

PRESS RELEASE

Uintah Basin Healthcare Celebrates 75th Anniversary

August 14, 2019: On August 14, 2019, Uintah Basin Healthcare celebrated their 75th anniversary. On this very day, August 14th, 75 years ago – we opened our doors at our original location at 26 W 200 North in Roosevelt, Utah. After three decades of enduring illness and injury with home remedies and overworked, scarce healthcare providers, the residents of Roosevelt and surrounding communities came together to build a hospital.

The original estimated cost of the facility was \$30,000. LDS hospital committed to fund 60% if 40% came from local donations. Local residents and civic organizations contributed all they could, donating labor and cash. Fundraisers from bake sales to street dances were held to raise necessary funds.

Construction began in 1939 and was complete by 1942... then residents went on to raise additional funds for medical equipment. Two years later in 1944, we were ready to open our doors. The everyday functions of our hospital continued to rely on a strong spirit of volunteerism.

In 1968, Duchesne County assumed ownership of the hospital and the facility was renamed the Duchesne County Hospital. In 1996, the hospital "dba" name changed to Uintah Basin Medical Center. In 2000, we gained non-profit corporation status.

"Since our meager beginnings in 1944 we have been razor focused on doing all we can to help our community have access to and to receive the very best in healthcare services close to home. At Uintah Basin Healthcare we take this mission seriously. Our mission drives the decisions and investments we make in our community and every strategic partnership we establish. Our mission is: *Caring for our communities through access to compassionate quality healthcare and investing in those we serve*" said Jim Marshall, President & CEO of Uintah Basin Healthcare. "You'll notice that we are the largest independent rural healthcare system in Utah. This growth didn't happen by accident, it has been because of an intentional focus of our organization over the last 75 years to put the patient first. As a locally owned not for profit organization, all profits are reinvested in our communities to ensure that we continue to expand needed services to truly help our communities have access to the very best healthcare has to offer without having to leave the Basin whenever possible. By focusing on our patients needs and working to provide an exceptional service, our growth has continued naturally".

For example... Over the last decade, we have made significant advancements to better serve our community:

- 2011: A 37,000 square foot clinic (Clinic #2) was built, allowing the addition of specialty providers
- 2013: We added the first-ever digital broadband Philips Ingenia 1.5T MRI
- 2013: We opened our new & improved respiratory and sleep center
- 2015: We partnered with Intermountain Life Flight

- 2015: We announced our new tele-audiology program, improving follow-up here at home for newborns who do not pass their initial hearing screening
- 2015: We opened our new emergency department, growing from 4,230 square feet to a total 10,180 square feet
- 2016: We launched Mako™ Robotic - Arm Assisted Surgery for Partial Knee Replacement and Total Hip Replacement (adding total knee the following year)
- 2017: Staff from Utah Valley Hospital and UBH worked to implement TeleNICU Early Lung Recruitment / Resuscitation Program for newborns, leading to a drastic reduction in newborn transports due to respiratory complications
- 2017: We opened our new Infusion Center
- 2018: We partnered with Healogics, the nation's largest healthcare provider for wound care services - offering complex wound care and hyperbaric medicine
- 2018: We opened our new Vernal Women's Health Center located at 475 N 500 W
- 2018: We introduced 3D mammography with patient-assisted compression

The future of healthcare looks bright. Technology has given patients the ability to remotely connect with specialists and has increased availability of advanced treatment technologies leading to more immediate care and better outcomes. Through these advancements, we have been able to introduce Telestroke, Teleburn, Tele-audiology, TeleNICU... and now Tele-oncology – providing an extra level of support to cancer patients in the Uintah Basin with access to experts in the field of oncology through a partnership with Intermountain Healthcare.

As a local non-profit organization, it is important to us to make the right investments in strategic partnerships and plans for expansion to ensure access to the very best healthcare for our communities.

We look forward to the future. We have many new and exciting projects underway that will continue to improve our ability to expand new health and healing services to our communities.

As we put in motion the phases to build the necessary infrastructure for the future of our organization, an update to our Roosevelt Main campus was a necessary starting point. Although our facilities are in good condition, much of the infrastructure needs to be replaced to support future growth and development of our ever-changing industry. Our planned Roosevelt expansion will provide our patients with a new state of the art Surgery Center, Laboratory, Café, Gift Shop and more. The expansion frees up space in the heart of our hospital that will be retrofitted for the growth of current and future services.

We are grateful to our community members from all across the Basin and beyond who travel to any of our campus locations to receive care. Twenty five percent of our patient base comes from Uintah County - Therefore, we realize the importance of improving access and quality service to the Vernal area.

Our Vernal campus addition will offer new expanded physician office space, radiology & laboratory services, urgent care, a small café and more. The expansion also frees up room in existing buildings to allow for future growth of other services.

In addition, we are excited to announce that with further development of the Vernal campus we will be relocating our Vernal Dialysis Center to this campus to better serve our dialysis patients.

As we are led by our values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion, and Excellence, we realize that it is only by committing to understand the personal needs of our patients that we can truly provide exceptional

healthcare to our friends and neighbors. We want you to know that we hear you, we listen to your needs, and we are taking action to better serve you.

We honor our heritage and those legacy figures before us who have built our foundation. We are blessed with dedicated leadership today, a gifted medical staff, and loyal staff members who continue to uphold our values and help us grow to best serve our community. We genuinely thank you for your support.

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About Uintah Basin Healthcare

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 independent healthcare system in the state of Utah.

