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Creating new access points for care in 2023



We are kicking off 2023 with new partnerships! At the end of January, MarillacHealth acquired the practice of Dr. Jennifer Stroh, DO and Family Medicine Specialist. Dr. Stroh and Marillac's Leadership Team have been discussing this partnership possibility for a couple of years. Like many things, plans were interrupted by COVID but now, everything is in place and doors are open!

Located at 2139 N. 12th Street in Grand Junction, where Dr. Stroh has been practicing for 14 years, **this new partnership will add another care site for Marillac and be called the 12th Street Clinic.** Dr. Stroh

and her team will continue to care for current (and new patients) from there as employees of Marillac. Their current patients will become Marillac patients of record and in addition, can access to all the services Marillac provides.

Because of this transition, Dr. Stroh's patients will not only continue to receive the quality care they have come to expect but will also now enjoy many new benefits. A second medical provider will join the care team to provide services on those days when Dr. Stroh is not in. Behavioral health services will be added on-site to provide the integrated model of whole-body care that Marillac is known for.

Affordable dental services will now be accessible to patients, too. Our sliding fee discount program is available to help those without insurance or who have high deductible plans. Welcome, Dr. Stroh!

But that's not all! *Marillac has forged another partnership with Altitude Pediatrics.*

In early January, MarillacHealth and Altitude Pediatrics signed an agreement to bring **Medical Dental Integration (MDI) to their medical practice.** MDI is effective as a model of care because medical and dental providers coordinate care in a shared, physical space. **MDI uniquely integrates oral health into general health and well-being for patients who otherwise may not receive oral health care due to insurance status, transportation barriers, geography challenges, or socioeconomic status.** MDI also increases access to oral health education, screening, and prevention of dental disease, and reduces the incidence of early childhood cavities.

Kids who come to Altitude Pediatrics – located at 360 West Park Drive – also can now see Marillac's dental hygienist, Sarah Fogle, RDH. Sarah spends her time at the Altitude Pediatric office providing dental education, screenings, fluoride varnish and referrals for follow-up dental care.

We know this model of care works: since 2016, a dental hygienist has been embedded at Western Colorado Pediatric Associates, successfully caring for kids who may have gone without oral health care.

Partnerships help keep our community strong and healthy.



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Speak up now for school-based care

You may have heard about Marillac's interest in and proposal to include a School-Based Health Center (SBHC) at the new Grand Junction High School (GJHS). This was something that was discussed and surveyed with community members, parents, students, and teachers back in 2018, resulting in the approval and planning of the Warrior Wellness Center at Central High School, opened in 2020. **The SBHC was needed then and continues to be needed now.**

Help us advocate for the good health of youth in our community and encourage the D51 School Board to vote "YES" to a partnership with Marillac again to open an SBHC at GJHS. If you support providing access to essential medical, dental, and mental health care, we encourage you to email all SD51 school board members or write a Letter to the Editor of the Daily Sentinel (email to letters@gjsentinel.com). Find School Board Members' email addresses at d51schools.org. You may also attend an upcoming D51 school board meeting to show support on Tuesday, February 21, 5:00 pm in the Harry Butler Room at R-5 High School, 455 B, North 22nd Street, Grand Junction.

Bonjour Spring!

Edesia 2023, with three events, offers something for everyone starting in April and ending in August. Make plans for the springtime, 7-course gourmet Wine Dinner paired with local wines happening on Saturday, April 1st at the Wine Country Inn.

Return the next day, Sunday April 2nd, to the Main Event and enjoy an afternoon of wine, spirits, and beer tasting, along with tasty savory and sweet morsels of food prepared by some of our Valley's finest vendors.

And in August, plan for a concert on Saturday night, August 26th on the lawn at Grande River Vineyards as part of their Live in the Grapevines summer concert series. Watch for more information on the headliner band, VIP and general admission details.



Tax Time Can Benefit Charities in Colorado

If you determine on Line 37 of your Colorado State tax return that you have an overpayment and are due a refund, you may donate all or a portion of that overpayment to a qualified Colorado charity.

Using Form 0104CH DR, you can choose from a list of 16 named nonprofits OR you can choose a charity you prefer - like MarillacHealth - and indicate how much you want to give, on Line 17. Along with the name of the charity, you must include their unique number. Marillac's is 20023006068. And as a last step, contact the organization to let them know you have made the donation and how much; the State simply disburses a check in October of 2023!

Students find care & comfort at Warrior Wellness Center

The Warrior Wellness Center, operating inside Central High School since 2020, offers medical, dental, and behavioral health care to students and staff.

When a student visited Warrior Wellness Center, they opened up to our behavioral health provider, Steven, about how they had been feeling--isolated, depressed, with nowhere to turn. Steven encouraged the student to speak with their parent. After a few sessions and role playing of difficult conversations with Steven, the student felt the courage to speak with the parent about how they had been feeling for the past two years. When the student learned their parent had also struggled with depression and was on medication for it, they were relieved, knowing they were not alone and there was help. The student was taken to see the family doctor and was also put on medication. We are happy to report that this student is doing better and continues to check in with Steven.

No Return Donation Envelope this time! Did you notice?

We have had a few requests to "save money" and not include a remit envelope in each of our newsletters. Because we believe strongly in stewarding your donations and honoring your requests, there is no return envelope with this mailing. If you want to give between now and our next newsletter in the spring, please do! Your options are: go to our website and give online, write a check and mail it to us using your own envelope, or call us! Either way, thank you for giving and let us know what you think.

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Ever wonder where your dollars go?

As you know, Marillac is required to provide health care for anyone who walks through our doors whether they can pay for it or not. Most people have insurance of some kind: Medicaid, Medicare, or commercial insurance. For those who don't and who cannot pay cash, or for our unhoused patients, Marillac offers payment on a sliding scale based on income and household size.

Gifts from donors help support this program, making health care affordable and attainable for thousands of people.

That is amazing and wonderful! Thank you!



New Doors to Health - Project Update

As with any project of this size, there is much to consider and decide. We are in the process of finalizing decisions about the land and building design, and are thrilled with the reception and support we have received since the project was announced.

With our eye on a fall groundbreaking, we are now planning on a more public phase of fundraising to start this summer. However, anyone interested in supporting the new building may give anytime, either by check or online at MarillacHealth.org/new-health-center-clifton.

Donations to Marillac are eligible for State Enterprise Zone Tax Credit - that means that 25% of your gift of \$50 or more to New Doors to Health Capital Project or General Operations becomes a credit on your state tax return!

To make a donation to the New Doors to Health Capital Campaign or to discuss leaving a gift in your will or estate, visit MarillacHealth.org/Donate or call 970.200.1628.