BENDING THE ARC OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

As a community health center, Mountain Family traces our origins to the civil rights and social justice movements of the 1960s. Internationally, community health centers were birthed in large part to tackle systemic racial and ethnic health disparities hard coded into the global healthcare practices.

As the United States, Colorado, and our local communities reel from the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and historic discrimination against people of color, Mountain Family Health Centers stands as an advocate for affordable healthcare access to all. We believe access to healthcare is a basic human right. We are committed to treating every person with dignity and care, regardless of the color of their skin, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, insurance status or income level.

Monica Perez-Rhodes, MFHC Board Chair and Ross Brooks, CEO, Patient
Every day at Mountain Family, we see the heartbreaking impacts of historical racism and discrimination against people of color. In Garfield, Eagle, and Pitkin Counties, the Hispanic population faces significant health disparities, including higher rates of diabetes, infant mortality, mental health issues, and higher rates of unemployment.

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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Here at Mountain Family we want you to know that if you've lost employment or health insurance, we are here for you. COVID-19 has forced many local employers in Garfield, Eagle, and Pitkin Counties to furlough or layoff staff as local economies have been decimated. Thousands of individuals have lost employment or their primary source of income over the past two months. If you've been laid off, furloughed, or seen a significant reduction in your primary source of income, you may be eligible for Medicaid health insurance coverage or federal subsidies for commercial health insurance coverage. You may also call us to speak with one of our Outreach and Enrollment specialists about applying for Colorado Medicaid coverage or commercial health insurance coverage.

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ROARING FORK SCHOOLS AND MFHC TO PROVIDE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE IN BASALT, CARBONDALE, AND GLENWOOD SPRINGS

Roaring Fork Schools and Mountain Family Health Centers are pleased to announce their new partnership for the operation of five school-based health centers ("SBHCs") in the district beginning this fall. The partnership includes current SBHCs located at Basalt Elementary, Middle, and High Schools; Roaring Fork High School (Carbondale); and a new health center to be opened at Glenwood Springs High School.

“We want every student to have access to affordable, comprehensive, integrated health care services, regardless of their legal status, family circumstance, place of residence, or economic means,” said Superintendent Rob Stein of the Roaring Fork School District. “Offering health services in school where our students spend most of their time is a convenient and safe means of removing barriers to access and ensuring our students receive the care they need to be healthy and successful in school and life.”

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YOUR GIFTS ARE HAVING AN IMPACT
Mountain Family Health Centers wishes to celebrate our federal, state, and local partners along with generous individuals who have made gifts during this exceptional time with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Every gift has made a difference. Grants and donations are helping Mountain Family address a variety of evolving needs related to COVID-19, from acquiring more Personal Protective Equipment to increasing our medical and behavioral health telehealth visits, to increasing our pro-active outreach to our patients by telephone and in our clinics.

Investing in Mountain Family through a gift goes a long way to help us care for over 21,000 patients in Pitkin, Eagle, and Garfield counties. Join many who have made a significant difference for us by making a gift [here].

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MAKE A GIFT

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DONATION
Thanks to the Colorado Hospital Association

Mountain Family wishes to thank the Colorado Hospital Association for their donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). We are deeply grateful for this gift from the Colorado Hospital Association and for their collaboration with Project C.U.R.E., Clean Republic, Heart to Heart International, and the Heart4Heroes Campaign, heart4heroes.org.

We received 300 surgical masks, 4 gallons disinfectant, and 12 gallons of hand sanitizer, flown into the Glenwood Springs Airport and immediately delivered to our clinic in Glenwood Springs. Especially during this time, this in-kind contribution helps to support our mission to safely provide high quality, integrated primary medical, behavioral and dental care to more than 21,000 patients across Garfield, Eagle, and Pitkin Counties. We are also using this PPE to conduct community testing for COVID-19.

Mountain Family staff with new PPE at testing location
HONORING LESLIE GARNER
by Annette Franta, CFO

There are few individuals in the workforce today who have dedicated 20 years to a single organization, and not just in the designated 40 hour work week. Leslie Garner has selflessly given her time and talents to Mountain Family Health Centers since 1999 when the doors were open for the first time to the communities surrounding Glenwood Springs. As the bilingual office manager, Leslie coordinated the front desk and scheduling functions in Glenwood Springs for the first eight years of her career with MFHC. During that time she was responsible for giving opportunities to many young women who started their first job in the medical field at the MFHC front desk in Glenwood Springs. In those days, the front desk function included not only checking patients in and out of their appointments, but also answering all incoming phone calls, medical records management, financial screening, scheduling appointments and follow-ups as needed. Dare I leave out, also dealing with any patient complaint that came via phone or front desk.

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EXEMPLARY CARE AWARD: JUNE 2020
This month’s award goes to Jessi Pinnock, FNP

"I'd like to nominate Jessi Pinnock for the Exemplary Care Award. She saw one of my patients in early March, a 60 year old woman with very little significant past medical history who presented with a severe cough (retrospectively she likely had COVID). She caught an abnormal pulse rate, did an EKG and found an abnormal atrial rhythm. She sent the patient to the ER where she was found to be in A.fib and was subsequently cardioverted. The patient is now doing very well and expressed gratitude for the care she has received at Mountain Family. I really believe Jessi saved her life by
catching A.fib that day. The chest symptoms and fatigue she was having could have easily been attributed to her acute illness. I am so glad Jessi joined our team in Basalt; we are lucky to have her!" - Emily Borkovec, PA-C

JUNE 2020 MARIPOSA AWARD WINNER
This month's award goes to Alejandra Gallegos

"I feel that anyone who can spend one day working beside this young lady would see what a pleasure and asset she is to Mountain Family Health Centers. She joined Mountain Family, several years ago, kind of the unseen hero with the many roles and hats she wears leading her into being a true Mariposa example. You can always find her with a smile, she doesn’t say no to any request and works to improve the lives of our patients and employees. No matter the task, she is willing to help.

I've seen a lot of growth in Alejandra, she has developed some great leadership skills and mentors her staff with poise and confidence.

For these reasons and many more, I believe Alejandra should be the Mariposa Award Winner." - Jackie Marshall

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MOUNTAIN FAMILY'S PATIENT PORTAL IS A VALUABLE TOOL

Mountain Family's Patient Portal allows you to communicate easily, safely and securely over your computer or mobile device. It is a valuable tool to provide you with the best medical care and to take an active role in your health care.

You can access these services via the Patient Portal:

1. Access your medical record
2. Request and view your appointment & appointment record
3. View lab results
4. Communicate with your provider and care team

Learn how to enroll

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New Members Enrolling Now
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For more information click here, call 970-456-1233 or email HealthSolutions@mountainfamily.org.