Marchello Family makes $50,000 Tribute Gift to Campaign

Dr. Albino and Virginia Marchello will be remembered for their contributions to health and medical care in our community and throughout the region.

“They would be delighted to see the services RiverStone Health delivers and its ability to attract great practitioners who want to serve people in need,” said their son, Dr. Benjamin Marchello.

For decades, the beloved Dr. Bino Marchello practiced as a general surgeon in Billings. The Red Lodge native understood that, at the time, a surgeon’s role sometimes overlapped with that of a family physician. Grateful patients showered the surgeon with cookies before their surgeries and for long afterward. Bino’s wife Virginia, was an Army nurse. After their marriage, she volunteered countless hours in the St. Vincent Hospital soda fountain, which was called the Cheery Nook, with the American Cancer Society and Parmly Billings Library.

“My parents taught by word and example that compassion toward others is our first duty. My father’s compassion was demonstrated by his work as a physician,” said Ben, a retired oncologist with St. Vincent Frontier Cancer Center. There was no pressure to become a doctor, he said, although he does recall many thought-provoking discussions around the Marchello family dinner table that stimulated his passion for medicine.

Ben, like his father, also married a nurse who has dedicated many volunteer hours to the community. Mary Lou Marchello volunteers with Dress for Success and many of her exquisite quilts and heirloom embroidery pieces have been donated to charities. As a kind-hearted school nurse for over 10 years, with RiverStone Health’s Public Health Services, Mary Lou made a lasting impression on the lives of Yellowstone County rural school students.

The Marchello family is a pillar of the medical community and we are deeply indebted to Ben for his leadership on the RiverStone Health Foundation Board of Directors.

In honor of Dr. Albino J. Marchello and Virginia R. Marchello, two exams rooms in the new RiverStone Health Clinic bear their names. The generous legacy gift pays tribute to a couple who will always be known for their compassion.
Full Steam Ahead!
With the opening of the new RiverStone Health Clinic in the Ballard Center, we are expanding our reach into the community. There is still much work to be done – we can’t stop here!

John Felton, President and CEO of RiverStone Health stated, “Phase One completes the Clinic, but it’s the Wellness Center of Phase Two, combined with the Clinic, that will truly change people’s lives and create an economically sustainable future. The complimentary spaces create opportunities for patients to establish and attain their health and wellness goals.”

“Personal responsibility plays a key role in health. It’s hard to be healthy and make positive lifestyle choices without access to primary care. The new Clinic, combined with RiverStone Health’s team-based clinical model, affords patients the knowledge and power to manage their health and wellness.”

Dr. Megan Littlefield, Chief Medical Officer, RiverStone Health

The southern-most portion of the former RiverStone Health Clinic being deconstructed, in order to build a new connecting structure between the new and existing clinical facilities

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