

NoCo Foundation Visit Highlights Investment in Pediatric Therapy at Melissa Memorial Hospital

Melissa Memorial Hospital (MMH) was honored to welcome members of the NoCo Foundation last week. The foundation, through the Florence Rieke Goodwin Fund, recently awarded funding to MMH to build and equip a dedicated pediatric physical therapy space, an addition that will greatly enhance rehabilitation services for children in the region.

Representing the NoCo Foundation during the visit were John Chapdelaine, Director, Eastern Colorado, Zoe Parham, Rachel Nelson, and Joyce Stacey. The group toured the hospital, met with staff, and discussed the importance of accessible pediatric therapy services in rural communities. Their support ensures that MMH can provide specialized care for children facing mobility challenges, developmental delays, and post-injury rehabilitation, all without requiring families to travel long distances.

We are deeply grateful to the NoCo Foundation for their commitment to improving healthcare in our community. This grant will allow us to create a space tailored to the unique needs of pediatric patients, giving them access to high-quality therapy close to home.

The visit was also an opportunity to recognize the efforts of the MMH staff and the Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in securing the grant. Their collaboration and advocacy for expanded pediatric services played a key role in making this project a reality.

This investment in pediatric therapy will have a lasting impact on children and families in our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the NoCo Foundation for believing in our mission and supporting the well-being of our youngest patients. As the CEO, I want to personally thank them for their generosity and dedication to improving pediatric care in our community.

The hospital plans to begin construction on the pediatric therapy space soon, with the goal of opening the new space on January 1, 2026. MMH remains committed to expanding its services and ensuring that all patients, regardless of age, receive the care they need close to home.

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