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Denver Health celebrates community impact with award and successful volunteer events



Denver Health is thrilled to share a recent significant achievement and its community involvement from this past weekend. Denver Health has been honored with the Social Responsibility Community Service Award for 2024 from Montbello 2020, a community organization dedicated to education, safety, diversity and inclusiveness. Montbello praised Denver Health for its continuous commitment to enhancing quality of life, promoting community participation and improving the well-being of the Montbello neighborhood. This recognition is a testament to our five-year partnership with Montbello 2020, particularly our joint efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, Denver Health volunteers were out in full force this past weekend, helping our communities celebrate in various ways. Volunteers from the Montbello and Federico F. Peña Southwest family health centers helped their neighbors prepare for school with backpack giveaways, while Park Hill volunteers participated in the annual Day of Legends summer send-off event.

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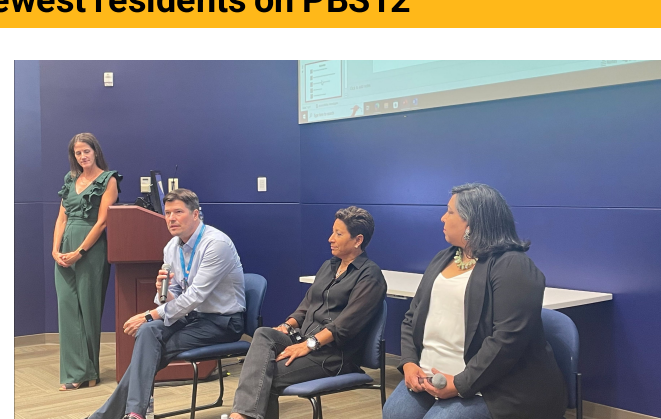
2024-26 STRATEGIC PLAN

Team effort shines in recent Joint Commission lab survey

You may have [seen the recent email](#) from Chief Quality, Safety and Transformation Officer **Read Pierce, MD**, about our successful Joint Commission lab survey. We have received additional thanks and recognition from various individuals and teams. We also want to highlight the efforts of the Sloan's Lake Primary Care Center team – who hosted our surveyor – Hospital Information Management for providing 60 boxes of documents, and the Archive Warehouse for transporting these documents to the lab.

Highlighting Denver's newest residents on PBS12

Be sure to catch the upcoming PBS12 documentary, "Humanize: Newcomers," as it features **Sonja O'Leary, MD, chair of ambulatory pediatrics and School-based Health Centers**, and **Stephen Wolf, MD, chair of emergency medicine**. Both were interviewed and shared their experiences with those who have recently arrived in Denver.



The goal of the project is to bring understanding to the issue of immigration while humanizing the newcomers with lived experience. Dr. Wolf participated in a screening and panel discussion on the documentary earlier this week at the Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Institute. Dr. Wolf, along with Denver City Councilwoman Jamie Torres and ViVe Wellness CEO Yoli Casas, shared the impact that engaging with newcomers has had on them, their teams and the city.

Drs. O'Leary and Wolf have had powerful moments caring for and visiting with newcomers who have come to Denver Health for care. "Humanize" airs **Sundays at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 1** on PBS 12.

STAY INFORMED

Regular hours resume at School-based Health Centers, remodeled clinic

It's back-to-school time already and with Denver Public Schools (DPS) students starting class on Monday, all 19 of our School-based Health Centers (SBHCs) re-opened on a regular school schedule this week, including the newly remodeled and expanded clinic at Montbello High School (pictured). The Montbello clinic refresh is part of DPS's remodel of the entire high school and was paid for by a voter bond measure. A ribbon cutting for the remodeled school is set for **2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16**.



Our SBHCs are a great place for students to get sports physicals, wellness exams and required vaccines. They also offer dental care, behavioral health services and more.

Last school year, our SBHCs saw more than 16,000 students for more than 65,000 visits, up from 15,000 students and 57,000 visits in 2022-23.

Children enrolled in DPS, and their siblings, can visit our clinics. Care is available at no cost to families. You can make an appointment by calling 303-602-8958 or online through [MyChart](#).

Trauma patient returns after a year to thank staff

A year ago, Todd Brainard was in a wheelchair, recovering from a severe pelvis fracture. A few weeks ago, he went mountain biking, paddleboarding, and hiked 6 miles to Cathedral Lake in the mountains near Aspen. Recently, he returned to Denver Health to thank the care teams for their role in his recovery.



