



Griffith Centers

*Hope and Healing Starts Here*

Legacy of Care Campaign

2024 Support Campaign for Griffith Centers

## Dear Esteemed Member of Our Community,

I trust this message finds you in good health and spirits. As custodians of Griffith Centers' rich legacy of service, I am privileged to connect with you on behalf of our esteemed organization. Griffith Centers has stood as a beacon of hope for decades, dedicated to uplifting vulnerable children, families, and individuals across our community.

As the CEO of Griffith Centers, I am reaching out to you today with a profound sense of purpose. Our journey, steeped in a history of unwavering integrity and commitment, has led us to embark on a transformative endeavor: the Legacy of Care Campaign project. This initiative is not merely about bricks and mortar; it symbolizes our enduring pledge to expand our footprint in Colorado Springs and to extend our reach in addressing the pressing mental health challenges facing our beloved state.

Throughout our history, Griffith Centers has been steadfast in its mission to empower individuals to surmount adversity and realize their fullest potential. From confronting the scourge of child abuse and neglect to providing solace amidst mental health crises and family upheaval, our organization has remained resolute in its dedication to those in need. Yet, in this noble endeavor, we recognize that we cannot tread this path alone.

Hence, I humbly implore you to consider joining hands with us as a valued sponsor of the Legacy of Care Campaign project. Your

partnership holds the power to catalyze profound change, enabling us to further our impact and amplify our reach within the community. Together, we can forge a brighter future for those who rely on our steadfast support and unwavering commitment.

We believe that by working together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

Should you feel compelled to lend your support or explore avenues for contribution, I invite you to contact us as soon as possible. Your time and consideration in this matter are deeply appreciated. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with you in our shared mission of compassion and empowerment, and we value your potential contribution immensely.

With heartfelt sincerity,



*Tania Sossi M.Ed. LPC*

Tania Sossi  
President & CEO  
Griffith Centers



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# Enriching Lives Together

## Support Griffith Centers' Vision for Expanded Mental Health Resources

Nestled within Colorado's breathtaking landscapes, Griffith Centers stands as a testament to compassion and commitment. Established with a vision of service, our organization, founded by Emily Griffith in 1927, has long been dedicated to supporting marginalized communities.

Looking ahead, we recognize the urgent imperative to expand our services to meet the evolving needs of our community. Essential renovations are immediately required to ensure our facilities can effectively accommodate the growing demand for our vital services.

Our commitment to meeting these challenges is embodied in the Legacy of Care Campaign. In response to the escalating mental health crisis affecting adolescents and their families across Colorado, we aim to bolster our support systems. With your invaluable support, we intend to enhance substance use disorder and telehealth services tailored for youth and families, as well as broadening our outpatient services. By reducing wait times and offering comprehensive treatment options to include psychiatric services, we strive to provide timely and effective care to those in need.

Furthermore, we're excited to introduce specialized habitation services through the PASA program. These services will enhance the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities and provide invaluable support to their families.

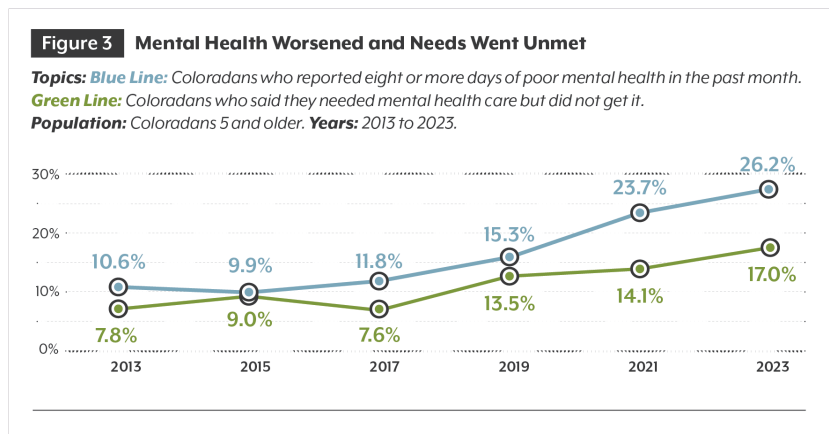
Your involvement holds immense potential to enact real change. Whether through donations, advocacy, or volunteering, your contribution is deeply appreciated, enabling us to create a nurturing environment for healing and growth. Join us in transforming our vision into reality and ensuring that Griffith Centers continues serving as a beacon of hope for future generations.



