

Hope lives here.



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What does hope look like to you?

At St. Thomas More Hospital, we see hope every day. A cancer patient showing up once a week for chemotherapy with a loved one by their side. A chaplain sitting alongside families struggling with a difficult diagnosis. A surgeon quietly checking in with a patient after hours. A care team meeting early to coordinate plans for a complex procedure.

Because of our donors, hope goes even further. Through scholarships funded by donations, hospital employees can pursue dreams of advancing their medical training. Donations allow the foundation to purchase state-of-the-art surgery equipment that will allow countless patients to get back to the life and activities they love — pain free.

Hope is action. Throughout our Fall Newsletter, you'll see that hope lives here in Pueblo County. As a foundation and hospital, and with the support of our donors, we're building a healthier, hopeful community for all our neighbors.

With hope for you and yours,



Linda Russell
Chief Philanthropy Officer
St. Thomas More Health Foundation

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY AND CARE

We're proud to share that CommonSpirit Health National has received the prestigious John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award. Presented by The Joint Commission and the National Quality Forum, this is one of the highest national honors in health care.

Through expanding access to treatment, implementing new technologies and continued training for team members, more

than 400,000 additional patients have been served across the country, including many patients right here in our community. And it's only through donor support that we are able to stay at the forefront of health care innovations.

Our generous community helps ensure patients receive the highest quality care — when and where they need it most.

St. Thomas More at Safety Jam!



Our team gave out free bike helmets to children while they enjoyed games, explored emergency vehicles and learned important safety tips along the way.



Announcing our 2026 scholarship recipients

Thanks to generous support from our colleagues and our community, **our St. Thomas More Health Foundation Scholarship Program awarded \$2,000 in scholarship funds this year.** This program is open to St. Thomas More hospital employees who want to advance their careers in healthcare through further education. We are thrilled to award scholarships to our passionate team members again this year and grateful to our donor community for making this possible.

Congratulations to scholarship recipient, Johnathan Manzanares.

When we invest in our care teams, we ensure that our community continues receiving high-quality, compassionate care — now and in the future.



Brandy Hassig, 2025 scholarship recipient, and Mike Cafasso, CEO at St. Thomas More Hospital, at the 2025 scholarship award ceremony.

Generosity flying to new heights

Each year, the Flight for Life® Colorado Golf Tournament brings our community together to celebrate and support the dedicated crew members who stand ready to save lives, on the ground and in the sky. **We were thrilled to have more than 128 golfers join us** on Wednesday, May 21 for a day of sunshine and fun competition all for an amazing cause.

Proceeds from this year's event raised \$45,922 and will directly benefit the Flight for Life Lifeguard 4 helicopter and the ambulance housed at St. Mary-Corwin Hospital. Both serve our St. Mary-Corwin and St. Thomas More communities across Southern Colorado, including Pueblo and Fremont County.



Flight for Life® Colorado is 100% funded by private donations. Since 1976, our community's generosity has empowered life-saving care!

Coming soon!



**WILZ TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**

Our annual one-day symposium offering education and hands-on skills training will be held at Pueblo Community College.



**Introducing FreeWill —
a planned giving resource**

Did you know 71% of Americans don't have a will or trust? Without one, families can face long, costly probate. That's why we've partnered with FreeWill to offer a secure, no-cost online tool to create or update your will in about 20 minutes.

A will ensures your wishes are honored and your loved ones are cared for. We're honored to share this resource as part of our commitment to serving you — body, mind and spirit.

We invite you to learn more about FreeWill and planned giving by visiting:
StThomasMore.MyGiftLegacy.org

Make a gift at Give.CommonSpirit.org/StThomasMoreHealthFoundation/Donate or scan the QR code. Thank you!



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

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