



## HELPING TO MAKE NORTHEASTERN UTAH HEALTHIER

At Ashley Regional Medical Center, our commitment is to improve health by delivering high quality care in northeastern Utah with compassion and respect for each individual. Because of our dedicated physicians, employees, volunteers and board members, we are delivering on that commitment. Ashley Regional has been recognized by the state of Utah as the healthcare leader in the Basin when it comes to achieving national measures for quality. We appreciate the support we receive from patients and community members as we seek to provide more services locally and offer medical and surgical care in which you can have confidence. We are proud to serve the citizens of Uintah County, and we look forward to continuing our support of this community both through providing the highest quality healthcare and in many other ways.

### Over \$22,000,000 in capital improvements since 2002

In the last six years, the hospital has invested over \$22 million to expand, renovate and improve buildings and equipment. We have built a new Emergency Room, a new Intensive Care Unit, new surgery facilities, a new registration area, and a new physician office building in that time. We have also accomplished complete renovations of the Birth Place, the radiology department, the lab department, and the kitchen. Furthermore, Ashley Regional continues to invest in bringing excellence in medical technology to the Uintah Basin. In the past year, we have purchased Digital Mammography, 4-D Ultrasound, MRI, and multiple-slice CAT Scanner, and invested in a new laproscopic tower for surgeries and a brand new monitoring system in Obstetrics.

The capital Ashley Regional reinvests into our facilities does not come from tax dollars or government backed bonds. The hospital does not compete with other local infrastructure needs for recreation, water, or government facilities for funding. Instead, we use private enterprise and the strength of a nationwide company to invest money locally and ensure that the care you receive is consistent with or exceeds national standards.

### Donations and sponsorships

Beyond the services Ashley Regional provides directly to our patients, our hospital is a committed and integral contributor to the overall well-being of Uintah County. In 2008, Ashley Regional gave an additional \$60,000 in donations and sponsorships to our community. From community-wide events such as the Triathlon and Rodeo, to sports and education through local schools to healthcare events like the Health Fair and Relay for Life, Ashley Regional recognizes the importance of strengthening our local organizations. We are very excited about the new USU/UBATC regional campus and are honored to have committed nearly \$200,000 toward the campus buildings. Our country is in dire need of more committed individuals who wish to dedicate their lives to the healthcare profession, and Ashley Regional is proud to support local students who want to pursue careers in healthcare, providing \$53,000 in scholarships last year alone.

### Contributing to our local tax base

Last year, Ashley Regional Medical Center paid over \$400,000 in taxes that have helped to support our city, county and state. This amount included sales taxes

as well as property taxes. Ashley Regional is proud to support our local schools, government agencies, and infrastructure needs through taxes. Other area hospitals are tax-exempt and subsidize their growth by using tax dollars. Ashley Regional, as a hospital affiliated with LifePoint, brings investment money to the community and then eases the tax burden on area home owners and businesses by paying our fair share.

### Helping those in need

Ashley Regional provides healthcare services to all those in need in our community; that is simply part of being a community hospital—regardless of tax status. In 2008, we provided over \$4.07 million in uncompensated charity care. Additionally, Ashley Regional provided over \$8 million in uncompensated care to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries whose payments are set by the government. We recognize that some of our community members who are most vulnerable to illness and injury are also those with limited financial resources. We therefore seek to work with patients to find payment arrangements for necessary care according to individual circumstances.

### Adding new physicians

In an ongoing effort to improve local access to medical and surgical services, Ashley Regional has assisted several new physicians in coming to the community. Manfred Gooch, M.D., pediatrician, joined DinosaurLand Pediatrics in the fall of last year. Henry Lewis, III, M.D. recently opened his OB/GYN practice in Vernal in association with John Griffith, M.D., located in the new physician office building connected to the front of the hospital.

Dean Anderson, M.D. joined the Emergency Medicine Department full time in August of 2008, and he was joined recently by Aaron Bradbury, M.D. in March, 2009. Spencer Ferrin, M.D. will be returning to Utah and also become a full time member of the ER group at Ashley Regional in August, after completing his Emergency Medicine residency in New York.

Urology services will be coming to Vernal full time in May of this year with the arrival of Petar Ilievski, M.D. Ashley Regional is also actively recruiting a second general surgeon and additional primary care physician to the area.

### One of our community's major employers

Providing an annual payroll of nearly \$10 million to 240 employees, Ashley Regional Medical Center is one of the larger employers in the area. Our employees, physicians, volunteers, and board members are dedicated to improving the health of our community by providing high quality care, improving access to physician services locally, creating a positive work environment for our employees, and contributing to the economic growth and positive lifestyle of our community. We want to thank you for choosing Ashley Regional for your healthcare needs.



**Si Hutt, CEO**  
*Ashley Regional  
Medical Center*





## COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

<b>Charity care and bad debt</b> .....	\$4,074,000
<b>Government-sponsored health care</b> .....	\$9,352,000
Includes Medicare and Medicaid contractuals	
<b>Community benefit programs</b> .....	\$516,069
Financial contributions.....	\$37,677
Health professionals education.....	\$243,277
Community health services .....	\$11,543
Physician recruitment.....	\$223,572
<b>Taxes paid</b> .....	\$402,371
Includes property and other taxes, as well as local and state sales taxes	
<b>2008 TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$13,344,440</b>

In addition, the hospital's payroll of \$12.4 million and capital investments over \$1.6 million last year contributed significantly to the community's economic success.

## SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Ashley Regional Medical Center and our employees are pleased to have been able to support the following activities and organizations during the past year.

- Alive After Five
- American Cancer Society Relay For Life
- American Legion Baseball Team
- Boy Scouts of America
- Children's Justice Center
- CRC National Bull Riding Event
- Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo
- Dinosaur Triathlon
- Discovery Elementary
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Health Camp for Kids
- Hit, Run and Score (Cancer Fund Raiser)
- Holly Days (Community Christmas Celebration)
- Indian Story Telling Festival
- Juvenile Diabetes Horse Show
- Little League Baseball
- MDA
- Nursing Skills Bowl
- Uintah Arts Council
- Uintah Basin Applied Technology College
- Uintah High School Decca
- Uintah High School Graduation Night
- Uintah High School Honors Night
- Uintah High School Sports
- Uintah High School Theatre
- Uintah Recreation District's Safe Trick or Treat Night
- Uintah School District Connections Program
- Utah State University
- Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce – Platinum Membership
- Youth Football Program

*"Government-sponsored health care" includes governmental and private payor contractual adjustments or reductions. "Physician recruitment costs" include recruitment costs and support of new physicians' initial practice establishment in the community. Payroll includes consolidated salaries, wages, benefits and contract labor costs. "Capital investments" include facility expansions/renovations, equipment purchases, technology replacement, information technology additions/updates, and routine facility upkeep and maintenance.*

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