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Breaking the Silence

By Joe Sammen, Executive Director, Center for Health Progress

Editor's note: September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day. We'd like to share a powerful column from Joe Sammen, Executive Director of our partner organization Center for Health Progress. The first time my dad attempted suicide, I was shocked, devastated, deeply saddened, and angry.

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Recovery Is Possible

By Oyen Hoffman, Behavioral Health Provider, MA, LMFT, LAC, MAC
Clinical Specialist & Substance Abuse Program Supervisor

If you are reading this, you have had a diagnosable mental health disorder at least once in your life.

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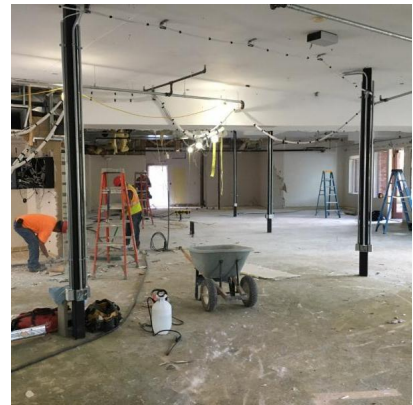
AN UPDATE ON OUR BUILDING HEALTH FOR ALL: BASALT INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER CAMPAIGN

Construction and Fundraising Continue

By Garry Schalla, Development Director

Mountain Family is excited to reach \$1.15 million for our capital campaign in support of our new Basalt Integrated Health Center.

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MOUNTAIN FAMILY SUPPORTS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Visit a Mountain Family Location on Tuesday, September 25th, To Register to Vote

By Danyelle Rigli, Advocacy Coordinator

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 25th this year. In 2016, the National Voter Registration Day drive registered 750,000 voters within all 50 states.

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CELEBRATED CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE CAROL CONGER RETIRES

Longtime, Dedicated Provider Featured in Vail Daily Appreciation

We're sad to share that our beloved nurse midwife, Carol Conger, retired on August 3rd. The Vail Daily recently published a story about her many career accomplishments and profound impact on families in the Eagle River Valley. Thank you, Carol, for your many years of exceptional care for so many patients.

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SEPTEMBER 2018 MARIPOSA AWARD

Congratulations to Kathleen Chiocca

Kathleen Chiocca is the winner of the September Mariposa Award. Kathleen is a Registered Nurse at our Edwards health center. She was nominated by Jenny Lang, FNP; Carol Conger, CNM; and Dr. Kent Petrie, MD.

"There is a hero among us in Edwards who is ever steady in her ability and kindness. She comes to work every day and focuses on always delivering high quality patient care in a manner that patients feel love and trust. Kathleen Chiocca is an inspiration for all of us. She is forgiving, inspiring, and ever attentive to detail. She does not have to be asked twice to do a task and most times is one step ahead of me! I appreciate all that Kathleen brings to the Edwards team and feel she is well deserving of the Mariposa award." - Jenny Lang, FNP, Site Medical Director for Glenwood Springs and Edwards health centers



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SEPTEMBER 2018 EXEMPLARY CARE AWARD

Claire Graff Is This Month's Winner

By Mountain Family Health Centers

Congratulations, Claire Graff, PA-C, for winning the [September 2018 Exemplary Care Award](#). Claire is a Physician Assistant at several of our health centers and was nominated Corrinne Johnson, PA.

"Claire has seen a few of my patients and she always follows up with me directly to let me know what is going on, whether it's just an FYI or to get a clarification or history. She helped diagnose one of my patients who had back pain that was not really back pain but cancer... She is thorough and precise. I feel she provides excellent care to all of our patients and definitely goes above and beyond to make sure our patients are taken care of."

- Corrinne Johnson, PA



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