



Beartooth Billings Clinic

Our Mission: We save lives and promote healthy living.

BEARTOOTH BILLINGS CLINIC (BBC) is a 501c(3) non-profit community owned facility; governed by a 12-member citizen governing board; and receives no tax dollars, subsidies from other organizations, or special government funding. Since 2002, BBC has been an affiliate of the Billings Clinic (BC) with a shared management agreement. This agreement provides management, digital information systems, and ancillary support services to BBC and other hospital and clinics across a 3 state region to both owned and affiliated facilities.

In 2006, this agreement was strengthened and together a decision made to build a new hospital and clinic in Red Lodge – BEARTOOTH BILLINGS CLINIC. As a community-owned facility, the BEARTOOTH BILLINGS CLINIC FOUNDATION (BBCF) began a fund-raising capital campaign and ultimately raised 3+ million dollars from this giving community in which we live; neighbors and friends that recognized the value and need. The remainder of the 20+ million dollar funding was provided by the previous Hospital’s reserves and long-term debt.

The new Beartooth Billings Clinic opened in November 2010 with the hospital and the clinic providers under one roof and management. Here we are today, larger and better with more service lines and providers; financially stable; and continuing to serve the greater community with the BEARTOOTH BILLINGS CLINIC FOUNDATION (BBCF) as an active partner.

Foundation Mission: The Foundation supports Beartooth Billings Clinic by inspiring investment through fundraising, awareness, and stewardship.

The Foundation is a separate 501c(3), non-profit organization; governed by a 12-member board of directors and one “part-time” employee who currently is also the Director of Finance for BBC.

Since the extremely successful capital campaign, the primary fundraising for the Foundation has been an annual gala – the premier social event of the year in Red Lodge. Last year was the 25th annual gala; the past 3 galas have raised more than \$300,000 from sponsorships, ticket sales, and auction activity. (Other gifting has been critical to the success of the Foundation.)

Last year, funds were provided for upgrades to the physical therapy and rehabilitation department; previous years it's been computer stands on wheels (COWS); endowment, scholarships, surgery equipment; cardiac care and more. Earlier this year the Foundation provided funds from unrestricted investments of nearly \$400,000 to the Clinic to upgrade to state-of-the-art 3D mammography equipment - it's in place and patients do not have to travel to Billings.

The Gala this year will be held at Fox Fields on Saturday, September 16 and proceeds will assist in funding a new service line -- infusion therapy at the hospital; again saving patients the drive to Billings.

As stated earlier, sponsorships, ticket sales, and auction items are principal dollar support for this Gala. Several years ago, the Board of Directors approved a policy for the CCEPOA to donate to non-profits in the area – non-profit organizations that benefit directly the membership of the CCEPOA – BEARTOOTH BILLINGS CLINIC and the FOUNDATION definitely meet this requirement.

I recommend the Board of Directors approve sponsorship of the BBCF annual Gala; with the affirmative assent of members and to become sponsors of this annual event.

Recommend \$2,000 for the initial sponsorship commitment this year.

