HONORING OUR
Healthcare Heroes

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Mountain Family
HEALTH CENTERS
Mountain Family is pleased to share this report honoring our local healthcare heroes who have worked tirelessly to address the COVID-19 public health crisis while continuing to provide all persons with integrated medical, behavioral, and dental health care.

Three themes have dominated the past year. First, as always, Mountain Family believes that access to affordable healthcare is a human right. We provide culturally responsive care to all persons, regardless of ethnicity, insurance status, or ability to pay.

Second, our heroic providers and staff, our community, government, and foundation partners; and our patients rose to the challenges presented by COVID-19. In mid-March 2020, we shifted to providing safe care in a virtual model to protect our staff’s and our patients’ health and prevent coronavirus transmission. This included, for the first time, offering telehealth visits via video chat or phone for medical and behavioral health care.

Mountain Family’s providers and staff have worked tirelessly during the past year to continue to provide integrated healthcare while also incorporating coronavirus testing and vaccination clinics. During this same period, Mountain Family opened five new school-based health centers in the Roaring Fork Schools to improve access to integrated healthcare for students. National, state, and local funders stepped up with substantial COVID-19 relief funding to help Mountain Family continue to provide safe care and address the impacts of the pandemic on both the organization and our patients. Community partners came together to ensure families could meet their basic needs while local economies were shut down.

Finally, as the pandemic laid bare the inequities faced by members of our communities, including persons of color and those with low household incomes and lack of insurance, Mountain Family renewed our commitment to ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusiveness. We are pursuing equity internally with our staff and board while ensuring we provide culturally responsive care to our patients. And we are working with partner organizations to end racism and systemic inequalities in the communities we serve.

In these pages you will see how we strive to provide the best care possible with dignity for all.

Ross Brooks
Chief Executive Officer and Patient

Monica Perez-Rhodes
Board Chair
HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT  We make a major difference in the communities we serve welcoming all patients, no matter the ability to pay, and by contributing to our local economies by saving taxpayer dollars and generating revenues along with employing locals who care deeply about our mission in three different counties.
Thanks to the generous donations by federal, state, and local partners, along with individuals, the financial impact of the pandemic was minimized for Mountain Family Health Centers in the 2020 fiscal year.

**REVENUE**
- Patient Service Revenue: $7,714,473
- Federal Grant Funds: $3,977,259
- State and Other Grants: $1,514,387
- In-Kind Contributions: $991,201
- Private Contributions: $3,894,940
- Capitation Revenue: $867,189
- Other Revenue: $791,138
- **TOTAL REVENUE**: $19,750,587

**EXPENSES**
- Personnel Costs: $13,560,836
- Consultants & Contracted Services: $985,587
- Consumable Supplies: $400,048
- Patient Services: $791,115
- Occupancy: $1,569,643
- Travel, Conferences & Meetings: $154,054
- Information Technology: $755,927
- Other Administrative: $588,414
- Depreciation: $453,217
- **TOTAL EXPENSES**: $19,258,842

**NET INCOME AFTER ALLOCATIONS**: $491,745
None of us could have expected what we all faced in 2020.

The world as we knew it stopped, as the coronavirus circled the globe, causing economic shutdowns, severe unemployment, social isolation, and the need to change the way we do business, especially in healthcare. At Mountain Family, 2020 was a year of change, resilience, new endeavors, and results. In fact, this is a hallmark of our nation’s 1400 community health centers who are often required to be flexible and rapidly adapt to changing community needs. From the development of new care modalities such as telehealth and curbside screening and care to implementing large-scale coronavirus testing and no-cost COVID-19 vaccination distribution clinics for the entire community, our healthcare heroes made these changes rapidly and successfully. Through it all, they have continued to ensure the health and safety of our patients and staff, while maintaining our high quality of team-based care. Listen to what our medical and program directors have to say about how our healthcare heroes faced these challenges with grit, determination, and resilience.

Anneliese Heckert, DO
Basalt Integrated Health Center

“It is hard to sum up a year of so much change. The one constant has been the dedication and hard work of our Basalt health center team as we moved from panic mode with the fall and winter surges, to widespread testing and assessment of our sickest patients in the parking lot, to our current vaccination clinics running like a well-oiled machine. We have had some bright spots, with three staff members having babies since the start of the pandemic and three more on the way. I will always remember staff and I listening to Christmas carols as we swabbed people in the snow on Christmas Eve. And did I mention the onesies and roller skates sported at vaccine clinics?”

Zackary Kent, MD
Edwards Integrated Health Center

“Our Edwards team was resilient and flexible, working together to continue delivering safe and quality care for our patients and the community despite the impacts of the COVID pandemic, including continuous provision of prenatal care. In addition to their full clinic duties, our nursing staff also worked on weekends for COVID result call-backs and volunteered with Eagle County Public Health for COVID vaccinations.”

Jenny Lang, FNP
Glenwood Springs Integrated Health Center

"The Glenwood Springs staff adapted and changed as needed—this was the commonality throughout the year. They recognized a barrier, developed a workflow, and quickly adapted to the new change.

Another thing our healthcare heroes did was connect. People were scared. Many did not leave their house for anything besides food and the doctor’s for months. I witnessed staff connecting with scared patients who felt so alone and really needed more than a medication at their visit, listening to stories of grandkids they had not seen in months or the latest TV series they started."