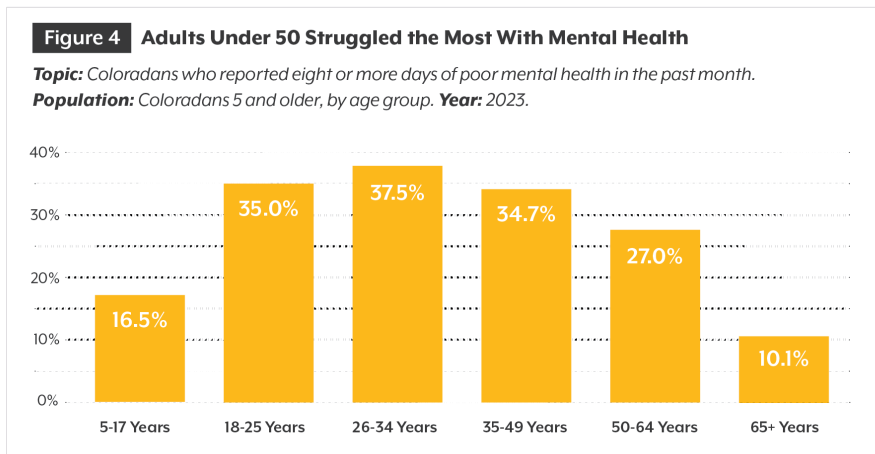
*Everyone who  
walks through  
our doors  
deserves the  
chance to heal  
and thrive.*

# Meeting Demands for Colorado

Over the past decade, Colorado has seen a staggering increase in mental health issues, with cases more than doubling. This alarming trend highlights a growing crisis that demands our immediate attention. Visuals and data paint a stark picture of what's happening in our state, revealing the urgent need for enhanced mental health services and support. As we confront this challenge, it's clear that collective action is essential to address the widespread impact on individuals, families, and communities across Colorado.



Source: Colorado Health Access Survey, 2023



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**Mental health challenges did not abate as the pandemic eased.**

More than one in four people reported poor mental health in 2023, which was the highest number the CHAS has ever recorded but not statistically different from 2021.

As mental health worsened, so did access to care. Some 880,000 Coloradans, or 17.0%, said they could not get the mental health care they needed in 2023, most often because of the difficulty in getting an appointment as soon as they needed it.

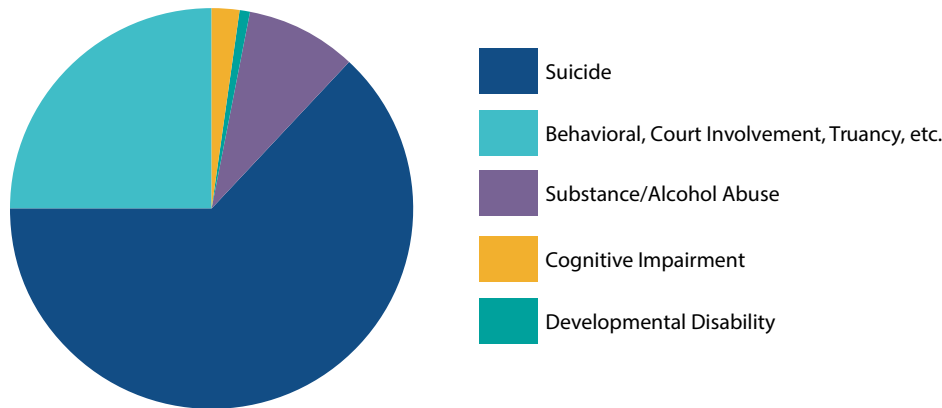
Mental health was especially poor for adults under 50 and people who identified as LGBTQ+.

