

LETTERS

Health center celebrating 10th anniversary

To the editor:

The month of February marked the 10th anniversary of White Mountain Community Health Center. It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since the merger of Children's Health Center and Family Health Centre back in 2001. It's been amazing and rewarding for me, as executive director since 2002, to watch and be part of the center's growth and change. However, celebrating our 10th anniversary wasn't just about marking a milestone for the health center alone. It was about celebrating the people and the community support that have made those 10 years possible. Our theme was gratitude. Now that is something to celebrate!

White Mountain Community Health Center has been fortunate to have caring, dedicated and skilled staff from its inception. Some staff may change over the years, but there's always a constant: caring individuals who are dedicated to our mission and to the community we serve. Every day they come in and give 110 percent. There are days when I don't know how they do it, but they never seem to run out of energy or compassion. To our team, I'd like to impart my most sincere gratitude.

Our celebration was about the community members,

local businesses and organizations that support us as well. My staff and I considered ourselves fortunate to shake the hands of those who have helped us over the many years. Representatives from the local businesses and organizations who partner with us were also present to share in our celebration. Speaking with them about the many possibilities that the future holds for health care in our community was inspiring. Of course, I want to thank the businesses who so generously sponsored our celebration: Badger Realty, North Country Fair Jewelers, Lincare and NorDx and our in kind sponsors of Ruthie's Flower Shop, Poland Spring and Coca Cola. They made our 10th anniversary celebration possible with their support.

Every day we're thankful for the spirit of helping and the depth of generosity of the people, businesses and organizations that help us fulfill our mission. With the continued support of our community we'll be here for another 10 years to watch as our valley grow and embrace the changes, challenges and opportunities the future is sure to hold.

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