Matt Percy, MD
Rifle Integrated Health Center

“Our Rifle care teams took on an entirely new medical challenge with the pandemic. I have been in awe of how all stepped up to do the extra work required, while still providing our typical primary care. They quickly figured out how to deliver care via telehealth and provide parking lot patient assessments and testing. They spent countless weekend hours calling patients with test results. They scaled up vaccination clinics and figured out how to address social barriers. I am very proud to say our care heroes have risen well to this challenge. I have never heard more appreciative comments and feedback from patients and community members than in the past year. I think this is because people recognize the extra work our staff has put in to keep our community as safe as possible.”

Risa Turetsky, FNP
School-Based Health Centers

“Mountain Family continues to serve the pediatric community in Eagle County by offering integrated health services at our Avon School-Based Health Center. We also opened five new school-based health centers serving Roaring Fork Schools."

Stephen Glass, DDS, Dental Health

“The Mountain Family dental team maintained emergency care hours during the entire pandemic. We experimented with teledentistry for triage of acute dental needs. We implemented new protocols and practices so we could return to providing in-clinic services while ensuring the safety of our patients and staff.”

Gary Schreiner, PhD, Behavioral Health

“Our behavioral health team handled a record number of counseling, psychiatry, and consult visits each month during this time, while working to maintain their own mental and physical health. They had to address all kinds of psychological issues, including relationship matters, school-related concerns, and parenting struggles. They faced a surge of anxiety related disorders exacerbated by the pandemic. They remained consummate professionals, doing all this while dealing with their own children and family members who were sick or needed attention at home."
Thank you for the COVID-19 vaccine clinic in Basalt. It was so well organized and friendly, and I appreciated the safety of staying in my car to receive my vaccine. You can’t get any easier than drive through! Big kudos to the staff for vaccinating in all weather conditions!

As a senior citizen, I really appreciated how you executed that immunization service. Hopefully as more people are vaccinated, we can get back to normal!

A friend of mine said ‘Don’t cry when you get the shot.’ I almost cried when I got the appointment, as I was so relieved. Thank you also for taking care of so many people. The work you do taking care of low-income families and so many more allows our valley to prosper and thrive.

On Wednesday, I received my first COVID vaccine. I just wanted to thank everyone who was involved in making the appointment, handling the cars, administrating the vaccines, and, most especially, the kind nurses. It was a pleasurable experience.

The Mountain Family Glenwood team is compassionate and kind and helps me manage my mental health. They’ve helped me find shelter and clothing, and I’m glad to be vaccinated today.

Thank you for vaccinating me and my husband. I haven’t seen my grandchildren in almost a year and I’m so close to being able to hug them again. We are grateful for Mountain Family.
What is integrated healthcare?

Mountain Family has embraced this national trend designed to improve quality of care and population health and decrease total costs of care. While there is not a nationally recognized definition, at Mountain Family, integrated health care means we offer primary medical, behavioral (mental health and substance use disorders) and dental services in one healthcare home. Our integration of these three types of services produces better health outcomes and is the most effective way to care for persons with multiple health care needs. Patients save time and money by accessing care for their body, mouth, and mind in one location. Providers work in concert to treat all a patient’s health needs and help them achieve and maintain wellness.

PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

Our patients are at the center of our care. Mountain Family’s health centers are recognized by the National Committee on Quality Assurance as Level III Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH), the highest national recognition a primary care practice can receive. Aligned with the National Academy of Medicine’s definition, our patient-centered care is “respectful of, and responsive to, individual patient preferences, needs and values,” and we ensure “patient values guide all clinical decisions.”

TEAM-BASED CARE

We match each of our patients with a core medical team which includes their medical, behavioral, and dental health providers along with support staff. We also offer care coordinator(s) to our high-risk patients. These team members provide health education, navigation, and social health advocacy. Our support staff provides outreach and enrollment assistance for insurance and financial assistance programs, a centralized call center for making appointments, and prescription and billing assistance. This entire team works collaboratively with patients to accomplish their health goals through the provision of high-quality care.

How it works.

Dr. Casey Aguirre saw a new patient who was a young girl for a medical exam. He found she was very much in need of dental care. Fortunately, the dental hygienist on site had a cancellation, so the girl had her first dental appointment right after her medical appointment. She had multiple cavities, so she was scheduled for an appointment with Dr. Rivers.

Dr. Aguirre had concerns about some family issues, so he had the on-site behavioral health provider speak with the girl’s father before they left. The provider came to the dental operatory and spoke with the father while his daughter had her teeth cleaned.

The medical assistant took care of the paperwork and explained the treatment plan to the father in Spanish. He could not write, so she took the time to help him fill out the forms. She also helped the father schedule same-day medical and dental appointments for his other child.

So, in one visit, this family received medical, dental, and behavioral health care and was scheduled with follow-up visits for the entire family.

This is integrated care at Mountain Family Health Centers.
Caring for students. 
SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Building on the success of our Avon School-Based Health Center located at Avon Elementary School and serving Eagle County pediatric patients, we opened five new school-based health centers this school year in partnership with Roaring Fork Schools. They are located at Basalt Elementary, Middle, and High Schools; Roaring Fork High School; and Glenwood Springs High School (opening soon). At each school-based health center, students can access fully integrated medical, behavioral, and dental health services, along with care coordination and assistance enrolling in insurance or financial assistance programs, in one healthcare home. Services are provided to all, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Superintendent Rob Stein says, “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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Each donation to the Health For All Fund also helps to ensure we care for our most vulnerable populations, as over 75% of our patients are uninsured or are enrolled in Medicaid.

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