FY 2022 Annual Report

OCTOBER 1, 2021 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

CASCADE MEDICAL CENTER

Our mission is to save lives and improve the health and well-being of our community





THE COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE WE SERVE

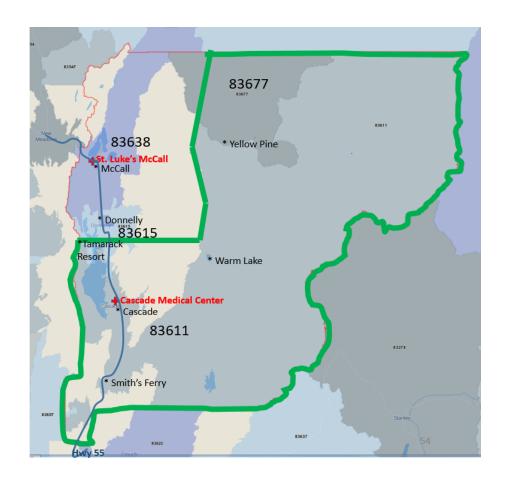
Cascade Medical Center (CMC) is committed to improving the health and well-being of everyone in our community, including those who travel to and through it.

Geographically, our primary service area is the 2,800 square mile hospital tax district which includes approximately 75% of Valley County's land, and 33% of its population. The tax district includes the towns of Cascade, Smith's Ferry, Yellow Pine, and portions of Donnelly and Tamarack Resort. Approximately 4,000 full time residents live in the CMC tax district, with many more who are second-home owners and weekend visitors.

TOURISM FACT: Traffic on Hwy. 55 through Cascade averages around 3,100 cars per day in March and November. It more than doubles to over 7,000 cars per day

each July. While residential population has grown about 2% per year, car traffic has risen 6% per year since 2012.

CMC is a purely independent health care organization. Our 7-person Board of Trustees are all local full-time year-round residents from a variety of leadership backgrounds. We exist for and are governed by the residents of our tax district. While we enjoy constructive relationships with St. Luke's, Saint Alphonsus, and Intermountain Health, we are not owned or managed by them. Our independence frees us to focus 100% on what is best for the Valley County communities we serve.



LICENSES & SERVICES

LICENSURE

CMC is licensed by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and overseen by Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Facility Standards. The hospital's scientific lab maintains its license from the CMS as part of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) program. In addition, the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy is the regulatory agency over the hospital's pharmacy.

CLINIC

We are a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) providing primary care, chronic care management, and walk-in acute care 6 days per week. The Cascade Family Practice takes care of babies, kids, teens, adults, and great grandparents. We provide preventive wellness care, chronic disease management, and men's and women's health. Walk-in acute care is available at the clinic Mondays through Saturdays. We host a Boise Cardiologist monthly so heart patients don't always have to drive to Boise for routine heart care.

DEFENDING THE MOST VULNERABLE

In 2020 we partnered with Elevated Forensic Nursing, a local nurse-run agency that provides timely and compassionate evaluation for sexual & domestic abuse victims. This service has greatly improved the documentation and prosecution of abusers while aiding victim support and advocacy.

SERVICES

Emergency 24x7, Inpatient & Skilled Nursing, Laboratory, Radiology, Physical Therapy, Primary Care Clinic, Walk-in Acute Care, & Mental Health Counseling.

COVID MODIFICATIONS

CMC converted 2 inpatient rooms into negative pressure environments for the treatment of highly contagious patients and improved safety of staff. Negative pressure airflow prevents contaminated air from circulating into the hospital.





EXTENDED HOSPITAL STAYS

Another 2 inpatient rooms were upgraded to provide greater comfort and amenities for our longer-stay patients, such as those who require inpatient physical therapy following an orthopedic injury or joint replacement, or who have acute care nursing needs requiring convalescence or rehabilitation that may take from several days to a few weeks.

INPATIENT

CMC is licensed for 10 inpatient beds. In addition to caring for general medicine patients, we offer skilled nursing rehabilitation care for those requiring inpatient physical therapy and medical care during a longer recovery.

IMAGING

We offer digital radiology including X-Ray, CT, and Ultrasound. All our studies are read by Gem State Radiologists. In FY2022 we performed over 2,000 imaging studies. We also host the Saint Alphonsus Mammography Bus many times during the year.