Source: Colorado Health Access Survey 2023

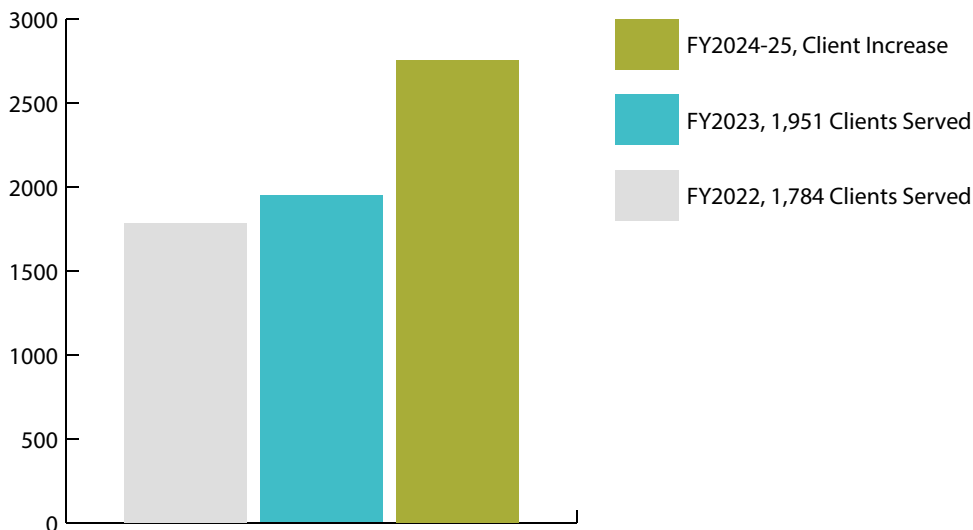
# Griffith Centers Impact

As we watch mental health concerns rise, we see an increase in client engagement at Griffith Centers. Our goal is to increase our resources, allowing us to serve an additional 800 clients annually seeking help.

Clients served at Griffith Centers by reported conditions in 2023:



Clients served at Griffith Centers increasing year-by-year, reflective of the need for services as mental health concerns in Colorado worsens.



## Addressing High Suicide Prevention Cases: At Griffith

Centers, our clients are facing alarmingly high rates of suicide risk, underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive support. These individuals often grapple with profound challenges and overwhelming despair.

- » By enhancing our suicide prevention efforts, we can provide critical interventions, compassionate care, and robust mental health resources that save lives.
- » Your support is vital in helping us create a safety net for our clients, offering them hope, healing, and a path forward. Together, we can make a profound impact, ensuring that those in crisis receive the help they desperately need and deserve.

*The Legacy of Care Campaign will have a positive impact on our community by creating a safer, more welcoming environment for healing and growth.*

# A Sanctuary, Where Healing Can Flourish

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Since establishing our presence in Colorado Springs in 2002 alongside a merge initiative with United Way Chins Up, Griffith Centers has been a cornerstone of support and transformation. Our latest project, the renovation of the Farragut Avenue buildings, is a continuation of this commitment, aimed at enhancing and expanding the range of vital services we provide.

## This endeavor arises from a stark reality:

Teen violence, substance abuse, children torn from homes by neglect and abuse, and the heartbreaking rise in teen suicide rates paint a bleak picture. Yet, in the face of adversity, Griffith Centers stands resolute, rallying under the banner of our Legacy of Care Campaign.

## Strategic renovation:

Through strategic renovation and relocation, we will create a welcoming environment where individuals can find solace, support, and a pathway to healing.

## Recognizing the urgency for our communities:

The landscape has shifted irreversibly, and we must adapt to meet the evolving needs of our communities. Our plan is ambitious yet essential: to revitalize our facilities in Colorado Springs, transforming the site into a hub of healing and support for those in need.



*Our dedication is to promoting mental health awareness, providing education, and connecting individuals and families with the resources they need to thrive. Our center serves as a welcoming and inclusive space where everyone can access support, guidance, and information related to mental wellness.*



# Expanding Resources for our Communities

Griffith Centers is embarking on a transformative journey. Our key focus is to extend a lifeline to communities we serve across the counties throughout Colorado, taking a bold step forward by constructing a beacon of hope: the Mental Health Community Resource Center in Colorado Springs.

## Outpatient Community Center

Office Expansion and Telehealth Services: Griffith Centers is extending tele-behavioral health services to overcome barriers to mental health care. Clients can now access quality care conveniently and confidentially from their homes. In addition to broader virtual reach, we will also expand our offices to host in-person individual, family, and group therapies.

» **This initiative allows us to provide mental and behavioral health services for an additional 800 families a year.**

## Substance Use Disorder Services

Launching Evidence-Based Programs: Griffith Centers offers a range of evidence-based interventions to support individuals and families affected by Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Our team provides compassionate, tailored care to meet unique needs.

