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BELLCO DONATES \$25,000 TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO

Gift to support hospital's resilience programs for nurses and medical staff

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. (Dec. 3, 2018) – [Bellco](#) presented \$25,000 to [Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation](#) today in support of the hospital's nurses and medical staff both specifically in the emergency department and hospital-wide. The gift will help fund Children's Hospital Colorado's (Children's Colorado) Nursing Resilience Programs, designed to help ensure nurses and medical staff receive the support they need to lower stress levels and healthfully cope with the physical and emotional demands of their roles. The donation was presented at an event at the hospital that included hospital leaders and members of the nursing staff.

Bellco and Children's Colorado have been community partners for 12 years with Bellco annually hosting mobile blood drives for the hospital at various branches and providing financial contributions through its Charity of the Month program. Bellco's newest branch is located just down the street from Children's Colorado at I-225 and Colfax.

"While every single member of the Children's Colorado team plays a vital role in caring for the hospital's patients and their families, nurses are on the front lines when families come in – especially in the emergency department – offering comfort, solace, care and reassurance in what can be a very frightening situation for children and their caregivers. It is our incredible honor to help fund the programs the hospital has in place to ensure these amazing individuals get the support they need – be that emotional, spiritual, psychological or physical – to stay strong, healthy and resilient," said Candice Aragon, Bellco's vice president of marketing.

Specific resources offered under the Nursing Resilience Program umbrella include:

- Schwartz Rounds – Educational events for employees, faculty and staff at Children's Colorado designed to support and advance compassionate care
- REST Council – Resiliency, Education, Support and Training Council developed to decrease the impact of secondary trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout by medical staff by providing opportunities for staff to develop and nurture resiliency and self-care
- Heartmath – Training resource offered through Children's Colorado that teaches coping skills for use in stressful times

Across the Children's Colorado network of 17 locations, nearly 2,500 registered nurses clock in each and every day and night, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

"Our resilience programs are funded entirely through philanthropy and grants, so we are truly grateful for contributors like Bellco who make these much-needed programs possible. Bellco's generous gift will help us continue to support and encourage our nurses and medical staff who give so much of themselves to our patients and families every day," said Kali Wallace, senior manager, corporate partnerships at Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation.

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About Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation

Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the mission of Children's Hospital Colorado. Founded in 1978, the Foundation supports Children's Colorado by inspiring and facilitating philanthropic investment and engages and informs the community about the impact that philanthropy has on the health and well-being of children. Every donation to Children's Colorado provides innovative, family-centered care and fuels research that will lead to new treatments and cures for children. For more information, visit ChildrensColoradoFoundation.org, or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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