LABORATORY

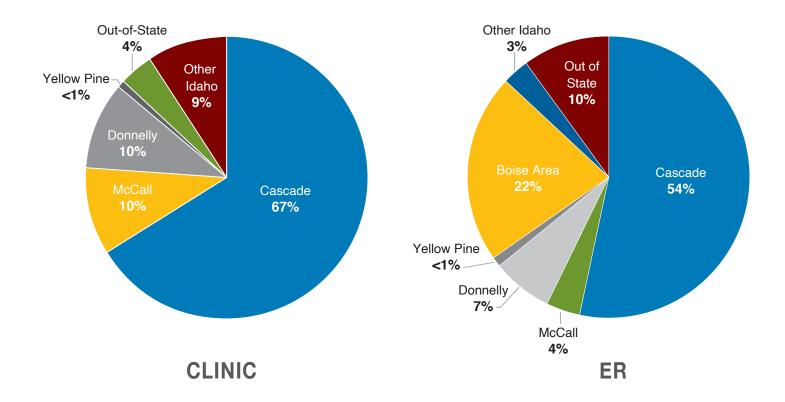
We upgraded every piece of lab equipment in 2021 and added new tests to our menu. This enables CMC to conduct more tests more quickly, which means quicker decision making for our clinicians and better care for our patients. We performed over 4,000 lab tests this year.

TRANSFERS

CMC is on the front line of care. That means time sensitive emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes, and traumas often come to our hospital first for medical attention and stabilization. These patients often must be transferred to one of the larger Boise hospitals. We have partnerships with Air St. Luke's, Life Flight, and several ground transport services to get patients to a higher level of care, fast.



WHERE OUR PATIENTS COME FROM

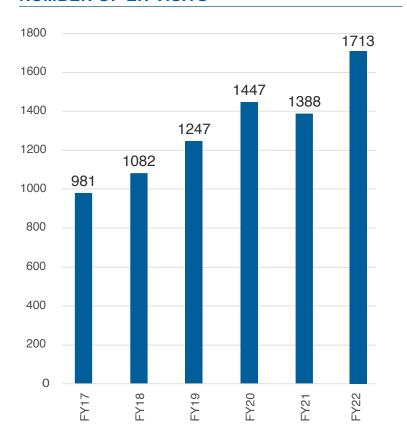


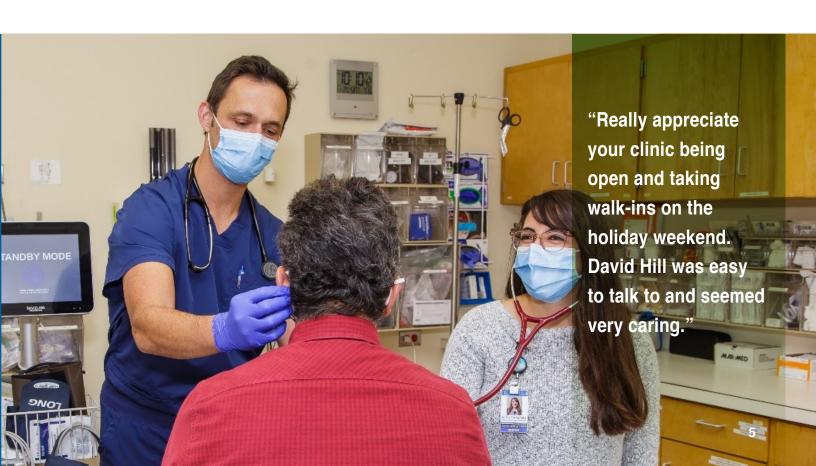


QUALITY EMERGENCY CARE

Opening our clinic on Saturdays and increasing provider availability for our walk-in clinic helped take pressure off the ER while giving patients a lower-cost option for minor illness and injuries.

