

We can't wait to see you next Tuesday, July 1st, in Almont for the Gunnison Valley Health Foundation 5th Annual Gala Celebration. Please read the information below carefully and send it along to your guests.

Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Time: 5:00-10:00 pm

Location: Almont Resort 10209 N State Highway 135 Almont, Colorado 81210

Transportation/Directions: The Almont Resort is conveniently located on the RTA bus route from Crested Butte and Gunnison with frequent stops before and after the event. We highly recommend taking the bus or carpooling to the event as parking is limited.

If you choose to drive to the venue, you will be parking in the Gold or Silver parking lot and walking directly to the venue.

Schedule for the evening:

Our evening will begin at 5:00 pm with cocktails and passed Hors d'Oeuvres followed by a gourmet dinner prepared by Chef Pete Mickelson at Almont Resort. View the menu [here](#).

5:00 Guests begin arriving at the event

5:00-6:15 Appetizers and drinks--happy hour and card game sales

6:15 Guests sit down for dinner—Main course served—Family style. Two speakers during dinner.

6:50 Opening Comments and acknowledgments. Special recognition of Gala Chair Kathy Barnhart

7:15 Two Speakers "Our Valley, Our Health" prior to auction and paddle raise

7:35 Card game and Live auction begins with dessert course being served during card game

8:00 Paddle Raiser

8:15-8:30 Boogie Machine begins playing

Gala Theme: Our Valley, Our Health

"Our Valley, Our Health" is more than a theme—it's a call to action. It's about coming together as a community to invest in something profoundly important: the health and well-being of everyone who calls this valley home.

Throughout the evening, you'll hear powerful, personal stories from community members who are receiving care at Gunnison Valley Health. Their experiences are honest, moving, and a clear reminder of why a strong, local healthcare system matters. These stories reflect the real impact of your support—on neighbors, friends, and families navigating everything from routine checkups to life-changing treatments.

Your generosity tonight ensures that care remains close to home. It helps us recruit and retain exceptional healthcare professionals, sustain critical services, and provide compassionate, comprehensive care at every stage of life—from infancy to aging with dignity.

This is more than a gift. It's a commitment to the future of our valley—a pledge to protect and strengthen the health of our community for generations to come.

Live Auction and Card Game: To add the “fun” in “fundraiser”, there are three wonderful live auction items to consider prior to attending the event. We are also bringing back the hit Card Game from last year. You can view the list of live auction and card game items [here](#).

Entertainment: Immediately following the live auction and paddle raiser, Boogie Machine, a four-piece 70's disco tribute band will play all your favorite disco era hits with a taste of funk and rock. With their giant hair and custom retro style costumes, Boogie Machine delivers a fun, energetic and engaging show to get you grooving on the dance floor.

Attire: Break out your bell bottoms, sparkly dresses, and platform shoes—disco attire is encouraged! Embrace the fun of our festive '70s theme and get ready to boogie the night away. Prefer classic gala elegance? That's welcome too—whatever helps you shine! Our celebration will be held outdoors, so please dress for cooler evening temps and the possibility of a little rain. And don't forget comfortable shoes—you'll want to stroll the property, soak in the views, and dance under the stars in style.

Check in: Please give your name to staff when you arrive. You will be provided with your table number and be given a Bidder number for the evening. For a faster check-out experience make sure to provide your contact and payment details to staff ahead of time. The staff can affiliate a credit card to your bidder number at the event as well. At the end of the evening, you can choose to pay with the credit card, cash or by check.

Other information: There are two bars conveniently located in the venue and a signature cocktail will be offered upon your entry to the event. Water and soft drinks will also be available. There will also be wine served with the dinner course. We encourage you to mingle around the property during the first hour and take in the beautiful views and festive atmosphere.

We want to thank our wonderful business and individual sponsors who are supporting the event:

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See you on Tuesday!!

Kathy Barnhart, Gala Chair

Jenny Birnie, Vice President of Community Health and Development