

## Construction's Begun

**Your generosity** -- and that of others who understand and believe in our mission to improve life, health and safety through philanthropy -- enabled us to start construction in October on the new Ballard Center housing our community's new RiverStone Health Clinic.

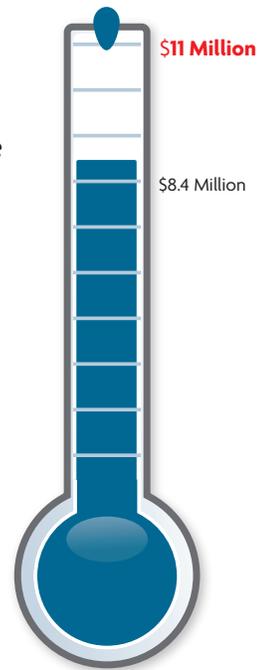
Nearly 300 donors have made gifts in support of the Clinic expansion, which will increase access to primary care and enhance our role in training Montana's future healthcare providers. The new Ballard Center will increase the number of exam rooms to 48. It will host more than 400 students each year as they learn healthcare skills that are badly needed within our region and our state.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Yellowstone Bank and Wells Fargo. Both organizations have invested \$100,000 in the **Building a Healthy Community** campaign. We also thank the Mary Alice Fortin Foundation, Bank of Bridger, EBMS, the Hoiness Family Foundation and individual donors for their generosity. With \$2.6 million remaining on the \$11 million goal, the Campaign Committee will continue efforts to fund expansion of the Clinic, knowing that the Clinic serves as a vital and powerful economic engine in our region.

In October, construction began on the Clinic. Unfortunately, sitework revealed poor soil, which meant replacing topsoil and pouring deeper footings. Mother Nature interfered in December with a *wee bit* of snow and below zero temperatures. Completion is slated for November 2017.

Our long-standing partnership with county officials was definitely an asset in securing short term financing while charitable pledges are redeemed. In December, those financing needs were covered by \$3 million in bonds issued through Yellowstone County's bonding authority to RiverStone Health. The funds will be repaid by 2022.

Through your generosity, you have laid the foundation for the continued growth of our Clinic, which strives to preserve and improve the health of our community and our most vulnerable residents as well as heal the sick.



*Jim Harris, center left, with his brother Jay Harris of Yellowstone Bank, are pictured with Rob Hunter and Kristie Asay.*



*Work on the new Clinic, which began in October, has moved forward in spite of record snowfall in December.*



*Joy Ott, center, Wells Fargo Regional President, MT-WY Region, presents a check to Joann Powell, Steve Wahrlich, and John Felton.*

**COMMITTEE:** Rob Hunter - CHAIR, Dr. Bill Ballard, John Felton, Doug James, Lyle Knight, Dr. Megan Littlefield, Dr. Benjamin Marchello, Joann Powell, Jeff Simkovic, Steve Wahrlich, Dr. Bob Wilmouth, Ron Yates  
 Kristie Asay - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# We have a proven record of success

At **RiverStone Health Clinic** we care for all members of our community with respect.

## IN 2016 WE:



Served nearly 20,000 patients. Nearly a third were uninsured.



Were recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for exceeding clinic quality care measures.



Started construction on our new Clinic, which will increase our exam rooms to 48.



Contributed \$18.5 million in total economic impact to our community.



Saved the healthcare system \$21 million, or about \$1,200 per patient.

## But we've got more work to do

# PLEASE HELP US GROW

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