NUMBER OF ER VISITS



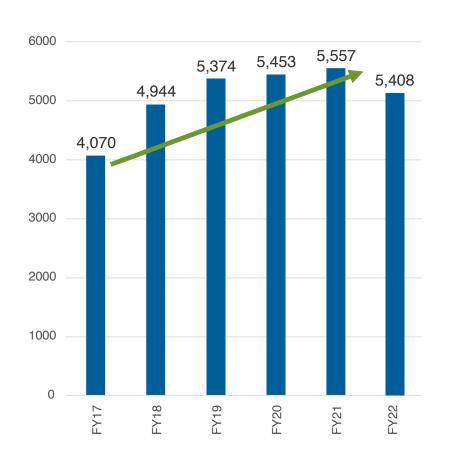


A FAMILY PRACTICE THAT REALLY CARES

Our clinic continued to see more patients establish care with one of our 7 Family Practice providers. In the past year, we cared for 2,893 patients with 5,408 clinic visits.

After hiring our first mental health counselor in 2019, added another in 2022. We care for our patients - body, mind, and spirit - by integrating behavioral health into the healing of chronic diseases. In the past year we provided over 400 mental health counseling sessions.

NUMBER OF CLINIC VISITS*



"Dr. Camarata is professional and easy to understand. She makes sure patients understand meds and dosages. As a senior male, I am very comfortable discussing all of my health issues with her."



^{*} In addition to regular clinic visit, CMC provided COVID, flu, and pneumonia vaccinations to over 1,000 people in 2022.





INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In 2021 we recognized the need for people to "get out" – enjoy our beautiful community and engage in healthy activities. We launched Together on Tuesdays at Kelly's Whitewater Park to provide health education on a variety of topics, followed by a walk-and-talk with one of our providers.

Our counselor and social worker, Jamie Coffey-Kelly, received national recognition for her work in addressing mental health issues in a rural area.



PHYSICAL THERAPY

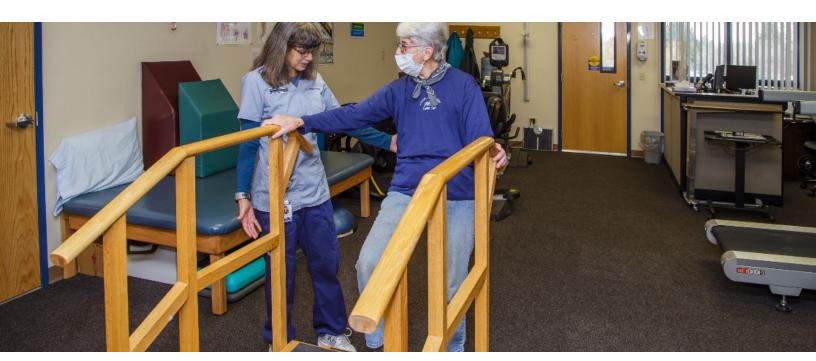
This year we saw people return to more typical activities, and with it PT resumed its trend of strong growth. Under Kate Farmer's leadership, PT exceeded 4,000 treatment sessions for the second year in a row. To accommodate growing demand and patient schedules, we added Saturday hours. All PT modalities continue to grow, including dry needling. As orthopedic surgeries made their comeback from COVID, so did pre-hab, rehab, and non-invasive alternatives to problems like back pain and joint problems.

Aquatic Therapy done in partnership with the Cascade Rec Center continues to be popular.

In order to keep pace with growth, we replaced flooring in the department and brought in new equipment capable of working more muscle groups. Old equipment was donated to other non-profit and government agencies.

PHYSICAL THERAPY PATIENTS





A WHOLE **NEW LAB**

Laboratory diagnostics are an increasingly valuable tool to our providers. During FY21 and FY22 we upgraded every lab analyzer so that CMC can continue to offer the highest standard of care. Driven by COVID, we saw our lab volumes increase by 35% in FY21, prompting us to add staff.

Our new equipment enables CMC to offer more tests locally, rather than sending them out to larger labs or requiring patients to go to another hospital. Our new lab means Cascade area patients have one less reason to have to drive to Boise.





YEAR 3 OF THE **PANDEMIC**

As we learned more about the COVID virus and its impact, CMC responded quickly by organizing large-scale vaccine clinics. Thanks to the support of our local Veterans Post #60 American Legion, we had the perfect venue for rolling out the much anticipated COVID vaccinations. CMC staff and our many dedicated volunteers provided vaccines to thousands of patients from all over Valley County. We even saw many people drive up from Boise to take advantage of the efficient public health operation organized by CMC staff, which offered assigned appointment times, social distancing, and almost no waiting.

