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is an \$8.5 million capital campaign to address a critical need for a new station for Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics.

Supporting Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics benefits everyone in the Gunnison Valley - even if your home is in Crested Butte, Mt. Crested Butte, CB South or anywhere north of Round Mountain.

Here are some reasons why:

- If you enjoy recreating at Blue Mesa, the Black Canyon, Hartman Rocks, the Taylor River Canyon, Taylor Reservoir, or Tincup, and you are injured or become severely ill, your 911 call will be answered by Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics.
- If you are injured and need to be rescued from the West Elk Wilderness, Fossil Ridge Wilderness or Collegiate Peaks Wilderness, your 911 call will be answered by Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics.
- If a deer jumps out in front of your car in the Almont Triangle area after grocery shopping at City Market, Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics will respond to the scene. They also respond to vehicle crashes on Highway 50, Monarch Pass, Cottonwood Pass and roadways deep into Saguache and Hinsdale Counties.
- If you are faced with a life-threatening condition out of the scope of care for Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics are the primary team that will care for you and transport you to nearly any specialized medical center from Montrose to Grand Junction to Denver.
- There is a formal Mutual Aid Agreement for Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics to closely partner with the Crested Butte Fire Protection District Paramedics on mutual aid emergencies, a regular occurrence during peak summer and winter seasons. Both emergency medical teams respond jointly and back each other up when needed.
- It is likely that you spend a generous portion of your time within GVH Paramedics service area of 4,400 square miles, which is the largest response zone in Colorado and one of the largest in the U.S.

Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics were recognized as the best ambulance service in Colorado in 2020 from over 200 Emergency Medical Service teams.

GVH Paramedics are not tax funded like fire and police departments. They are asking for donations to support an \$8.5 million capital campaign to replace their small, outdated station.

A larger, updated station in a better location on the Gunnison Valley Health campus will:

- Improve patient response time to 911 calls – saving lives
- Improve patient safety, satisfaction rates and outcomes
- Expand services, including training for the community
- Support the safety, health and well-being of the responders
- Improve accessibility to and visibility of the Emergency Medical Services department
- Help our rural community to recruit and retain health professionals

Most people don't think of paramedics until they need to call 911. While hoping we never need to serve you, rest assured that a new station will provide you the best critical care medical service available.

Jenny Birnie

Director Gunnison Valley Health Foundation

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today to support Gunnison Valley Health Paramedics.

The next life they save could be yours.

For additional questions and to make a donation contact:

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