» **By addressing SUD with effective, evidence-based treatments, we strengthen our community's overall well-being and create a safer, more supportive environment for all.**

## Program Approved Service Agency (P.A.S.A.)

Specialized Rehabilitation: Within our Program Approved Service Agency, we provide Specialized Rehabilitation for individuals with disabilities, including physical, cognitive, developmental, and sensory

impairments. This comprehensive support not only enhances the quality of life for our clients but also promotes inclusivity and strengthens the fabric of our community by fostering an environment where everyone can thrive.

» **This initiative allow us to create a facility that will be large enough to accommodate upwards of 100 members served per year and increased program support through access to the new outpatient community center.**

## J. Wilkins Opportunity School

Elevating the Educational Experience: Join us as we elevate the educational experience at J. Wilkins Opportunity School. Through renovation, we're creating spaces where dreams take flight and potentials are unleashed.

» **These improvements will not only benefit our students by providing a more engaging and inspiring learning environment but also enhance safety in the school, contributing to a stronger, more vibrant community.**

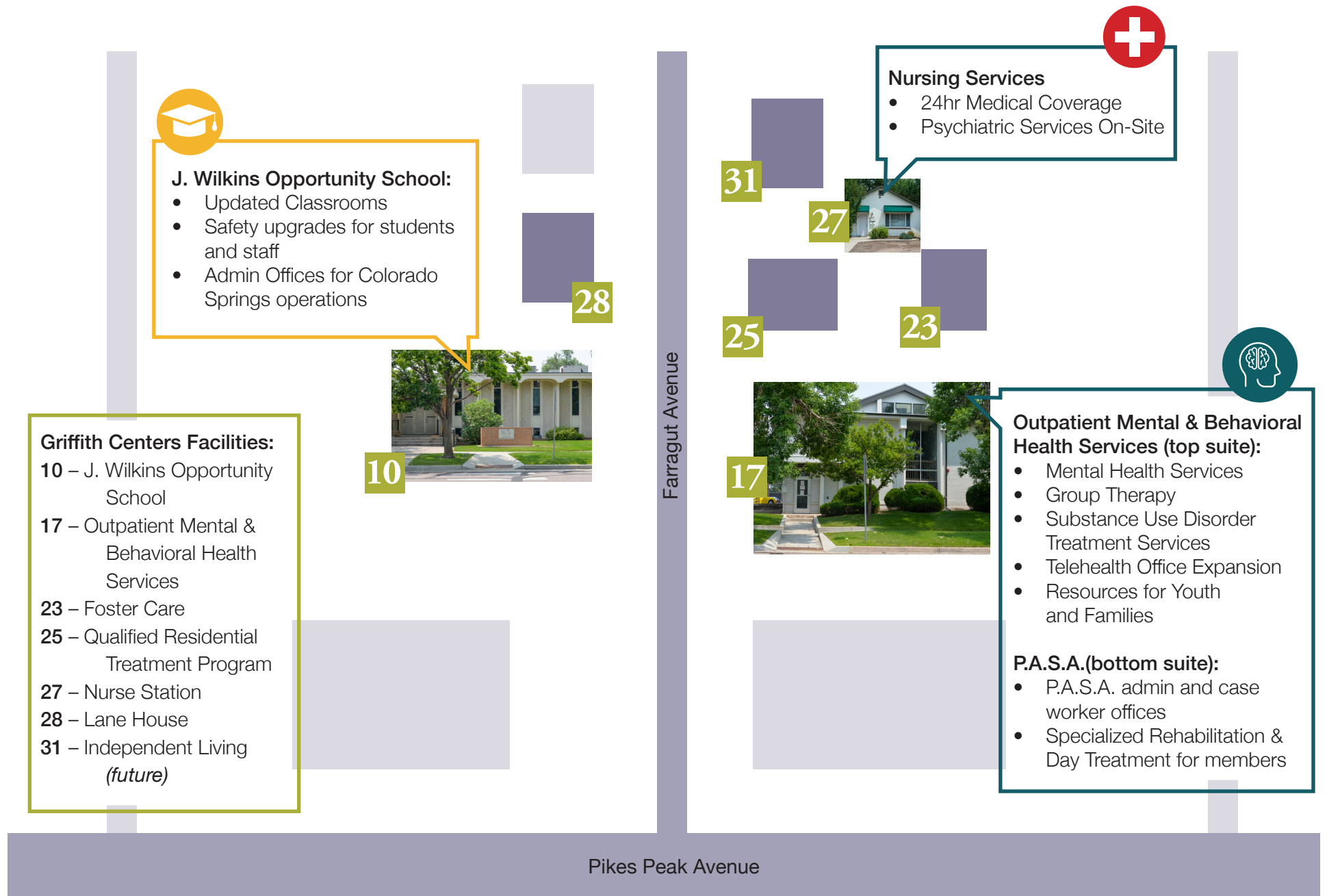
## Nursing Services

Introducing 24-Hour Nursing Services: Griffith Centers is adding a 24-hour nursing station to provide round-the-clock care and support. These services include psychiatric care, ensuring comprehensive mental health and medical support whenever needed.

» **This addition will significantly benefit the clients we serve by providing continuous, accessible care, enhancing their overall well-being and fostering a supportive environment for their recovery and growth.**



# The Future: Griffith Centers Mental & Behavioral Health Community Resource Center



# Sources & Uses

Your generous support has been instrumental in our past successes, and we invite you to join us once again in this important endeavor. Your contribution to the Legacy of Care Campaign will directly impact the lives of vulnerable youth, providing them with a renewed sense of hope and opportunity.

The Legacy of Care Campaign will total approximately \$3.2M and will consist of funding from a variety of sources including private contributions, government grants, and low-interest loans. Planning is underway. Griffith Centers is working with architects and early construction has begun. Further construction will commence as funding is secured.

<b>Sources</b>		<b>Uses</b>	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants, &amp; Earned Revenue</b>		<b>Construction</b>	<b>\$1,188,000</b>
Government Grants	\$1,361,494	Construction In-Kind	150,000
Foundations	520,000	Technology & Security	1,361,494
Individuals	29,300	Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	171,500
Corporate	30,000	Architects & Engineers	97,800
Fundraising Events - Gala	175,000	Surveys & Permitting	41,000
