

Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation

Thankful

Sue Knapp, Board Member

Recently, about 125 letters were sent to our supporters, thanking them for their support of both the Clinic and the Foundation. We also expressed to them, and now to you, that despite the continual challenges for the clinic this year, we have turned the corner and are feeling optimistic about 2021. We remain committed to providing top quality, comprehensive, accessible healthcare to the residents of South Wasco County. We are emerging from these challenging times with the people, partners, and business model needed to remain vital and responsive to South Wasco County's health needs for years to come. This is our gift to this community.

As we anticipate (and hope for) a long overdue ground-breaking for a new clinic this spring, we are reminded of what it means to persevere. Persevering through difficult head winds allowed us to turn that corner. Encouragement from others lifted us when we were down. The hands-on support of caring people helped inch us forward. And our true and strong belief that we were doing the right thing, would get to that finish line and reach our goal, underscored why we hung in there.

Attitude was also a key to our success. A core team of Board members, staff, consultants, and committee members kept the dream alive despite the difficulties. Every single one of these people contributed in significant ways, took on extra responsibilities, chose the high road, supported each other, and collectively pulled together as a team. We kept our eyes on the prize. Did not allow ourselves to be distracted or defeated by distractors and detractors. But did what we had to do and continue to do so. And the 'can-doers' in our community, of positive people who agree with and support the vision of healthy communities and quality health care, who are willing to show their support in many ways cannot be thanked enough. We appreciate our supporters!

We have top quality staff. Have retained our top-quality consultants. Have a promising potential of key funding for the clinic project. Have promising opportunities for partnerships in health care. Have an achievable goal of becoming a Rural Health Clinic. And have our feet solidly planted on the ground, moving forward in a positive direction.

We welcome anyone who is interested in becoming part of this vision of an expanded clinic with accessible and quality health care services. Whether in an advisory capacity or helping with hands-on fundraising or other activities, the 'core team' could use your help. As we enter in to 2021 and put the difficult times behind us, momentum is gathering to really focus now on getting this building built. This is an exciting time with a much-needed positive outcome for this community. You could be a part of it! Contact Dennis Beechler (541-993-6100; dennis.beechler47@gmail.com), Sue Knapp (503-302-4489; sue.marie.knapp@gmail.com) or the Nina Marvin (541-395-2911; clinicmanager@deschutesrimhealthclinic.org).