

The Generosity of our Community Propels the Heart & Vascular Center Forward

Philanthropy has played a major role in the development of the Heart & Vascular Center at Valley View. Thanks to the support of our community, \$2.5M was raised between 2016 and 2019 to open the Advanced Catheterization Laboratories. With this innovation, the Heart & Vascular Center continued to expand to meet the needs of our community.

Today, we are proud to launch and open the surgical program, led by Stephen Jones, MD.

Dr. Jones is an established, program-building cardiothoracic surgeon. With his addition to the Heart & Vascular Center, Valley View now offers the following cardiothoracic procedures:

- **Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery:** Also known as open heart surgery or CABG, for patients who need new blood flow supplied to the heart muscle that cannot be addressed in the cardiac catheterization lab.
- **Heart Valve Surgery:** Both minimally invasive and open procedures are offered.
- **Surgical Treatment for Atrial Fibrillation (AFib):** This is a minimally invasive surgical hybrid approach for the treatment of AFib.
- **Thoracic Surgery:** New surgical procedures for patients needing lung biopsy, surgery for lung cancer or tube placement to drain excess fluid from the chest.

“At Valley View’s Heart & Vascular Center, we offer a greater depth and breadth of experience than anyone else in western Colorado,” said Dr. Jones. “Now providing open heart surgery, the most comprehensive approach to AFib and new surgical procedures involving the lungs, we at Valley View offer top cardiac care to the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond.”

The Heart & Vascular Center is home to a distinguished team of cardiologists, including Frank Laws, MD, FACC, who is both an electrophysiologist and interventional cardiologist, and Medical Director of the Heart & Vascular Center; Marcus Howell, MD, interventional cardiologist; Michael Rubinstein, MD, clinical cardiologist; and Qaisar Khan, MD, interventional cardiologist. The Heart & Vascular Center team strives to implement the latest approaches to treat patients with cardiovascular disease.



Stephen Jones, MD

The Heart & Vascular Center has locations at 1906 Blake Ave., Glenwood Springs and 607 25 Road, Suite 100, Grand Junction. It also hosts outreach clinics in Eagle, Fruita, Meeker, Rangley and Rifle. For more information or to book an appointment visit VVHeartCare.org or call 970.384.7290.

Letter from Patti Miely

Valley View Foundation President



Fall, my favorite time of year!

As I look back on 2021, while we have made great steps forward, we continue to be challenged with repercussions from COVID-19. The staff at Valley View continues to support our community as we wander through this unknown territory. As we reflect on the past year, we have seen some progress, yet we cautiously move forward into 2022. We embrace our lives, while also knowing many friends and family who have been touched by COVID-19.

I often ask myself, what can we do to support our community? Each of us has the ability to make a difference in someone's life, and I encourage you to embrace those opportunities as often as possible. It might be a phone call, a hug, a home-cooked meal or a short walk to just talk and support one another.

As we prepare for 2022, I hope this note finds you in good health and peace. There have been so many incredible highlights in 2021 as you will read in this Newsletter. Our community has supported Valley View throughout 2021 in so many ways. So, with your support and dedication, Valley View will continue the work that they do best: taking care of one patient at a time from birth throughout one's life.

I extend my deepest gratitude for the generosity of our donors. You are all a part of the Valley View family and you are so appreciated for all you do to make Valley View an integral part of our community.

Patti Miely
Board President, Valley View Foundation

Cornerstone *Employee Giving* Spotlight

Each day, Valley View employees go above and beyond to serve our patients. Many choose to give back outside their day-to-day tasks by making a donation to support patient care at Valley View.



"I give because I have seen how this amazing support can help our organization provide for our community and because I am proud to be a part of the Valley View team! "

- Dawn Sculco, Chief Nursing Officer, and donor.

Summit Circle's Newest Members

The Summit Circle is an elite group of philanthropists who have donated or pledged to donate at least \$10,000 to support superb, local and independent healthcare at Valley View.

Welcome to the following new Summit Circle Members:

Merle Jean Dulien
Cindy Engles & Stuart Frith
*Marty & Lynette Gaither**
*Elida Gutierrez**
*Dr. Brooke & Philip Halliwell**
Lee & Marnie Hogan
David & Peggy Howe
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*Dr. William & Ginny Weathers**
Patty Yount

**Names with asterisks signify 2021 Valley View employee donors.*

Did you know you can donate directly from your individual retirement account (IRA)? To learn more about how to make a donation this way, contact John Quinn, Foundation Development Officer at 970.384.6624 or John.Quinn@vvh.org. You also can visit Vvh.org/Foundation.

What will *your* legacy be?

When you think about what you will leave for your family, your friends and your community, what better gift could you provide than health? A legacy gift to Valley View helps ensure they will have access to world-class, independent healthcare close to home for years to come.

With your legacy gift, you can help physicians like Frank Laws, MD, FACC, and Peter Rossi, MD, pursue the leading edge of cardiovascular and cancer care. You can help a patient care tech like Yadira Ramirez pay for nursing school. You can even create an endowment that will keep giving in perpetuity.

