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El Rio in Action During COVID-19 Pandemic

We want to thank you for your support of **El Rio's Healthcare Heroes** fighting on the front lines of COVID-19. Community Health Centers, for many, are the first line of defense in getting the healthcare they need. El Rio Health activated our Incident Command Center in mid-March. We quickly developed new workflows for sick and well patients, deployed tents outside of clinic sites, began actively monitoring and working to secure Personal Protective Equipment supplies, started helping our patients and employees with the rapid changes. We have been working closely with Pima County Health Department, the hospitals, shelters and other community partners to educate the community, bend the curve and support people

community partners to educate the community, bend the curve and support people who are impacted by the pandemic. We engaged over 220 providers and doctors and started providing tele-health and 24/7 nurse triage phone support. We are committed to keeping our community as healthy as possible.

- "I have had a telemedicine visit which was great and the nurses, medical assistants and physicians have been wonderful.
 - Pima Community College faculty member
- "The El Rio team has been amazing and so helpful in responding to our changing workforce screening needs and schedules. We have all been impressed with every member of your team, thank you for helping us during these difficult times."
 Tucson Electric Power

Community Health Centers are shock absorbers that provide primary, dental, and behavioral health care when people are unemployed and uninsured. Nothing can stop us from standing together to protect the most vulnerable in our community, thanks to caring supporters, like you. Your contributions help provide care for those with no health coverage, daycare support for healthcare workers, medical supplies, prescription assistance and other supports.



CARES ACT and 2020 Charitable Giving Updates

Did you know about these charitable giving changes in response to COVID-19?

- 1. Non-itemizers can make ONE cash gift of \$300 and deduct if above the line on 2020 tax return.
- 2. Itemizers can deduct up to 100% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for CASH gifts to qualified charities

Up from 60%

Does not apply to stock or real estate gifts

Can carry forward unused qualified cash gift deductions for up to 5 years (subject to 60%)

3. Corporations can elect to deduct an amount up to 25% of taxable income for qualifying cash contributions paid in 2020 (cannot be for event sponsorship).

To make your donation go to elrio.org/donate or mail your check to El Rio Foundation, 839 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745.







Join us! Make a charitable gift today in celebration of Greg LaChance, DDS, El Rio Dental Director's 40 Year Legacy & Retirement!





Dr. LaChance graduated from Georgetown University School of Dentistry. He joined El Rio in 1980 and became the El Rio Dental Director. He oversaw the growth of the program from one dental site to seven dental clinics serving thousands annually. He led the establishment of adult and pediatric dental residency programs that have influenced the careers of hundreds of dentists trained in community-based dentistry. Dr. LaChance worked with state and national agencies, providing inspirational leadership furthering community-based dentistry. He has created an amazing legacy of dental quality of care and advocacy that has impacted the lives of thousands of patients, city, state and national colleagues and our community. Dr LaChance asked in lieu of retirement gifts that contributions be made to the emergency dental fund to help qualified patients get the care they need and deserve. elrio.org/donate

El Rio Sponsors Support Asthma Program after Golf Tournament Cancelled

Thanks to the generosity of loyal supporters, \$31,000 was raised in support of El Rio Children's Asthma Program. An additional \$10,000 was donated to other El Rio programs in need by sponsors. Thank you to our major sponsors - Sonora Quest Laboratories of Tucson, Lloyd Construction, Inc., Sun Mechanical, Inc. The Levin Family Foundation, Port of Tucson and Casino Del Sol and thanks to Gold Sponsors, Achilles Mechanical-Electric-Plumbing, Banner | Aetna, BBVA Compass, BFL Construction, Inc., Fester & Chapman, PLLC, RG & Sons Plumbing, Inc., Stark Electric, Inc. and Delta Dental of Arizona. Over 20 golfer foursomes also stepped up to support El Rio and our patients.



