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Chris Thomas, President and CEO of Community Hospital, welcomes the very first patient at the official opening of the new facility!

Community Hospital Opens Doors of New Hospital

After 51 years of operation at its original location at North 12th Street, Community Hospital celebrated the opening of their new facility located at 2351 G Road on Thursday, March 17th. Staff and patients moved to the new building the same day, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held the following morning.

The new four-story hospital, designed in a way that will easily accommodate future growth, offers 44 private rooms in over 140,000 square feet of space. The new emergency department, which can accommodate a 50% increase in visits from before, will be upgraded from a Level 4 to a Level 3 trauma center, allowing the hospital the ability to handle more serious cases. The adjacent radiology department makes it possible to expedite diagnoses of injuries and ailments.

Along with an intensive care unit, in-patient pharmacy, laboratory, and pathology department, the hospital houses a new childbirth unit with eight private suites to provide labor and delivery services and postpartum care. The unit also houses an operating room which is equipped to handle cesarean section deliveries.

This is the first time in 15 years that Community Hospital has been able to offer labor and delivery services, and the first baby born in the new childbirth facility arrived on opening day! "This is such an exciting day for Community Hospital" said Tonya Chapin, Director of the Birth Place at Community Hospital. "Our CEO announced the opening of our new hospital at 6:00 am and by 10:30 am our first two moms-to-be had already walked through the door."

We could not be more excited that this project has finally come to fruition," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital.

Congratulations Community Hospital!



“Countless people have worked tirelessly for so many years to make this dream a reality.”

– Chris Thomas, CEO
Community Hospital

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Taking Control of Your Staffing Process with Medefis



WHA members have access to a discounted group contract with Medefis to provide comprehensive staffing solutions. Medefis improves how HR Directors manage multiple staffing agency relationships and streamline their entire HR process.

Medefis has over 600 vendors/agencies in its database and is the nation's leading provider of healthcare Vendor Management System (VMS) solutions. Their proprietary web-based platform allows member HR departments to take control of their staffing process, including the recruitment, hiring, credentialing, and billing of supplemental staff.

The VMS platform has helped hundreds of clients reduce the time required to manage multiple vendors, lower staffing spend, and improve the quality of supplemental staff. With an average 90%+ fill rate on temporary positions, Medefis is a dedicated source to fill temporary and permanent jobs.

Across the country we are seeing some of the highest vacancy rates ever for RNs and travel assignments. Due to this trend, members risk shutting down entire departments due to lack of staffing. The Medefis system is proving to be very effective for our members in finding placements for difficult positions and remote locations.

Benefits for WHA members:

- Unlimited free job posting to the nation's largest network of staffing agencies
- Market-driven pricing through the BidMatch technology ensuring market rates for temporary staff
- First-rate candidate sourcing through the TalentMatch technology which evaluates and scores each candidate in relation to specific job requirements
- Dedicated account manager to assist with all staffing inquiries and maintain a relationship with vendors
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“Medefis is like having a whole entire recruiting department at my command. It reduces our recruiting to one website, one contract, one call; and yet we are still in charge of the number of applicants we will consider and the entire decision-making process.”

— Cynthia Stults
Human Resource Director
Rangely District Hospital

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Contact **Chris Olmscheid** today at **866.711.6333** or **chris.olmscheid@medefis.com** to learn more about the Medefis solution or to schedule a free demo.

HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley Awarded \$100k Daniels Fund Grant



HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley announced on March 10th that they received a \$100,000 Daniels Fund grant to support the Palliative Care for Colorado's Western Slope.

"We provide three core areas of service to patients and their families who reside in any of the local communities in the Roaring Fork, Crystal and Eagle River Valleys," stated Markey Butler, HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley Executive Director. "The Daniels Fund grant will enhance our Home Health Services, our Private Pay Services and our Hospice care for individuals diagnosed with a life-limiting illness."

In addition to caring for patients, the mission of HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley is to support families and their loved ones with peace, comfort, and dignity.

The Daniels Fund was established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels. It is a private charitable foundation dedicated to making life better for the people of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through its grants program, scholarship program, and ethics initiative.

Congratulations HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley!

"The Daniels Fund is a wonderful philanthropic organization and we greatly appreciate their support and their very generous grant."

– Markey Butler, Executive Director
HomeCare & Hospice of the Valley



Wanted: Member News *what's up?* Wants to Share Your Stories

Did your facility receive recognition for something special? Are you celebrating a milestone year? Planning an expansion? Let us know. We want to hear from you! Our newsletter is also an excellent venue for sharing insights and ideas that can help improve processes within our healthcare industry.

To submit your newsworthy story for publication in an upcoming issue of *what's up?*, please contact **Deborah Gayle** at **866.986.3589** or deborah.gayle@wha1.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHA IT Peer Network Meeting

Tuesday, April 12th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, WHA office

WHA Rehab Peer Network Meeting

Friday, April 15th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, St. Mary's Medical Center

CCA Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20th, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, WebEx

RMACO Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20th, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, WebEx

WHA CNO/QIRM Peer Network Meeting

Thursday, April 21st, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, WHA office

SJACO Board Meeting

Thursday, April 21st, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, WebEx

HR Peer Network Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, WHA office

PFS Peer Network Meeting

Thursday, May 12th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, WHA office

MM Peer Network Meeting

Tuesday, May 17th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, WHA office

Communications & Marketing

Peer Network Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, WHA office

WHA Board Meeting

Thursday, May 19th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Grand Junction

CCA/RMACO combined Board Meeting

Thursday, May 19th, 2:30 – 4:00 pm after the WHA Board Meeting, Grand Junction and WebEx

SJACO Board Meeting

Thursday, May 19th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, WebEx

CFO Peer Network Meeting

Thursday, May 26th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, WHA office

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