

A Letter to the Public from our CEO

On July 14, 2008, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to hold a special election on August 5th for a supplemental tax levy in support of Teton Valley Health Care. If passed, this temporary tax levy will be in place for a 2 year period. It will bring to the hospital approximately \$1.2 million annually.

Tax dollars will support the county hospital's mandate to provide care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Indigent care and unpaid debt totaled 6% of gross revenue (\$660,539) last fiscal year. This tax support is only one part of the solution to correcting our financial problems. If the hospital prevails in the upcoming temporary levy election, it will seek a permanent levy vote in 2009.

Immediate debt relief of approximately \$3.5 million is still needed. Contributions designated toward servicing debt would be applied to outstanding accounts payables:

- \$1.1 million in vendor invoices
- \$1.2 million bank line of credit
- \$775,000 to purchase Driggs Health Clinic building (cost may be negotiated)
- \$204,000 HRA liability
- \$140,000 assorted credit balances

If you would like to make a contribution TVHC Recovery Fund, please contact our hospital development office at 208-354-6301.

Our hospital administration team has already recommended operational cuts of over \$900,000, with approximately \$692,000 approved. A thorough analysis of all service lines is ongoing with more changes anticipated in the near future.

The governing Board of Trustees will receive an update on donor contributions and additional operational adjustments at the next meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2008.

Future operational goals include focusing on the basics; primary care, outpatient specialty clinics, outpatient services, emergency medicine and rehabilitative therapies. The restructuring of our organization will focus on two essential points:

- *to recognize our service limitations as a rural, critical access hospital.*
- *to exceed patient expectations by allocating all of our resources toward what we do best.*

Sincerely

Floyd D. Bounds CEO