"We deliver" was our motto for making sure that anyone who wanted the jab got it. **Our Paramedics and Nurses** travelled to patient homes and Yellow Pine to deliver first doses, second doses, and boosters.

Medical Director, Ron Ellsworth, stepped up to take the vaccine early, leading by example. CMC **Chief Nursing Officer, Teri** Coombs, delivers the goods.







CMC RECOGNIZED FOR VACCINE LEADERSHIP



Brad Little @GovernorLittle · Feb 19

It was a pleasure to speak with Tom Reinhardt, CEO of Cascade Medical Center, this morning. Despite being the smallest hospital in the state, they are making a significant difference in vaccine administration.



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Brad Little @ @GovernorLittle · Feb 19

From delivering vaccine to the residents of remote Yellow Pine to yesterday's successful high thru-put vaccination clinic of more than 500 individuals - thank you Cascade Medical Center staff and volunteers. Keep up the good work!

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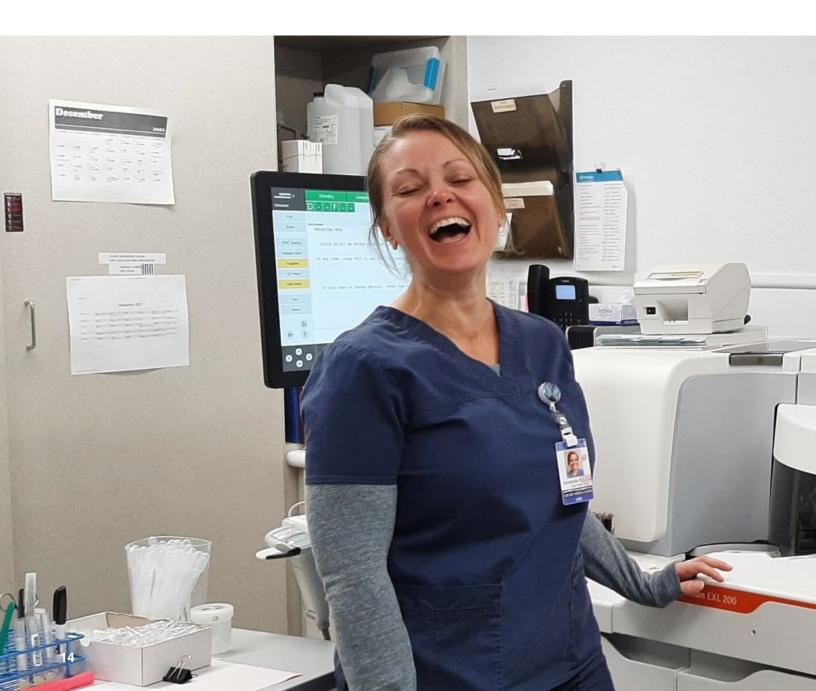


From February 19, 2021 Twitter and Facebook Posts

KEEPING US ALL SAFE FOR WHAT'S NEXT

We know now that COVID isn't going away anytime soon. We all have lives to get back to, jobs to do, families to love, and neighbors to care for. At CMC, we have doubled down on efforts to keep our staff, patients, and community safe.

- We will continue to promote vaccine availability and offer immunizations and boosters to anyone who makes that choice.
- We are stocked and trained with the latest proven antiviral and immunity bolstering drugs available to treat patients who become severely ill with COVID. Additional equipment and Respiratory Therapy training keeps us ready to fight whatever gets thrown at us next.



- We continue to offer telemedicine to patients who would rather see their provider from home, or if transportation or weather prevent them from traveling to see their CMC provider in person.
- CMC is keeping pace with scientific improvements in the fast moving COVID learning curve. We adopted new testing kits and protocols as they were developed and approved. Early in 2022, we will offer advanced PCR testing with our new BioFire virus analyzer. This is the same technology used at large urban hospitals delivering nearly 100% accuracy with results in one hour for detection of COVID as well as many other viruses.
- Convenient at-home COVID testing kits became available in 2022. CMC acquired a significant supply for our health district and distributed them free of charge to anyone who requested them.
- Training and learning never ends. Our staff is continually updated and in training about infection prevention, new COVID variants, and maintaining strict cleaning protocol. Our departments are inspected regularly by Federal and State agencies who make sure we are in compliance with regulations and standards of care.