Fundraising Events - Other	54,200	Soft Costs	67,700
In-Kind Support	150,000	Legal	19,500
Other	-	Fundraising Expenses	113,000
Program Related Investments	950,000	Contingency	60,000
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$3,269,994</b>	<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$3,269,994</b>

# Opportunities to Support

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## Summit Sponsor - \$100,000

- Name and/or logo featured on Griffith Centers Marketing material, website, and social media
- Recognition in annual report
- Recognition by emcee during special events
- Griffith Centers Gala tickets (10 tickets)
- VIP reserved private cocktail table at Gala
- Name and/or logo prominently featured on Gala invitation
- Premier placement of name and/or logo on Step and Repeat
- Pre-event email to gala attendees
- Address guests from Gala podium
- Premier Plaque Placement – Donors Choice (*in School or Outpatient bldg*)

## Ridgeline Sponsor - \$50,000

- Name and/or logo featured on Griffith Centers Marketing material, website, and social media
- Recognition in annual report
- Recognition by emcee during special events
- Griffith Centers Gala tickets (8 tickets)
- VIP reserved private cocktail table at Gala (8 tickets)
- Name and/or logo prominently featured on Gala invitation

- Premier placement of name and/or logo on Step and Repeat
- Premier Plaque Placement – Donors Choice (*in School or Outpatient bldg*)

## Peak Sponsor - \$25,000

- Name and/or logo featured on Griffith Centers Marketing material, website, and social media
- Recognition in annual report
- Recognition by emcee during special events
- Griffith Centers Gala tickets (4 tickets)
- VIP reserved private cocktail table at Gala (4 tickets)
- Plaque placement on select classroom in School bldg

## Trailblazer Sponsor - \$10,000

- Name and/or logo featured on Griffith Centers Marketing material, website, and social media
- Recognition in annual report
- Recognition by emcee during special events
- Griffith Centers Gala tickets (2 tickets)
- VIP reserved private cocktail table at Gala (2 tickets)
- Plaque placement on select classroom in School bldg

## Healing Sponsor - \$5,000

- Name and/or logo featured on Griffith Centers Marketing material, website, and social media
- Recognition in annual report
- Recognition by emcee during special events
- Plaque placement on select therapy room in Outpatient bldg

## Hope Sponsor - \$1,000

- Name and/or logo featured on Griffith Centers Marketing material, website, and social media
- Recognition in annual report
- Recognition by emcee during special events
- Plaque Placement on J. Wilkins Campus Giving Tree

## Champion Sponsor - \$500

- Name and/or logo featured on Griffith Centers Marketing material, website, and social media
- Recognition in annual report
- 12x12 cement brick placement at Colorado Springs location

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Donations toward the Legacy of Care Campaign from 2023 to the end of the campaign will be accumulated and announced.