A Grateful Mom, Katie, Shares Birth Impact of El Rio Midwife, Janna

Midwife, Janna, saved my son's life when I had preeclampsia and delivered at Tucson Medical Center. I passed out twice from pain and she locked eyes with me and helped me find the strength to deliver him. There was a true overhand knot in my cord, which was wrapped tightly around my son's neck twice. Janna was loving and kind and took amazing care of us both. Her intuition and skill are invaluable.







All of us at El Rio Foundation are thinking of you and we are here to help during this especially challenging time. Our lives have changed dramatically, and it can feel overwhelming at times. But we want you to know that El Rio Foundation is filled with heart and soul—volunteer board lead, inspired by action and here to help you and to lift your spirits. We all need as much hope and inspiration as we can get. And in a time of social distancing, it's a safe and positive way to connect with each other. Please email us at foundation@elrio.org or call 520-205-4948 if you need assistance or would like to talk.

El Rio Vecinos 2020 Block Party Update

We understand the anxiety and uncertainty our community is experiencing during this pandemic.

As we navigate through these unique times, the health and well-being of our community is a top priority for El Rio Vecinos and with this in mind, they are moving the September scheduled Vecino Block Party fundraiser to March, 2021.

HAVANA NIGHTS will transform downtown Tucson into a vibrant fiesta. Enjoy live music in the Social Club and Hemingway's Hideaway, dancing, casino games, the Calle Ocho Beer Garden, and Tucson's top food and beverage partners! Please plan to join us March, 2021 and visit ElRioVecinos.com for updates.



Photo: Tom Spitz

Patient, Rose, Shares Recognition for Cheryl Webb, FNP, HealthOn University and Janine Hinkley, Health Care Manager!

My name is Rose M. C., age 67, single and living alone with my little dog, Futbol. I had a medical visit at HealthOn University. Nurse Practitioner, Cheryl Webb, was my medical care giver. As she and her assistant were doing my pre-check, my blood pressure registered 145 over 91. Nurse Practitioner Webb, her assistant and Health Center Manger, Janine Hinkley, quickly jumped into action and ordered and EKG on the spot.

They called 911 and the Tucson Fire Department came very quickly and took me in the ambulance. NP Webb followed behind them, jumping into the ambulance and asking me who they should call for me. You see, I have a little dog, Futbol that was all alone at home waiting for me. NP Webb took care of any additional worries I was having with my only family member, Futbol, and for that alone I am eternally grateful. Thank you, Nurse Practitioner, Cheryl Webb and thank you, Health Center Manger, Janine Hinkley for saving my and Futbol's life!

Recognizing Foundations & Corporations for their COVID-19 Emergency Support (as of 4.22.2020)

Arizona Community Foundation
Bank of America Foundation
BBVA Foundation
Bert W. Martin Foundation
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
Cox Communications

Delta Dental of Arizona
OneAz Credit Union
The Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation
Thomas R. Brown Foundations
Tucson Foundations
Walter & Juliet Absolon Foundation

El Rio Health at a Glance

2020 Organizational Goals

- World-class experience for patients and staff
- Healthier patients and employees
- Positive operating margin

2020 Numbers

- Patients enrolled 113,564+
- Staff 1,500+
- Annual charity care \$10–\$12 million



Giving Tuesday May 5, 2020

El Rio Foundation is honored to be part of this national day of generosity and unity. With your support, our efforts can ripple in ways that are transformative. Please use the envelope enclosed or go to elrio.org/donate to make your gift.





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This year El Rio Health celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

Thanks to support from donors, like you, we have impacted hundreds of thousands lives in our community and we will continue to do so for the next 50 years! The Noche De Fiesta Party is being chaired by Dominic & Myriam Ortega and is planned to take place at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa.

Join us for fabulous food, socializing and dancing the night away. Thank you to Pima Medical Institute, TMC Healthcare, and Jani-King Southwest for confirming major support for this fundraiser.

Sponsorships and table purchases are available. Please email us at jillr@elrio.org or call Jill Rodriguez at 520-870-7148 for more information.