Todd is pictured with his daughter, Emma, and **Loni Bunness, RN**, in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Be on the lookout for more on Todd's recovery in an upcoming story on 9News. You can also [watch a video](#) by Denver Health from last year and [read more about Todd's journey](#) here.

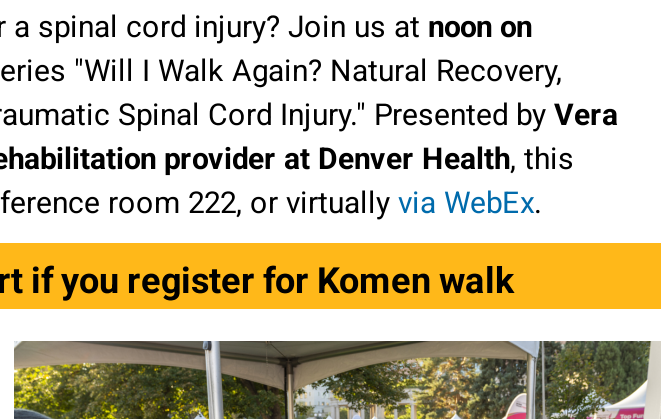
GET INVOLVED

Explore spinal cord injury recovery with Dr. Staley

Ever wondered about the path to recovery after a spinal cord injury? Join us at **noon on Wednesday, Aug. 21**, for the Trauma Lecture Series "Will I Walk Again? Natural Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Emerging Treatments for Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury." Presented by **Vera Staley, MD, attending physical medicine and rehabilitation provider at Denver Health**, this lecture will be held in person in Pavilion D, conference room 222, or virtually via [WebEx](#).

Last chance to get a free T-shirt if you register for Komen walk

Join Denver Health at the Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk, an annual fundraiser to end breast cancer, **Saturday, Oct. 12**, at Civic Center Park in Denver. Our [Breast Care Center](#) team is looking forward to seeing you there and hoping for a record turnout, besting our record-setting number of walkers for the state at 98 last year. We have a new set of questions for our popular prize wheel to educate attendees in a fun way

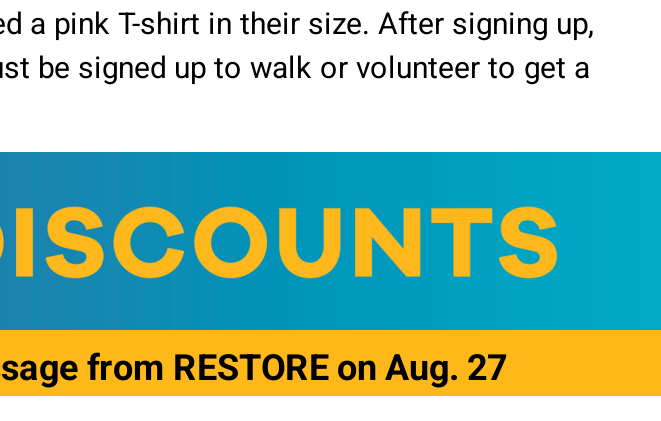


about the important, life-saving work we do for breast health at Denver Health. Those who [sign up at this link](#) by **Aug. 20** will be guaranteed a pink T-shirt in their size. After signing up, just click [this link](#) to secure your shirt. You must be signed up to walk or volunteer to get a shirt.

PERKS & DISCOUNTS

Enter drawing to win free massage from RESTORE on Aug. 27

The Denver Health RESTORE Support Center, on the first floor of Pavilion B, will offer Denver Health staff free 15-minute chair massages with a Zeel massage therapist from **noon-4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27**. [Click here](#) to enter a drawing for your chance to win a massage. Winners will be contacted by email on **Sunday, Aug. 25**, and offered time slots. Names on the sign-up list and the winners will be kept confidential.

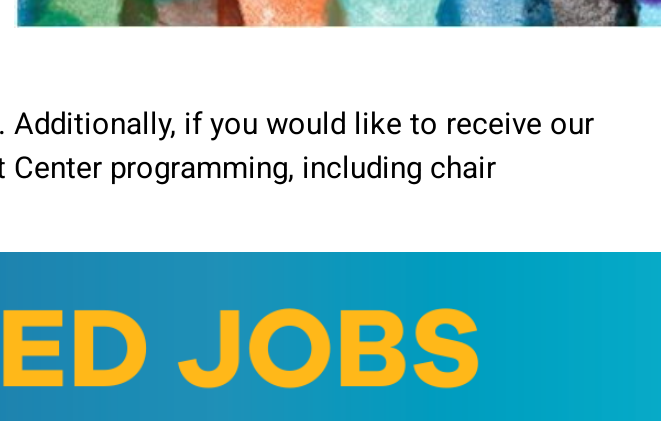


Email questions to RESTOREcenter@dhha.org. Additionally, if you would like to receive our monthly newsletter and kept in the know about Center programming, including chair massages, email RESTOREcenter@dhha.org.