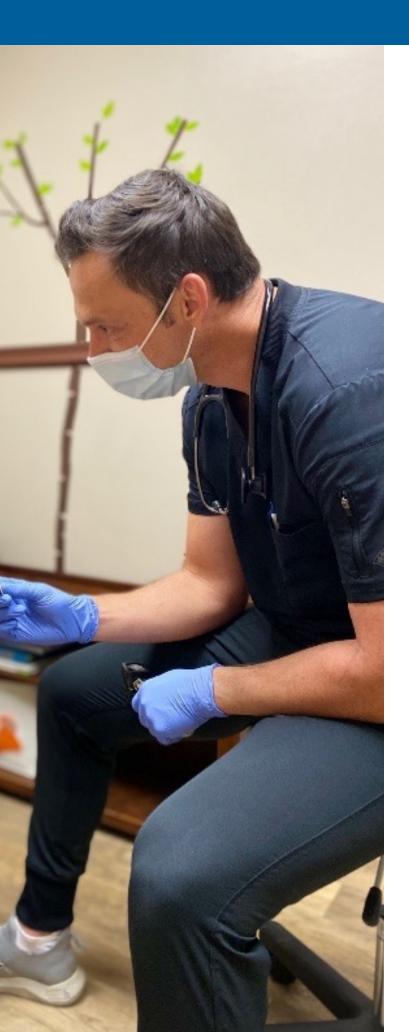
AT CMC, WE CARE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

From babies to seniors and everyone in between, it is our real privilege to care for everyone in our community. In 2021 our clinic manager, Sarah, gave our Pediatric room a makeover, complete with a submarine exam table!

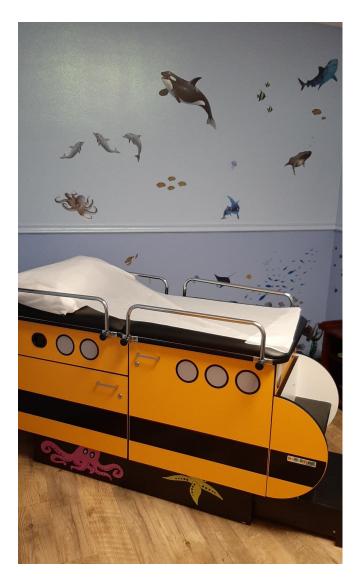
"Excellent staff interactions with me. Very courteous and kind, non-judgmental. Switched me to a female provider at the last minute to provide a more comfortable visit for female issues."

"First time to Cascade Clinic for me. I was very pleased with the unhurried care I was given - like I was the only patient of the day, when I could see a multitude of other patients there."





