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Uintah Basin Healthcare Celebrates National Hospital Week

May 15, 2014: Uintah Basin Healthcare is celebrating National Hospital Week, May 11th through May 17th. National Hospital Week celebrates hospitals and the men and women who, day in and day out, support the health of their communities through compassionate care, constant innovation and unwavering, unmatched dedication.

Now more than ever, hospitals play a vital role in improving community health across the nation – this extends far beyond strictly providing medical care. We would like to take this year's National Hospital Week as an opportunity to thank all of the dedicated individuals – physicians, nurses, therapists, engineers, food service workers, volunteers, administrators and so many more – for their commitment.

Uintah Basin Healthcare has many events happening during Hospital Week. On Monday, an employee bbq for staff members was held, where administrators were busy at the grill showing support and thanks to staff members. On Tuesday evening, employees and their families enjoyed a "free movie night" at the local theatres. On Wednesday night, Uintah Basin Healthcare sponsored a free community concert featuring the incredibly talented Jessie Funk and Daniel Beck. On Thursday, employees and the public toured the many booths at the "hospital showcase" to learn about service offerings and health tips, and also enjoyed refreshments and prizes. On Friday, employees enjoyed an "ice cream social". Saturday's "Run For U" 5k and Kids Run was a great way to end the week, ending with a fun event promoting health & wellness.

Uintah Basin Healthcare has a lot to celebrate. They have been striving to serve the needs of our region since they were established in 1944. As a 501-C3, not-for-profit corporation, they have progressively expanded to provide more specialized healthcare services locally so residents don't have to travel long distances to the Wasatch Front when specialized medical services are needed. The past 70 years have brought incredible growth and success.

The organization continues to grow and has exciting things happening right now:

Uintah Basin Healthcare is launching their "Patient Portal". The Patient Portal provides a personal view into the electronic medical record that Uintah Basin Healthcare staff uses to manage and document patient care. Patients may view their health record, view lab results, refill prescriptions, message their provider, and schedule appointments. All of these can be done online at www.ubhportal.org, 24 hours a day. It's free and easy! Patients should ask their physician if he/she is a participating provider. If patients wish to activate an account, they must request activation from a receptionist or a Uintah Basin Healthcare staff member.

Uintah Basin Healthcare has also announced plans to grow their Emergency Department. Maigen Zobell, Uintah Basin Healthcare Marketing Director, stated "The Emergency Department is currently undergoing an expansion/remodel. When finished, the E.D. will be about 10,180 square feet. This expansion/remodel will dramatically improve our ability to grow and meet the future demands of our communities. Our new E.D. will allow us to meet current building codes and provide improved efficiency, privacy, safety/security, and overall function. This project will also bring additional space to our Physical Therapy Department."

Following the completion of the Emergency Department expansion/remodel, Uintah Basin Healthcare plans to remodel the Med-Surg / ICU Department. Uintah Basin Healthcare is always aware of needs and improving the patient experience. We will continue to grow and to provide healthcare you can count on.

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.