

2020 Impact Report





The importance of community.

2020 was a year we will never forget, for so many reasons. Almost everything changed overnight due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools shifted to online learning, local businesses temporarily closed their doors and we stayed at home, anxiously awaiting a return to what we know, or knew, as normal.

There was one constant through it all - community. The Steamboat Springs community's show of support for the health care providers and staff at UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center was humbling. Letters and notes of encouragement were received, signs of gratitude popped up outside the doors, contributions were made to the Health Care Worker Emergency Relief Fund, and in-kind donations eased the stress of uncertainty and change. Our health care teams cared for patients, while our community cared for them.

The UCHealth family continued to care for its community of health care workers, too, guaranteeing staff would receive their full pay in April and May, even as services were being curtailed and while the future was uncertain. Later in the year, UCHealth provided all health care workers with complimentary meals during their shifts.

And now, our health care teams are working diligently to administer vaccines.

What happens inside the four walls of YVMC and what we're able to do outside those walls has tremendous impact on our community. On the patients our teams care for every day. On locals, part-time residents and visitors. On the nonprofits with whom we partner. On school districts and large and small businesses alike.

Community matters.

Thank you for being part of this community.

Karen Schneider
Executive Director, YVMC Foundation



Your gifts at work

Emergency department renovation \$500,000

The Emergency Department renovation began in February 2020. While fundraising continues, \$500k was regranted to the first phase of this project.

Once complete, the department will contain two private major medical/trauma rooms, ten private treatment rooms, two private behavioral health rooms, a decontamination room, dedicated physical therapy space, physician and staff work stations and break areas, separate walk-in and ambulance vestibules, and direct access to the main hospital for patients and guests.

Employee education and tuition reimbursement \$1,800

These funds support employees who are continuing their education in order to further develop their skills. This year's recipients included nurses receiving additional education in specialized areas of care such as cardiology and oncology and a staff member furthering her education in Health Information Management.

Angel fund \$3,500

This grant funded program, while limited and restricted, has had a large impact. It has helped several patients receive transportation to a facility with a higher level of mental health care.

SimLab \$3,000

The Simulation Lab is a manikin-based training space that allows health care professions to prepare for the worst possible scenarios at no risk to patients. This has become an invaluable teaching tool since Steamboat doesn't have a high volume of certain emergent and critical situations that may occur more frequently in a larger city. Funds were used for manikin maintenance and the addition of CPR simulators.

A wagon for pediatric patients \$178

A group of participants in The Art of Leadership, a leadership development program, suggested the purchase of a Radio Flyer wagon for pediatric patient transport to improve patient experience. The goal was to provide a distraction for the child during transfer to the day surgery area.



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Other gifts at work \$4,800

The Foundation has also been able to contribute in other ways. Whether it was helping a patient newly diagnosed with diabetes get nutrition counseling, paying for women's mammograms, or buying communication boards for medical staff, we can help in big ways or small.

COVID response

The desire to help others is strong in the Yampa Valley. Even as we all experienced one of the more trying years in memory, helping friends and neighbors was foremost in many people's hearts.

From writing letters of support to funding school lunches, procuring critical equipment, and helping care for our front-line staff our community stepped up for us while we fought against the virus.

Equipment \$36,000

An additional ventilator was donated, increasing the number of the potentially life-saving devices at YVMC.

Lunches for school children \$30,278

After quarantines caused the Steamboat Springs School District to suspend its brown bag lunch program for the day, UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center's food and nutrition team jumped into action, literally and figuratively.

The hospital's food and nutrition team prepared about 440 meals each day for two weeks, allowing children to continue receiving healthy meals while the school district employees were able to properly quarantine. The Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation and the Steamboat Springs School District provided financial support for the food with YVMC donating the labor.

Support for front line workers \$38,000

- Lunches, coffee and snacks, and other self-care products were provided by corporate supporters:
 - Mountain Valley Bank
 - Alpine Bank
 - Kinser Insurance
 - CLIF bars
 - Routt County Girl Scouts
 - Bar-U-Eat
 - Everleigh
- Gift Cards from corporate supporters allowed health workers to purchase take-home meals instead of cooking after a long shift:
 - Anchor Way Church
 - Noodles & More Saigon Cafe
 - Mai Thai
- Otterbox donated wireless power banks so workers could charge their phones without access to an outlet, ensuring they could stay in touch with their loved ones.

Health care worker emergency relief fund \$32,700

YVMC employees about 600 people in the Yampa Valley, most of whom are essential workers, whose worlds were drastically altered at the start of the pandemic. To help, members of the community as well as employees at YVMC generously donated to a fund set up to help those who take care of us.

Assistance included helping one employee, whose partner was laid off from a job in the restaurant industry, cover their past-due mortgage payment. It also helped a pregnant employee with small children manage daycare costs, while a single mother of a child with special needs was able to find specialized daycare services so she could continue to work in one of our critical care areas.



Notes from the community supporting our health care workers.

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Community health benefit fund

Routt County schools mental and behavioral health grant \$150,000

YVMCF is working, in partnership with the Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation, to increase mental and behavioral health services in the Steamboat Springs, South Routt and Hayden school districts. In the second year of the five-year commitment, schools are better meeting staffing needs related to these areas and have increased access to prevention programming, support for social/emotional interventions and therapists for intensive individual or family therapy, when needed.

Community Health Benefit Fund \$275,000

Fifteen grants were awarded ranging from \$2,000-\$50,000 in the Community Health Benefit Fund's inaugural grant cycle. The areas of focus were access to health care, mental health, and substance use disorders.

Yampa Valley Community Fund \$26,000

Hosted by YVMCF, the COVID-19 Response Fund was created to rapidly deploy resources to community-based organizations at the frontlines of the coronavirus outbreak in the Yampa Valley region.

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