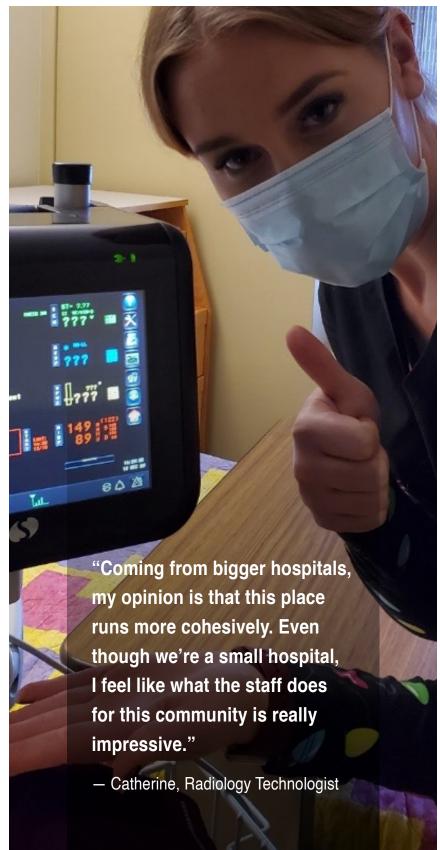


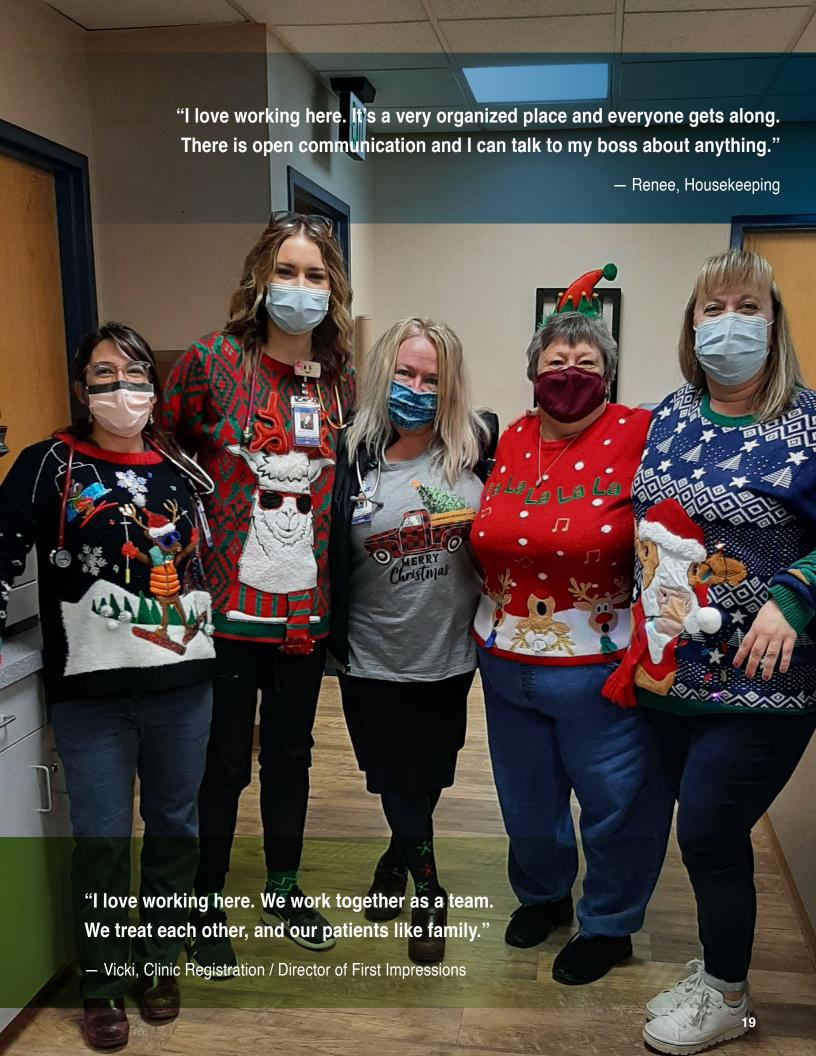


FINDING JOY IN OUR WORK

Like every hospital, CMC has plenty of computer technology, impressive equipment, and life saving medications. But the real difference here is our people. All of our 70 employees care deeply about each other and for every patient who walks through our doors. Our team members are as smart as they are kind, and as committed as they are compassionate. While most hospitals struggle to keep staff, CMC's staff retention is 90%. And we're so glad – we can't do this work without them. Quality healthcare starts with quality people, and CMC has the best.







THE "BOTTOM LINE"

In the past year, CMC found its rhythm in managing the continuing evolution of the COVID pandemic. Government grants enabled CMC to upgrade lab and imaging equipment, which we have used to better and more quickly diagnose patients. Despite the challenges presented by the third year of COVID and other developments, CMC emerged stronger and even more prepared for whatever may come next.

Overall patient volumes were up compared to the previous year, driving increased revenue in all departments, with strongest growth in ER and Physical Therapy. CMC added staff to take care of an ever growing patient base - ending the year with 70 employees. While hospitals throughout the country struggled with staff retention and recruitment, CMC enjoyed a 90% employee retention rate and received inquiries from many health care professionals eager to work for Cascade. Health care is a people business that trades on compassion and knowledge. Our employees are our greatest resource and they care for every patient as though they are family.

