

HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS
April 2015

Celebrating at Montrose Memorial Hospital

The name Mary Snyder and Montrose Memorial Hospital have been synonymous for many years. Mary has served in many capacities at the hospital for over 43 years, beginning as a dietitian in 1971 and functioning as the Chief Operating Officer since 1983. She has worked closely with seven different CEO's and helped recruit many of the 100 physicians currently practicing in Montrose. She is the executive director of the San Juan Health Care Foundation and has served as Chamber of Commerce President, on the Montrose Dental Clinic board and was instrumental in starting the Olathe Medical Clinic.

Mary is very proud of helping make the San Juan Cancer Center a reality in Montrose. She assisted with the \$1,000,000 fundraising campaign and worked closely with the construction team as well as the joint venture partners, St. Mary's Hospital and San Juan Radiation Oncology. She loved to say; "our sickest patients no longer have to drive to Grand Junction for their cancer care because we can take care of them here."

Working tirelessly, Mary is known for looking for solutions to healthcare needs in our region and then figuring out how to bring the right people to the table to make it all work. One example is the new River Valley Family Health Center which is a federally qualified health center that came into realization from a lot of blood, sweat and tears from Mary, Jon Gordon from the Center for Mental Health along with many dedicated community members from Olathe. Another similar project that Mary worked on was the Montrose Community Dental Clinic. Dr. Doug Hansen, Mary and others worked together to write the grants, recruit the dentists and other staff to help make the clinic a success.

Mary's shoes will be very hard to fill and Joyce Beck has been chosen to continue Mary's leadership at MMH. Joyce brings a wealth of executive and operational experience to MMH and most recently was the CEO of St. Vincent Hospital in Leadville, CO. We look forward to her energy and expertise.

We will be celebrating Mary's retirement at a public Open House on Thursday, April 9th from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. The event is open to everyone and we encourage you to stop by and wish Mary all the best.

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