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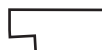
Our “Home” is Getting Bigger

The first half of this year has been notably full of work on projects that speak to Marillac’s continual efforts to meet the needs of people of all ages searching for a healthcare home. We will hit the high points here; if you have more questions after this review, please reach out to us to have them answered.



Future Home of MarillacHealth



-  Site Boundary of New Health Center
- A** Mesa County Workforce Center
- B** Mesa County Department of Human Services
- C** Commercial Business

Join us in making this campaign a success: give what you can and make good health possible for others!



Upgrades to 12th Street Clinic

We are increasing the number of exam rooms and renovating the behavioral health/counseling room in the clinic at 2139 12th Street.

Starting in mid-June, the 12th street clinic will be closed for 2 weeks but patients can schedule appointments at alternative Marillac locations as needed. While we regret the temporary inconvenience, these efforts will increase the number of spaces available to better serve our patients.

New Doors to Health – Groundbreaking soon

If you haven’t heard, we are well on the way to starting construction of our new health center site that will serve current and future patients in Mesa County. Our new address will be 526 29 1/2 Road, directly north of the existing Mesa County Community Services Campus which houses the Health Department and the Workforce Center. At 27,000 SF, our new home will accommodate medical exam rooms and dental treatment areas, counseling offices, a walk-up and drive-thru pharmacy that will be open to patients and the public, and all administrative offices.

These features allow us to expand patient care and improve efficiency. In addition, through a partnership with CMU Tech, our facility will be used for classroom and training purposes on evenings and weekends with the University’s new dental hygiene program.

This big project comes with a big price tag: \$21 million. And the good news is that 60% of that has already been secured! If you would like to learn more about the project visit marillachealth.org.



On a breezy spring day in April, friends of Marillac gathered on the site of our future home to kick off the fundraising effort in earnest.

GJHS’s Tiger Wellness Center to Open in August

The newest school-based health center will be located in Grand Junction High School and operated by MarillacHealth. The brand-new, 1400 sq. ft. space will accommodate medical, dental, and behavioral health services and be open to all students and staff at GJHS. Before they left for summer break, a group of students and the Art Department teacher chose the name and design that proclaims the center’s identity.





Edesia – It just keeps getting better

“Delicious!” “A delight!” “My favorite fundraiser!”

These are just a few compliments offered by happy guests of the Edesia Wine Dinner held Saturday night, April 6th, and the Culinary, Wine and Spirits Adventure on Sunday, April 7th. We love it when people have a good time and funds are raised!

A special thanks to the Wine Country Inn, FCI Constructors, Alpine Bank, St. Mary’s Hospital, and Colorado Housing & Finance Authority, KKCO, and MBC Grand for their sponsorships and support.

Because of our sponsors and guests, this year’s event raised more than before: over \$58,000! And even more remarkable is this: **over the 14 years the Wine Country Inn has hosted Edesia, nearly \$500,000 has been raised to support affordable healthcare brought to our community by Marillac.**

The PIC Place Continues to Shine

The melding of two similar organizations continues!

There is little doubt we were made for each other. Marillac and The PIC Place staff (in Grand Junction and Montrose, respectively) are working hard to assure that we continue to serve our patients as well as or better than we have in the past as separate entities. The acquisition of PIC has required changes in medical records, some staff reorganization, and dental expansion efforts.

At PIC, the implementation of an urgent/walk-in care option has helped many patients avoid visits to the emergency room. Hiring additional behavioral health, medical clinicians, and dentists will help meet the demand for these services. **With Marillac’s acquisition of The PIC Place, Montrose residents and patients are assured of continuity of affordable care in addition to some new and improved services.**



“We Feel Protected”

Moving is difficult; immigrating to another country for a fresh start, where you do not speak the language, with kids, is even more so. Rachid and his wife, Prisilla, came to the U.S. from Columbia. When asked how he and his family came to be in Grand Junction, he explained, “One thing an immigrant evaluates before going somewhere else: security, medical services, and housing. These three options were here for my family to choose from, and I made the decision to be in this place.”

“During the first year, we had no medical assistance, and it was very difficult,” says Prisilla. When they moved here, they came with their toddler, Liah. Eventually, two more babies were born. “Without Marillac, we wouldn’t be able to afford medical bills.”

Now a 4th grader, Liah says, “They take good care of us. We all feel protected because of Marillac.” Her dad agrees: **“This [kindness and care] sticks with us and we feel protected. We are not afraid, and everything else flows.”** Says Prisilla, “Marillac is a life saver.”

Tax Outreach and Education

For the second year in a row, Marillac partnered with the Community Resource Center to inform our patients and staff about tax credits, the Tabor Refund, and how to access free and secure tax preparation services.

This year, many families and individuals were eligible for credits that would put money back into their pockets, but only if they filed their taxes with the State. Often, low-income individuals choose not to file taxes and in doing so, miss out on tax credits and Tabor refunds. In addition to posting flyers in our clinics and announcements on social media, we hosted a tax outreach consultant every Monday outside our clinic at the Mesa County Public Health building and for a day at The PIC Place. We spoke to over 75 individuals, and feedback was positive. **Marillac enjoys connecting patients to valuable resources and services.**

HAVE TAX QUESTIONS? WE CAN HELP

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