In addition to investments in personnel and equipment, CMC prepared for the future by purchasing the land under the hospital in FY22. While the land was donated 50 years ago by a local resident, his heirs retained a "residual interest" in the property. In order for the Hospital District to have clear ownership of the property so that it can be used for any purpose our local citizens desire now or in the future, it purchased the residual interest for \$125,000.

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIALS	202	2 ACTUAL	2021	ACTUAL
OPERATING REVENUE				
Net Patient Service Revenue	\$	6,010,825	\$	5,141,385
Other Operating Revenue		99,846		365,167
Total Operating Revenue	\$	6,110,671	\$	5,506,552
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries & Wages	\$	3,830,079	\$	3,585,511
Employee Benefits (1)		1,575,256		720,007
Professional fees		701,447		691,789
Supplies		567,949		602,522
Utilities		93,728		86,376
Insurance		85,154		28,117
Repairs & Maintenance		39,124		39,964
Other		192,941		186,911
Depreciation		225,155		259,074
Total operating expenses	\$	7,310,833	\$	6,200,271
Loss from Operations	\$(1,200,162)	\$	(693,719)
NONOPERATING REVENUE				
Property taxes	\$	949,709	\$	903,960
Grants, other non-operating Revenue		767,258		1,249,867
Interest income		22,359		13,982
Total nonoperating revenue	\$	1,739,326	\$	2,167,809
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES = NET INCOME	\$	539,164	\$	1,474,090

FY22 includes PERSI charged net difference between projected and actual earnings on Idaho state controlled pension plan investments of \$782,371.

Our growth and increased employment base furthered our impact on the local economy. Our payroll of more than \$3.8 million helps support local stores and other businesses as almost all of our employees live local. CMC is proud to be one of the largest employers and economic drivers in the area.

CMC'S **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

CMC plays an important financial role in our community. As of 12/31/2022, we employed 70 employees, 45 of them full time. Our payroll, including benefits, was over \$5.4 million. The vast majority of our employees live and spend in our local communities, creating an economic multiplier that benefits all of our businesses and tax base.

PAYING IT FORWARD: Our experienced clinicians mentored several medical and ancillary health students this year, in Family Practice, Emergency Medicine, and Nursing. By completing their clinical rotations in Cascade, they gained important experience in rural medicine, while enjoying their time in our mountain community. We hope they'll return to Cascade later in their careers.

CHARITABLE CARE: As our mission is to improve the health of EVERYONE in our community, we provide care on a sliding fee scale to lower income households. In 2022, CMC wrote off \$110,309 in charges for income considerations, and another \$251,875 in medical bills that patients were unable to pay.

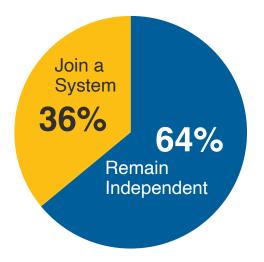
Perhaps our greatest contribution to the economy is keeping the local workforce healthy. We offer preventive care, DOT physicals, worker's comp care, and many vaccinations. We provided drive through COVID testing, COVID shots, and flu shots this year to get people back to work as quickly as possible. We've expanded staffing and hours to provide Family Practice care, walk-in clinic, mental health counseling and physical therapy six days per week.



SERVICES OFFERED

In 2020 we surveyed area residents and frequent visitors to get their opinions of health care and suggestions for CMC. The vast majority want CMC to remain independent. Respondents also want to see more medical services offered in Cascade. This feedback, combined with the fact that our current facility is far too small to meet growing demands has led us to the work of building a replacement hospital. The current facility is at the end of its useful life, and we have begun to plan a new, modern, larger hospital and clinic that will serve the greater Cascade population and visitors for decades to come.

Should CMC Remain Independent or Join a System?



- Family Practice Clinic: open 6 days a week
- Mental Health Counseling: open 6 days a week
- Emergency Care: 24x7
- Physical Therapy: open 6 days/week
- Dry Needle Therapy
- Aquatic PT at the Cascade Rec Center
- **Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT)**
- Inpatient Care: 24x7
- Skilled nursing rehabilitation care
- Radiology: 24x7
- Mammography Saint Alphonsus parks their mobile unit on site monthly.
- Lab: 24x7

Smoking Cessation

We held individual and group smoking cessation therapies this year, integrating counseling and pharmaceutical interventions as needed to help people kick the habit.