# Make a Contribution

Please fill out this form to support the Legacy of Care Campaign

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Who should be acknowledged for contribution? \_\_\_\_\_

Select Your Contribution Level:

**Summit  
Sponsor**  
\$100,000

**Ridgeline  
Sponsor**  
\$50,000

**Peak  
Sponsor**  
\$25,000

**Trailblazer  
Sponsor**  
\$10,000

**Healing  
Sponsor**  
\$5,000

**Hope  
Sponsor**  
\$1,000

**Champion  
Sponsor**  
\$500

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Other**

**One-time Contribution**

**Multi-Year**

**Monthly**

Make check payable to:

**Griffith Centers**

10190 Bannock St. Suite 120  
Northglenn, CO 80260

Griffith Centers is a non-profit 501(c)(3)  
organization. All contributions made are  
tax deductible.

Our tax I.D. number is 84-0404251



## Donations

Can't participate as a sponsor, but still want to make a donation or contribution? We appreciate your support and we know, we couldn't do it without you!

### **Donate with a Check**

Please make checks payable and mail your tax deductible contribution to:

**Griffith Centers**

10190 Bannock St. Suite 120

Northglenn, CO 80260

### **Donate with a Credit Card**

Please visit our website [www.griffithcenters.org/donate](http://www.griffithcenters.org/donate) to contribute securely or scan the QR Code.



### **Other Donations**

Please contact us at 719.373.0693 to make arrangements for other non-monetary donations and contributions.

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# Who We Are

Our mission at Griffith Centers is to equip individuals with the resources to promote hope and healing for underserved populations.

At Griffith Centers, we stand out with our unique mission to empower individuals with resources to foster hope and healing for underserved populations. Our specialization in behavioral and mental health treatment is complemented by our tailored programs for children, adults, and families. What sets us apart is our belief that every individual can heal, find hope, and cultivate resilience. We provide compassionate, nonjudgmental care, meeting our clients where they are.



## Our History

Griffith Centers was founded in 1927 by the esteemed educator and visionary, Emily Griffith. Her legacy of advocacy for children lives on in our organization. Emily's vision was to establish a home where children received shelter, companionship, and guidance, instilling in them a belief in their

own potential. This vision continues to drive our diverse programming, constantly pushing us to innovate and serve underserved populations in Colorado.

## Who We Help

Griffith Centers specializes in treating behavioral and mental health issues for children, adults, and families. Our services are tailored to meet individual needs, emphasizing healing, hope, and resilience. We

partner with various organizations across Colorado, offering our clients community, home, office, and telehealth services. offers community, home, office and tele health services for all clients.

- Advocate Success for Kids (A.S.K.):** Maximizing student potential.
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program:** residential trauma-informed treatment that is designed to address the needs, including clinical needs, of children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders or disturbances.
- J. Wilkins Opportunity School:** Specialized instruction for grades 3-12.
- Foster Care:** Placement of children and certification of foster parents.
- Outpatient Behavioral Health Services:** Counseling, therapy, and mentoring.
- Telehealth:** Remote/virtual mental and behavioral health services.
- Substance Abuse Program:** Therapeutic services and treatment.
- P.A.S.A:** Program Approved Services Agency for adults with disabilities.

Headquartered in Denver, CO, Griffith Centers also operates offices in Centennial, Colorado Springs, Greeley, and Grand Junction, serving multiple counties statewide.

## Our Core Values

Service Oriented

Collaborative

Ethical

Promote Psychological  
& Physical Safety

Passionate for Our Mission



# Griffith Centers Board of Directors



Here at Griffith Centers, our dedicated team of board members bring a diverse range of skills, knowledge, and resources to best serve children and families across Colorado carrying on our 96 year legacy of hope.”



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*Serving Colorado for 97 years*

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