Together with your professional and financial advisors, we can help you design a planned gift that meets your personal, financial and philanthropic goals. Talk to your advisors about the following giving methods, and then talk to us.

We are so eager to announce and welcome our newest Legacy Society members:

Merle Jean Dulien
Michael Clary

Save the date!

This year Colorado Gives Day is set for Tuesday, Dec. 7. For 24 hours, Colorado comes together to raise funds for local nonprofits and we're excited to be part of the day!



Rally the Valley

THANK YOU! In the midst of another challenging year, Rally the Valley raised nearly **\$170,000** to support patients of the Calaway• Young Cancer Center. One-hundred percent of all funds raised at Rally the Valley (sponsorships, donations and registration fees) go directly to supporting patients on their cancer journey at Valley View.

These funds provide integrated therapies (acupuncture, massage, Healing Touch™, etc.), emergency assistance in the form of gas and grocery cards, and overnight lodging. Thank you for making a difference for our loved ones, friends and neighbors on their cancer journey.

"Words don't adequately describe how much I appreciate receiving healing integrated therapies during my chemo and radiation. The therapists in integrated therapies took my broken body and mind and helped my body heal. I felt hopeless and now I have hope again." – Patient of the Calaway•Young Cancer Center.

A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Larry & Susan Marx. With this generous sponsorship, all survivors were able to attend the event at no cost.



Thank you to the 2021 Rally the Valley Sponsors

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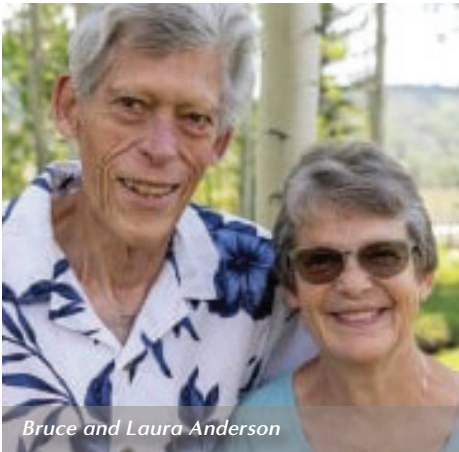
Donors Lead and Inspire Giving

Your giving continues to be DOUBLED!

Combined, Valley View Foundation is on track to receive \$125,000 in matching gifts to support our cancer patients. This means \$250,000 from this effort will be directed to provide services and resources to help our cancer patients.

Thank you to Laura and Bruce Anderson who kicked off the matching gifts in June with a \$25,000 gift, to Rick and Linda Keister who kept the momentum going through the Rally the Valley event with a \$50,000 matching gift, and, finally to Marlane Miller, whose recent \$50,000 matching gift will carry this fundraising effort through the end of the year.

Make a gift today to double your impact!



Calaway•Young Cancer Center Welcomes Alexandra Donovan, MD, MPH

Alexandra Donovan, MD, MPH, is the newest addition to Valley View's Calaway•Young Cancer Center. She works as both an Oncologist and Hematologist, providing specialized care to patients with a broad spectrum of cancers and blood disorders. She is originally from Vail, Colorado, and is thrilled to return to the Rockies to serve her mountain community.

She was inspired to pursue a career in Oncology after losing her father to cancer at a young age. As a cancer survivor herself, she appreciates the complex emotional aspect of a cancer diagnosis, and she is most grateful for the deep relationships she develops with patients during such a sensitive time in life. Her goal is to improve quality of life and the overall "cancer experience" for patients and their families as she helps them navigate the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment options.



Internal Funding

Your unrestricted gifts support new and unexpected needs throughout the Valley.

This year, unrestricted gifts from our community purchased ultrasound-guided, handheld Butterfly Network US Probes, and the training to use them. These devices help nurses find veins to place IVs. With this technology, Valley View nurses can provide a more effective and comfortable experience for our patients when intravenous access is difficult.



Unrestricted donations also allowed for the purchase of more AccuVeins devices to be used in the Family Birthplace, specifically to help nurses find veins in babies. In addition, unrestricted funds supported outpatient care for COVID-19 patients, providing six patients with at home oxygen and over 400 pulse oxygen saturation monitors to patients. The oxygen and monitors allowed patients to be discharged and recover at home.

Valley View's Nurse Residency Program

This year, Valley View was awarded the Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP) designation with distinction for our Nurse Residency program.

“The ANCC Practice Transition Accreditation Program® sets the global standard for residency or fellowship programs that transition registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) into new practice settings. To be accredited ‘with distinction,’ the program not only meets the standards with no progress reports, but it also demonstrates innovation or exemplary practice.”



This is the second time Valley View received this prestigious designation.

Valley View’s Nurse Residency Program has been possible through the philanthropic partnership with Richard and Holly Glasier.



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Double your impact!

Have your gift to support cancer care at Valley View **DOUBLED**, thanks to a generous matching gift from Marlane Miller.



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Save the Date!

Rally the Valley 2022

Saturday, September 10

To learn more about how you can get involved or to become an event sponsor, please contact Bridgid Dunlap (Bridgid.Dunlap@vvh.org or 970.384.6624)