Quality Improvement

Our Radiology Department now does "standing knee" X-rays, allowing orthopedists to better see abnormalities under weight stress.

Retina scans

Retina scans allow our providers to check the eyes of patients at risk for retinopathy, such as diabetics. Tests are reviewed by board certified ophthalmalogists so patients don't have to leave town for this important sight-saving exam.

PLANNING A REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL

In November 2021, the CMC Board of Trustees approved the building of a new hospital to replace the existing facility. The current hospital was built in 1974 and expanded in 1999. It has served Cascade well for nearly 50 years. To meet our growing community needs for the next 50+ years, we need to replace it with a new building on a larger site. In early 2022, we provided site and building details, and asked voters to support the expansion.

While the majority of voters supported a bond issue to fund the new hospital, we fell short of the 66.7% super majority required. We will ask the voters again in May, 2023.

The current hospital sits on less than 2 acres, too small to expand on site. To meet current standards and plan for future growth, we are planning on a much larger plot that will support a 30,000 square foot facility and helipad, with room to add more space the next time we reach capacity.

If we act now, we can open a new facility in 4 years. To read the latest about the new hospital plan visit: https://cmchd.org/new-hospital-plan/





CARING FOR THIS GENERATION, AND THE NEXT, AND...

As we consider the needs of our community in the next two generations, we anticipate more growth and demand for health care services close to home.

One area of unmet need is for specialty physician services. The following specialties have the greatest local need, for which patients typically need to drive to Boise:

- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Ophthalmology
- Gastroenterology
- Urology
- Infusion (Oncology, Infections)
- Foot care
- Orthopedic exams

Valley County has one of the longest life expectancies in Idaho, at 81 years from birth. The Cascade area in particular has a very high proportion of senior citizens, with 35% of the hospital's tax district residents over the age of 65. Our senior population is growing faster than younger age groups.

Today more than 85% of Medicare patients must leave Cascade to receive inpatient care. Our vision for the community is to expand resources and care for local seniors to help them age in place, live longer at home, and access health care locally when possible. At the time of this printing, we are in the field with a survey and analysis to determine what resources are needed to care for people locally throughout their lives.

- Conservative estimates predict growth of 2% per year in our local population. That could grow more if new housing, mining, and other developments come to pass. We are already seeing a surge in new housing permits.
- Population of the greater Boise area has boomed in recent years, with more coming every day. As the ITreasure Valley grows, more people seek nature and recreation in the Cascade area due to it's proximity and wide open spaces. This has driven increased demand of all hospital services, especially in the summer. Our facility assessment recommends adding space to every department, and more than doubling the size of the facility.

A LETTER FROM A **CMC TRUSTEE**

Nearly 20 years ago, Gail and I were looking to retire in Cascade. Knowing that access to medical care would be an important part of our decision, we stopped into the Cascade Medical Center and visited with a few nurses to learn what services the facility provided, their ability to handle emergencies, hours of operation, quality of care, and relationships with the larger medical facilities in the valley. In the 30 minutes we spent with them we felt that they were genuinely interested in us and in the whole community. That care is evident today in all areas of the medical center.

As we all know, this has not been an easy 3 years. The CMC staff: medical providers, administration and business staff, lab workers, nurses...everyone has worked together to provide the best possible care for the community and each other. They are quite a team. The Board applauds their wonderful efforts, spirit and quality of care.

We also know that the physical facilities that this wonderful staff works in are old and undersized. We need a new hospital to properly serve this community into the next 20+ years. That will be the exciting project that CMC leadership and the Board will be working on in the coming months and years. This medical center is here to serve you; residents of Valley County and visitors. Please let us know your needs and desires as we design the next generation facility.

George Greenfield

Board of Trustees

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

On behalf of the entire Cascade Medical Center Staff, we thank you for your support and trust in us. It is our sacred privilege to care for our patients, and broadly for the health and welfare of all who live, work, play, and visit here. We are committed to growing Cascade Medical Center to keep pace with our community's rapid growth and your desire to see more quality health care available locally. If there is a way we can serve you better, please let us know.

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