

3rd Annual Gunnison Valley Health Foundation Gala

Every Magical Second Join us on Thursday, August 10th from 5 to 10 pm to celebrate the third annual Gunnison Valley Health Foundation Gala hosted by event chairs Annie Amrich and Megan Mensing at the Sweet Reunion Performance Venue, Joel Benisch and Elisabeth Laux's private residence in Trappers Crossing.



Recording artist, Marc Broussard

This magical evening will feature an exciting live auction and special performances by Bayou Soul singer-songwriter, Marc Broussard, local musician and EMS paramedic Luke De La Parra, and magician Gregg Tobo. Chef DAT (David Anthony Temple) of Dallas and New Orleans, Chef Tajahi Allie Adran Cooke of Denver, and Crested Butte's own Chef Christoph Peherstorfer will conjure a spectacular dinner complemented with wine selections by sommelier Aaron Tomcak.

Proceeds benefit the Seconds Save Lives capital campaign. For tickets or to sponsor this event, contact Tammy Scott, Foundation Coordinator, 970.642.8406 or visit gunnisonvalleyhealth.org/gala.

New Station Renderings

The new station will be located at 1200 N. Colorado St., one block from Hwy. 135, a site chosen for its size, cost efficiencies, proximity to Gunnison Valley Hospital and emergency services access.



Final design and materials may differ from renderings.

There are still spaces in the new station available for naming rights, and individuals and businesses will be publicly recognized on a donor thank you wall.



Jenny Birnie, Executive Director, GVH Foundation; CJ Malcolm, Chief; Eric Sorensen, Operations Captain; Justin Skokan, Operations Captain; Michael Taylor, Operations Captain; Jason Amrich, CEO, Gunnison Valley Health.



GUNNISON VALLEY HEALTH FOUNDATION



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The Gunnison Valley Health Foundation is an IRS designated nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with state and federal regulations. In addition, individuals who pay Colorado State Income Tax are eligible for an Enterprise Zone tax credit on their Colorado return. Donations of \$100 or more earn a 25% tax credit.

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save lives

Help us to break ground on the new station!

Thanks to generous community support and over 400 donors, almost \$9 million has been raised of the \$12 million needed for the new station for GVH Paramedics. A highly experienced team of local and Colorado-based designers and builders has been contracted including Black Dragon Development, SEH Architects and JVA Consulting Engineers, who have updated preliminary plans and estimates.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help save lives. **Donate today!**

Martha Violet



Martha Violet

Martha Violet is Emeritus Professor of Music at Western Colorado University and continues to teach piano and remain active as a performer on campus and in the region. She grew up in Illinois and received degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University and the University of Iowa. The opportunity to study music in Freiburg, Germany, inspired a lifetime of travel. Her late husband, Ted Violet, was a Professor of Physics at Western for fifty years and together they discovered the joy and camaraderie of seeing the world on foot.

How and when did you first come to the Gunnison Valley?

In July 1972 a planned backpacking trip to Wyoming was diverted to Gunnison's West Elks when I was invited to interview for a music position at Western Colorado University. After living near the Black Forest in Germany, the opportunity to teach and live in the mountains was a dream come true and I never left!

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Martha Violet

What do you think a new EMS station will mean to the community?

Those who knew my husband, Ted Violet, know that fitness and wellness were a priority for him to maintain a healthy, active life and will remember seeing him running around Gunnison and participating in local races. Our family was pleased when the GVH Foundation offered the opportunity to remember him by naming the EMS wellness and fitness area the "Theodore Violet Memorial Wellness Center."

Why did you decide to support the campaign for a new EMS building?

In the past fifty-plus years I have seen hospital services and the number of health care professionals expand to better serve the entire valley. The Gunnison Valley Health Foundation also emerged and became the support and fundraising entity for many services under its umbrella. It allows donors to support areas that may have been very helpful or meaningful personally and are important to the Gunnison Valley. For me that has included Hospice and Palliative Care and more recently, the fundraising for the new EMS station. No one wants to anticipate the need to call 911 for emergency medical services but when it is necessary, professional and reliable help ready to respond as quickly as possible can be lifesaving. The new EMS facility will allow professionals to be on site, ready, and available to travel for immediate care and give them a central place for equipment, storage of supplies, rest, and fitness activities.



Ted and Martha Violet

The Need

Once a mostly volunteer team of college students with a handful of professional paramedics, Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics are now a fully professional, highly trained team. The award-winning GVH Paramedics are leaders in the EMS industry, often setting the precedent of how other EMS agencies train and operate. The GVH EMS department has faced rapid expansion, particularly over the past several years. The growth is caused by increased population and tourism in the region, as well as expanded service lines including critical care level interfacility transports (IFTs) to larger metropolitan hospitals outside Gunnison County.

The current station was designed for fewer and smaller ambulances, far less equipment, a small fraction of the current staff and there are no sleeping quarters of after-hours personnel, resulting in dangerously delayed response time to 911 calls.

While morale remains relatively high, the burden of increased call volume combined with an inadequate facility to rest, rehab and respond weighs heavily on all crews. Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics are in serious need of an updated ADA and OSHA compliant station.

Your Support

Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics are not tax-funded like fire and police departments. For over 20 years, GVH has subsidized the EMS department. GVH operational funding and minimal insurance reimbursements are simply not enough to fund the capital expense of a new station.

Community support has never been so important for the patients served by Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics. Your tax-deductible donation today provides each individual who calls 911 with the best possible healthcare experience and outcome. While hoping you never need to dial 911, GVH Paramedics are ready to provide you and your loved ones with the best emergency medicine and rescue services available.