FEATURED JOBS

Discover the latest career opportunities at Denver Health

This week's featured job is [Charge Nurse - Nights - Peds/PICU](#). Take advantage of our Employee Referral Program and refer a friend for one of our Featured Jobs for a chance to earn a referral bonus.



The referral incentive varies depending on the position referred, so don't miss out on this opportunity to help someone find their next great role while earning a reward yourself.

Employee referral incentives range up to \$5,000. Search your network to find top talent and earn cash. Login to your Workday, click on the "Jobs Hub." Under "My Referrals," click the "Refer a Candidate" button to send your prospects an application invitation email. A [quick reference guide](#) is available in the Workday Resource Hub. Additional details are available in the [Employee Referral Incentive Program](#) policy.

GRATITUDE

Patient testimonial highlights exceptional care at Denver Health

Here is a heartfelt testimonial we recently received in the Patient Care Advocate email box. A patient who has visited our Sexual Health Clinic, Adult Urgent Care Center and Downtown Urgent Care expressed gratitude for the care they received at Denver Health.

The patient shared, "Every time I've interacted with a Denver Health facility, the providers listen to me, treat me like an adult, provide me multiple care options, and take my thoughts into account for the plan of care." They also noted, "It truly feels like they're a partner in my health. Words cannot possibly express how much that means to me after getting not listened to or shamed by other providers throughout my life."

The patient emphasized how their experiences at Denver Health have made a significant difference, saying, "Your providers have truly made my quality of life better and have made me less afraid of seeking care when needed." They concluded, "I wanted to say: Truly, thank you to the whole team of people that are responsible for this experience."

We are deeply appreciative of this feedback and proud of the dedication our team shows in delivering compassionate, high-quality care. Thank you to everyone who contributes to making such meaningful impacts on our patients' lives.

IN THE NEWS

The 411 highlights top stories of the week. Please visit in the [News on the Pulse](#) for a rundown of all recent stories featuring Denver Health.

Denver hospital expands doula as new law covers under Medicaid
Aug. 8, 9News

"It's taken a lot of time for midwives to be allowed in hospitals and to be a respected provider in hospitals. And now, there's a lot of movement toward appreciating how a doula can support a patient and provide better outcomes as well," **Phoebe Montgomery, a certified nurse midwife and OBGYN nurse practitioner** as well as the founder and director of the Denver Health Doula Program, said.

How to better prioritize your health and well-being
Aug. 14, FOX31

August is National Wellness Month. **Brianna Amendola, ergonomics and wellness specialist at Denver Health**, shared some tips, tricks and information with FOX31 on how to prioritize health and well-being.

Denver Health offers a Substance Treatment Line where anyone can get help
Aug. 14, Great Day Colorado

Andrea Bailey, Denver Health's Behavioral Health Program Manager, joined Great Day Colorado to talk about their new Substance Treatment Line that is open to anyone who is struggling with a substance use disorder.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August | September

- Aug. 20:** RESTORE Group Support: Black/African-American Affinity
- Aug. 20:** CAM Academy - Addiction Medicine 101
- Aug. 21:** TRAUMA Lecture Series: "Will I Walk Again?"
- Aug. 24:** Walk with a Doc: August session
- Aug. 26:** Mobile blood drive with Children's Hospital
- Aug. 27:** Free Zeel massage
- Aug. 27:** RESTORE Group Support: Workplace Safety Concerns
- Aug. 28:** Self Care Yoga with Workplace Well-being
- Aug. 28:** On-Campus financial wellness session
- Aug. 28:** RESTORE Group Support: Newcomer Humanitarian Crisis
- Aug. 30:** Overdose Awareness Day
- Sept. 3:** RESTORE Group Support: Grief & Loss
- Sept. 9:** Suicide Prevention Month event
- Sept. 11:** RESTORE Group Support: Cumulative Stress & Burnout
- Sept. 24:** CAM Academy - Addiction Medicine 101
- Sept. 25:** Schwartz Rounds: Holding Suffering and Bearing Witness to Joy
- Sept. 28:** Walk with a Doc: September session

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