channel 13 ABC news celebrated the surgery system and the options it brings to our community. Visit [fb.watch/qBLcb8wMi5/](https://www.abc13.com/watch/qBLcb8wMi5/) – or scan the QR code – to watch.

Samuel (Sammie) Baugh, RN, one of our 2022 Scholarship Program awardees, helped submit the request for support to St. Mary-Corwin Health Foundation. “I would like to thank the foundation and all those who have supported our cause... actions like yours make my heart swell with faith in humanity,” says Sammie.

Thank you to our generous donor community for their support of our hospital's growing spine service line! Your gifts meet an important need and help us provide the best patient care.

2 Cost of Poverty Experience inspires leaders

In partnership with the El Pomar Foundation, we are grateful for leadership from Mike Cafasso, Chief Executive Officer at St. Mary-Corwin Hospital, who sponsored the Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) on February 2.

With more than 100 community leaders in attendance, the nearly three-hour simulation explored the realities of poverty firsthand through the eyes of real families. The experiential training helps organizations and communities more deeply understand the human and systemic impacts of poverty.

Mike Cafasso expressed gratitude to Bishop Stephen Berg of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pueblo, Mayor Heather Graham, members of the Pueblo Fire and Police Departments, education leaders, members from the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce and more, for their participation and commitment to uniting around our mission: to improve the health of those we serve, especially the most vulnerable.

In America, 37 million people, including 1 in 6 children, live at or below the poverty line.

“It was powerful and eye-opening. Many left the sessions with renewed empathy and a clearer understanding of those who are in such circumstances. I look forward to keeping this conversation going – there is still a lot of work to do.”

MIKE CAFASSO, CEO, ST. MARY-CORWIN HOSPITAL



3 Healing trauma with knowledge

The 23rd Annual Wilz Trauma Symposium, sponsored by the St. Mary-Corwin Health Foundation, was a great success!

Hosted on the Pueblo Community College campus on Saturday, March 2, this day-long education event provides attendees with Continuing Medical Education credits and is designed for physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, EMS providers and medical students.

More than 200 attendees from across the state participated in the symposium, which featured a keynote session with David Donahue, MD (CommonSpirit Enterprise Trauma Medical Director). We were also honored to present Michele Sweeney, MD, with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her years of service to Pueblo Community College's EMS Education program and as a founder of the Southern Colorado Emergency Medical Association (SCEMA).

The Wilz Trauma Symposium is named in memory of Dr. Bill Wilz, who served as St. Mary-Corwin Hospital's trauma medical director until 1999 and is remembered fondly as a teacher, colleague and friend. Lynette (Wilz) Belkin and family shared this special note of gratitude:

"I just wanted to say a very big thank you to all the folks involved with another outstanding Wilz Trauma Symposium on March 2. All the speakers were wonderful, and the training sessions were top notch as well. I was very happy to share the day's events with the Wilz family and with my two sons – Christopher and Andrew... many thanks again!"

4 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. Mary-Corwin Hospital employees this spring.

Applications will be accepted between May 1 and June 15, 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 \$24,000 total to four employees.

Samuel (Sammie) Baugh, RN, BSN, has advanced his career since receiving an SMC scholarship. He says, "I received the Mike Vislosky Scholarship in 2022, and I now manage the operating room with my bachelor's degree... this opportunity has enabled me not only to improve myself, but also my home hospital. I am truly grateful to those who give to our cause!"

When we invest in caregivers like Sammie, 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/SMCscholarshipAPP for more information – or scan the QR code to the left.

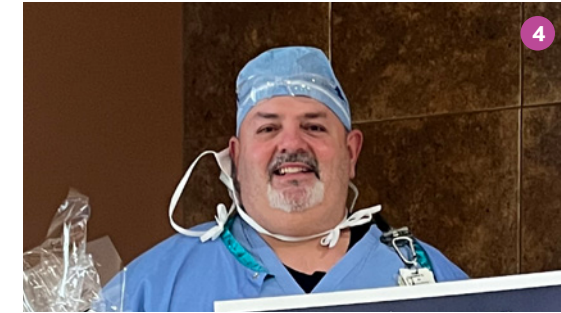
A legacy that endures

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. Mary-Corwin 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 Linda Russell, Philanthropy Officer, to discuss how you can leave a legacy that makes a meaningful difference to the future of Southern Colorado. Contact Linda at LindaRussell@Centura.org or (719) 557-5247.



Mark your calendars!

Flight For Life® Golf Tournament Monday, May 20, 2024



Players are getting ready for our annual golf tournament that benefits Flight For Life Colorado!

We hope you will join us for this special event, which is jointly hosted by St. Mary-Corwin and St. Thomas More Health Foundations.

Pueblo Country Club Golf Course
3200 8th Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81008

Cowboys Kickin' Cancer Monday, August 26, 2024

Mark your calendars for our annual signature event that benefits our Dorcy Cancer Center: Cowboys Kickin' Cancer!

Guests will enjoy a seated dinner together, a powerful program, music, exciting auctions and a rodeo competition.

Colorado State Fairgrounds
Ultra Arena Grandstand Stage
1001 Beulah Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004



Diane Moore, cancer survivor and grateful patient, shared her story of survivorship at the 2023 Cowboys Kickin' Cancer program. SMC supporters Mr. Ray Erjavec and Dr. Patty Erjavec surprised Diane by sharing a special gift: their silent auction prize, a Sunrise Flight with Flight For Life Lifeguard 4. Diane paid forward the gift to her grandson for his 18th birthday on February 25. Thank you, Mr. and Dr. Erjavec, for your generosity, and Diane, for paying it forward!



Learn more about these events and more by visiting

Mountain.CommonSpirit.org/St-Mary-Corwin-Hospital-Foundation/Events
or by scanning the QR code

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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