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Letter from John Stelzriede, Valley View Foundation President



John Stelzriede

Greetings and welcome to Fall. The leaves are changing, the days are getting cooler and change is afoot. In this season of transition, the Valley View Foundation is undergoing changes, as well. As you may have already heard, Valley View Foundation has hired a full-time Executive Director, Julie Kaufman. Julie joined our team in June of this year.

continue to serve solely as Valley View's Chief Community Relations Officer.

Speaking of Valley View, I am thrilled to share that our hospital has earned another Five-Star Rating for Overall Hospital Quality from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This marks Valley View's second consecutive year receiving this distinction. We are proud to share this great news with our community, which reflects Valley View's vision to serve as the region's health care leader. Congratulations to the Valley View team for a well-earned and deserved recognition.

Julie is a Roaring Fork Valley local with a strong background in philanthropy. We are excited to have her on board as our new Executive Director! While Julie has joined our team, please know that Stacey Gavrell is still involved in all things Valley View. I'd like to extend a big thank you to Stacey for all of her valuable leadership and stewardship as the previous Foundation Executive Director. Stacey has done a phenomenal job leading this organization while simultaneously working full time in her current role at Valley View as the Chief Community Relations Officer. In this new transition, Stacey will

I'll leave you with one last note to consider. As we head into the holiday giving season—is it really just around the corner already?—please keep the Valley View Foundation in mind. Your continued support of Valley View elevating excellence in health care in our region is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,
John Stelzriede

Your Regional Leader in Health Care

Valley View adds to our extensive network of care with a new physical therapy clinic in New Castle. With the addition of this new clinic, Valley View now offers care to patients across the Roaring Fork Valley at locations in Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Eagle, Grand Junction, Silt, New Castle and Willits. Additionally, our outstanding specialists travel to other hospitals in Aspen, Craig, Meeker and Rifle to care for patients in those communities. Valley View is dedicated to caring for you and your family, close to home and when it matters most.



Summit Circle's Newest Members

Valley View is thrilled to welcome the newest members of the Summit Circle and recognize current members who have ascended to the next level of giving. The Summit Circle is a leading group of philanthropists who have donated or pledged at least \$10,000 in lifetime giving. Welcome to the following new members who have joined the Summit Circle since Spring of 2025:

David Daniels and Betsy Fifield
Rob Delaney
Ernestine Goodnough
Amanda and Bob Heitmann
Julie Kaufman*
Danielle and Rick King
Fredda and Michael Korber
Lauren Martin*
Rob Pew and Susan Taylor

Ascending Summit Circle Members:

Mount Sopris | \$50,000 - \$99,999

Lynda Cameron
Thomas and Lucy Danis
Clint and Shana Johnstone
Diane and Timothy Parks
Margot & Thomas Pritzker Family Foundation

*Valley View Foundation is deeply grateful to all of our Summit Circle members. *Names with asterisks signify 2025 Valley View employee donors.*

Uplift Strong, Independent Health Care with Non-Cash Giving

There are many creative ways to make an impact on your local health care with tax-advantaged giving mechanisms.

1. **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** If you are 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a qualified charity without it counting as taxable income.
2. **Stocks & Securities:** Donating appreciated stocks or securities can offer you the chance to avoid paying capital gains taxes while making a meaningful contribution to our mission.
3. **Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs):** If you hold assets in a Donor-Advised Fund, you can recommend a grant to Valley View Foundation at any time. DAFs are a flexible and easy way to make charitable contributions, while keeping track of your giving throughout the year.

Your generosity supports best-in-class independent health care. For more information or assistance with any of these giving options, please contact **Julie Kaufman, Executive Director** at 970.384.6627 or Julie.Kaufman@vvh.org.

Summit Circle Donors Celebrate at Annual Reception

This past August, members of the Summit Circle and the Legacy Society gathered for an annual reception to celebrate the monumental impact of their philanthropic support. The **Summit Circle** is a remarkable group of philanthropists, including Valley View employees, who give generously to support superb, local, independent health care at Valley View. The **Legacy Society** consists of an exceptional group of individuals and families who have made a future gift to Valley View as part of their will or estate plan. At the reception, attendees heard about the impact of their giving from a fantastic panel featuring Dr. Brian Murphy (Valley View CEO), Dr. David Brooks (Valley View Chief Medical Officer and Pediatrician, Pediatric Partners), Dr. Peter Rossi (Radiation Oncologist, Calaway•Young Cancer Center) and Dr. Suresh Khilnani (Pulmonologist, the Lung Center).

Thank you to all those who were able to join the Foundation at the annual Summit Circle reception this year!



Corporate Partners Make an Impact

Our outstanding business partners uplift patient care at Valley View through generous sponsorship support. From celebrating the nurses at Valley View during Nurses Week each year to uplifting the care of cancer patients through Cancer Survivorship Month and the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo, our corporate sponsors truly make an impact for patients at Valley View.

A special thank you to **Alpine Bank, Presenting Sponsor** and **Encore Electric, Diamond Sponsor** of Nurses Week at Valley View! Additionally, Valley View is grateful to our sponsors of Cancer Survivorship Month: **Presenting Sponsors Courtyard by Marriott** and **The Residence Inn**. We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Microsoft, Presenting Sponsor** of Valley View's participation in the local Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo, as well.

These generous sponsors are truly making a difference for patients across the Valley View network of care. Thank you!



Cornerstone Employee Giving Spotlight

Valley View employees change lives and make a positive impact each day. Every gift made by a staff member supports comprehensive, personalized care to patients. A portion of each employee donation also benefits the Silver Lining Fund, which provides financial assistance to Valley View employees facing financial hardships. Thank you, team!

