

# Western Health Foundation

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Dear Friends,

As a vital partner in supporting Rehoboth McKinley Christian Healthcare Services (RMCHCS), we warmly invite you to participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> Charity Invitational fundraiser. We are deeply grateful for the support we receive year after year from local businesses and community members like you. Thank you so much!

This year's event is part of an exciting multi-year \$2.25 million fundraising effort to support the development of a Family Medicine Residency Program at RMCHCS. Last year's goal was to raise funds for Phase 1, which focused on upgrading and renovating the Dr. Philip Kamps' Women's Health and Birthing Unit as well as initial work on College Clinic. This year we are raising money for Phase 2, which will allow for the completion of the renovation of College Clinic, including equipment and furniture for the Family Medicine Residency Program.

The Family Medicine Residency Program is part of a long-term strategy to address physician shortage in rural New Mexico, especially places like Gallup and McKinley County. It will help to improve the health of our community by training residents to provide the highest quality of culturally competent care for people of all ages. The program will accept up to four residents each year for a total program length of three years (12 residents maximum). Residents will live and work in Gallup during their time here. We hope that many of our graduates will choose to make their long-term careers in this region, as the majority of doctors stay in the place they do their residency training.

We are very excited about what the residency program will mean for our community. We hope that by participating in the 24<sup>th</sup> Charity Invitational events, you will come to appreciate the importance of this opportunity for the future of primary care in the Gallup area. Please join us in supporting this worthy venture.

Thank you again for your support and for caring about excellent healthcare in our community.

Sincerely,



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