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CEO Ross Brooks and Dr. Kent Petrie for Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award

Mountain Family Health Centers CEO Ross Brooks and longtime physician Dr. Kent Petrie were each nominated for a recent statewide award with for the 2018 Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award with The Colorado Health Foundation. Here are excerpts from their nominations.

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TAKING CARE OF OUR PATIENTS DURING THE LAKE CHRISTINE FIRE
How to Stay Healthy When There’s Lots of Wildfire Smoke
By Garry Schalla, Development Director

The community response to the Lake Christine Fire near Basalt was an inspiring demonstration of neighbors, officials, and organizations doing everything possible to support those affected by the fire.

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CELEBRATING FIREFIGHTERS
Thank You!

Mountain Family Health Centers would like to thank firefighters for their powerful, professional response to the Lake Christine Fire. Local firefighters are an essential part of that effort and Mountain Family is proud of Broc Brown, volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District. Broc is Clinical Operations Manager for our Glenwood Springs health center. Thank you for your help responding to the Lake Christine Fire, Broc!

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UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING HEALTH FOR ALL: BASALT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER CAMPAIGN
Construction Has Started & A New Goal
By Garry Schalla, Development Director

We are excited to reach $1.15 million for our capital campaign in support of our new Basalt Integrated Health Center. We’d like to thank our donors so far and will continue to reach out to other partner organizations and residents who are interested in supporting expanding medical, dental, and behavioral health services in the Roaring Fork Valley. We are increasing our goal to $3.4 million for our campaign, due to increasing construction costs, and we are confident we can reach our goal.

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NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK IS AUGUST 13TH - 16TH
Celebrating Health Centers: Home of America’s Health Care Heroes
By Garry Schalla, Development Director

Mountain Family Health Centers will host lunch and tours during National Health Center Week, August 13th - 16th, at several of our locations. The theme this year is Celebrating Health Centers: Home of America’s Health Care Heroes.

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MOUNTAIN FAMILY ADDED TO ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP HONOR ROLL
Goal is to Reduce Growing National Problem of Antibiotic Resistance
Mountain Family Health Centers has been named to the Colorado Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship Champion Honor Roll for taking steps to ensure the appropriate prescribing of antibiotics. It's part of an effort to improve antibiotic safety and slow the spread of antibiotic resistance. Resistance is one of the three greatest threats to health in the U.S., according to Telligen/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, resulting in 23,000 deaths each year from resistant infection. At the same time, at least 30% of antibiotic courses prescribed nationally in the outpatient setting are unnecessary.

**STAY COOL TO PREVENT GETTING SICK FROM HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS**
Those at Risk Include 65+, Children Under 2 Years, Chronically Ill or Managing Behavioral Health

It's been baking hot in the Roaring Fork and Eagle River Valleys this summer. It's important to take steps to keep from getting too hot, because summer heat can be dangerous.

**FARMACY: CELEBRATING THE GLENWOOD SPRINGS GARDEN**
Expanding Community Involvement

The Glenwood Springs health center garden hosted a party in late July to celebrate a fruitful growing season and encourage more community involvement.

**FREE HIV TESTING**
Wednesday, August 8th, at Mountain Family Health Centers in Edwards
DON'T FORGET: ASPEN STRONG EVENT THIS MONTH
Hike Hope Health Planned for August 18th
By Garry Schalla, Development Director

Please join me in supporting our partner organization, Aspen Strong, by participating in Hike Hope Heal 2018 in Aspen on Saturday, August 18th.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW EL JEBEL PLAYGROUND
Sign Up with Partner Organization Valley Settlement
By Garry Schalla, Development Director

Valley Settlement is leading the effort to build a new, community-designed and community-built playground in El Jebel. Approximately 250 volunteers are needed on Saturday, August 18th, to build the playground, serve food, and keep kids entertained. The playground is sponsored by The Colorado Health Foundation.

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AUGUST 2018 MARIPOSA AWARD
Congratulations to Sandra Viera

Sandra Viera is the winner of the August 2018 Mariposa Award! Sandra is a Social Behavioral Health Advocate and played a big role in Mountain Family’s response to the Lake Christine Fire. She was nominated by behavioral health provider Oyen Hoffman, MS, LMFT, LAC.

“When the Lake Christine fire happened, Sandra was available to help organize our co-response with Mind Springs Health and Eagle County Health and Human Services office. The Hispanic community was able to receive valuable information after the traumatic event. Both Eagle County and Mind Springs Health called me to specifically thank Sandra and the rest of the MFHC family members who also were there helping the fire victims.” - Behavioral Health Provider Oyen Hoffman, MS, LMFT, LAC.

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AUGUST 2018 EXEMPLARY CARE AWARD
Way to go, Tracie McKinley

Congratulations, Tracie McKinley, PA, for winning the August 2018 Exemplary Care Award! Tracie was nominated by Dr. Anneliese Heckert, DO, Basalt Site Medical Director, for Tracie’s quick and appropriate response to a patient with heart problems.

Honorable mentions this month were Claire Graff, PA-C; Susan Orcutt, FNP; Behavioral Health Provider and Behavioral Health Director Gary Schreiner, PhD; and Behavioral Health Provider Barbra Corcoran.

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HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCEMENTS
New Hires and Anniversaries
By Scott Owens, Human Resources Director

New Hires
Celeste Martinez - Medical Assistant 1
Adriana “Melissa” Meyer - Family Nurse Practitioner
Zachary Puncochar - Quality Improvement Technical Specialist
Colton Ristau - Registered Nurse
Kerrie Kuhl - Certified Nurse Midwife

Anniversaries & Years of Service
Areli Carbajal - 1 year
Cheyenne Roark - 1 year
Stephanie Ramos - 2 years
Tracie McKinley - 2 years
Bella Milla - 2 years
Reyna De Los Santos - 3 years
Stephen Glass - 3 years
Devon Spaulding - 3 years
Gary Schreiner - 3 years
Bibiana Medina - 3 years
Consuelo Gaytan - 4 years
Scott Owens - 5 years
Alejandra Gallegos - 8 years
Leslie Garner - 19 years