"I choose to give as a Cornerstone Employee Donor because I believe in the power of independent health care and the collective impact of community generosity. When I hear the word 'philanthropist,' I used to picture someone older, well-established, with significant resources. I've since come to realize that philanthropy isn't about age or wealth—it's about intention. By contributing a small portion of each paycheck, I'm able to experience the joy of giving while standing alongside a community of others doing the same. Since moving here in 2008, Valley View has provided exceptional care for me and my family time and time again. Supporting this organization feels like a natural and meaningful way to give back."

-Kerry Kleisner, Inpatient Behavioral Health Provider and Cornerstone Employee Donor



Help Valley View sustain excellence in health care in our community!

As we near the end of the year, please consider including Valley View in your charitable giving plans. Giving is easy, and you can donate through a variety of methods!



Save the Date for Colorado Gives Day! You can support strong, independent health care at Valley View through Colorado Gives. Schedule your donation today or make a gift through December 9 at ColoradoGives.org/organization/ValleyViewHospital



Donate by credit card by visiting VH.org/Foundation! Select the designation you wish to support, and fill out the donate form to make your gift.



Mail a gift of cash or by check to the Foundation offices at PO Box 1970, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602. Please make your check out to the Valley View Foundation.



Make a non-cash gift of stock or securities, give through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF), or make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) through your IRA. Contact **Julie Kaufman, Executive Director**, at 970.384.6627 or at Julie.Kaufman@vvh.org to learn more.

December 9



ColoradoGives.org/Organization/ValleyViewHospital

Did You Know?

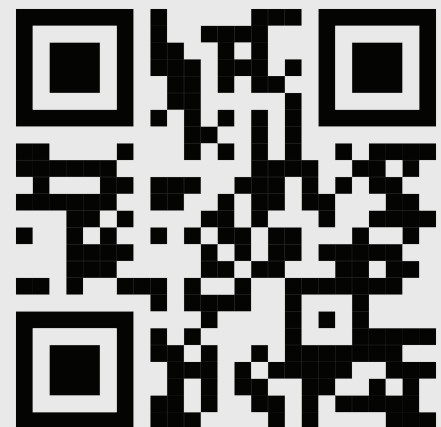


Each year, the expert care teams across Valley View hand-select the resources, tools and technology they need to provide responsive, world-class care to our community.

Whether it's a **portable life support system** to provide advanced therapy for critically ill patients, a **skin therapy device** that offers a non-invasive treatment option for skin cancers without scarring, **sophisticated monitors** to improve care for new mothers and their babies—and more—the outstanding care teams at Valley View work hard to identify the tools that will help them deliver the highest-quality care to their patients to respond to the health needs of our community in real time.

As a community member, you can directly support the providers delivering cutting-edge care to patients across the Roaring Fork Valley—and beyond—through the Advanced Technology Initiative!

Learn more about the equipment and technology needs that donors can support directly, and help put the most advanced tools available in the hands of Valley View providers. View a menu of these needs by scanning the QR code or visiting VVH.org/Foundation!



Internal Funding Initiatives at Valley View

Valley View employees are dedicated to providing world-class care to their patients, both now and into the future. To remain responsive to the ever-evolving needs of our patients, staff members can apply to receive funds through Valley View's Internal Funding program to support projects that benefit our Valley View community.

Past projects have included the delivery of complimentary helmets to children at the Kids Safety Fair, offering clothing to vulnerable patients so they can discharge from the hospital with dignity, providing quilts so cancer patients stay warm while receiving treatment, equipping new mothers with an FDA-approved device to support their newborn's recovery from jaundice at home and more.

These initiatives allow the phenomenal care teams at Valley View to deliver responsive, compassionate care that reflects the needs of our patients. You can support internal funding initiatives at Valley View by **making a gift today**.

Visit vvh.org/valley-view-foundation/donate-support/ and select Valley View Grants Support, then complete the donate form to make your gift.



Valley View Awarded CMS Five-Star Designation Second Year in a Row

Valley View is proud to announce that it has once again received a coveted Five-Star Rating for Overall Hospital Quality from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The 2025 ratings for hospitals nationwide are based on their performance across 45 hospital quality measures, which are divided into five quality categories including safety of care, mortality, patient experience, readmission rates and timely and effective care. Valley View is one of only 12 hospitals in Colorado and 290 nationwide to receive this prestigious designation, the top rating possible, which would not be possible without Valley View's phenomenal employees.

"We are honored and proud to receive this national recognition as a five-star overall quality-rated hospital from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

for the second consecutive year," said Dr. Brian Murphy, CEO of Valley View. "Achieving this distinction once is an honor, but earning it again is a true testament to the consistent dedication and excellence of our physicians, nurses, administrators, and support staff. CMS rates nearly 3,000 hospitals nationwide, and this continued recognition affirms the exceptional care we deliver to our patients every day. I commend our entire team for their commitment to making Valley View a leader in health care for our region."





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Legacy Donors Make an Impact at Valley View

The Legacy Society is a group of individuals and families who have committed a future gift to Valley View as part of their will or estate plan.

“As the wife of a physician for nearly 50 years, medicine has always been a part of my life. It has always been important to me and my late husband to do whatever we can to help sustain strong, independent local health care for our community. Becoming a Legacy Donor to Valley View is one way we have done that. It's not the amount given, but the caring behind the gift that's important. I'm proud to be a Legacy Donor to Valley View!”

– Nancy Peterson, Legacy Society Member and Valley View Foundation Board Member

When you make a legacy gift to Valley View, you are helping to ensure that future generations can receive the same world-class, individualized care that patients today rely upon. Your legacy gift can truly change the future of our community. Visit VVH.org/Valley-View-Foundation/Legacy-Giving to learn more.

