



# Health Care Happenings

A Pueblo Community Health Center Update

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## East Side Clinic = Zero Energy

Most of PCHC's regular donors and supporters have heard about the new Pueblo east side clinic on which ground was broken in October 2020. But many may not realize that this innovative clinic is one of the first of its kind in the entire country. According to the New Buildings Institute, it will be the first emerging zero energy outpatient health care clinic in Colorado.

Most medical facilities are extraordinarily energy intensive, so PCHC made the decision to pursue zero energy building strategies to not only reduce energy costs, but also to reduce the impact on the environment and benefit the Pueblo community in the future. PCHC did adopt a few energy saving features in its construction of the clinic on Colorado Avenue in 2009, but the east side clinic has been designed to produce more energy than it consumes. This forward-thinking construction will contribute to the city of Pueblo's resolution that sets a vision to use 100% renewable energy by 2035.

Conveniently located in one building, the new east side clinic will provide much needed health care services including medical, behavioral health, dental, lab and pharmacy. A bright open layout, including a three-story atrium, coupled with exceptional energy-efficient design and on-site energy production, will provide Pueblo's east side with a beautiful state-of-the-art new clinic. The renewable energy will be produced through a combination of on-site photovoltaic arrays, battery storage, and ground source heat pumps.

"It (zero energy) is an aspect of the project I mention every chance I can, and I think it will shine a very positive light on PCHC and the Pueblo community. I'm very proud that we are delivering this project and achieving such impactful beneficial goals as a result," stated Donald Moore, CEO of PCHC.

For more information about the East Side Expansion Capital Campaign – **With You, We Can**, please contact Laura Kelly at (719) 543-8718 x152, or to donate online please visit <https://www.pueblochc.org/east-side-expansion-campaign/>

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## Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

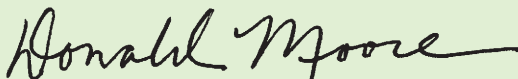
The east side clinic construction is a once in a generation project. It has been a LOT of work but very satisfying. The Board, staff, and I have a great sense of responsibility in making the project happen. PCHC is ready to provide primary care to those in need for many decades to come.

In addition to ensuring Puebloans have access to quality primary care services, our building project is contributing to the revitalization of the east side and Pueblo. PCHC's new clinic attracted the attention of the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, and an urban renewal district designation has been proposed with our clinic at the center of it. The City and County of Pueblo are investing \$1 million in infrastructure improvements throughout the east side neighborhood.

I have been presenting to many community groups lately about our progress. One of my favorite updates to provide is that 87% of our construction subcontractor budget has been awarded to Pueblo companies. It may have been 100% except there were some trades for which no Pueblo companies submitted a bid. Most of the money in a construction project goes to subcontractors and PCHC wanted to keep the money circulating in our community. We competitively bid all jobs, and Pueblo's companies demonstrated the quality we needed for our project. Pueblo workers can take pride in building this new facility in the heart of their own community.

As of March 1st, the project is 42% complete and we still plan completion October 2021. I encourage you to visit our web site to see pictures and real time and recorded video of the project: <https://www.pueblochc.org/east-side-expansion-campaign/>. If you live in Pueblo or are visiting, head east on 8th Street from downtown about a mile and drive around the site. It's impressive if I do say so myself.

My very best to you,



Donald Moore, CEO  
Pueblo Community Health Center



## Giving to PCHC Changes Lives

For 37 years, PCHC has served the health care needs of the people of Pueblo and Huerfano Counties, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. If you choose to contribute, it enables us to continue to offer expanded services that include primary medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy. If you want to help us perpetuate our mission, we invite you to make a contribution to Pueblo Community Health Center Foundation.

All funds raised will be allocated to our Foundation for the East Side Expansion. Any donation is appreciated and no gift is too small. Your support will make a difference in the lives of the people who trust their health needs to our providers.

If you would like to learn more about naming opportunities or planning for larger gifts, please contact Laura Kelly, Chief Development and Foundation Officer at (719) 543-8718 x 152 or email [lkelly@pueblochc.org](mailto:lkelly@pueblochc.org). Thank you for caring about those in need and investing in Pueblo's east side. Gifts over \$250 are eligible for EZ Tax credits.

## *Mission*

Since 1983, Pueblo Community Health Center has provided primary care to those in need



# Meet PCHC Board Member Louis Balizet, MD

**Years with PCHC Board of Directors:** 4 years

**Where are you from:** Philadelphia

**Where did you go to school:** Boston College, Jefferson Medical College

**Hobbies/Interests:** Travel, hiking, history, volunteering at elementary school

**Favorite food/restaurant:** My wife's spaghetti a la carbonara

**Favorite movie:** Up In Smoke

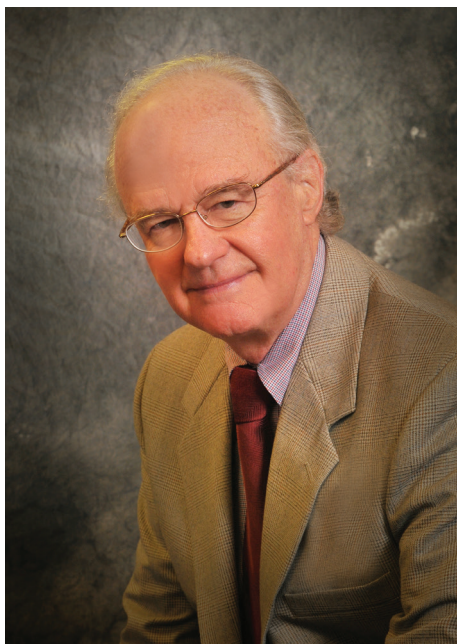
**Favorite music/band:** Sons and Brothers

**Favorite place to vacation:** France

**Most surprising talent:** I can name the starting line-up of the 1950 Philadelphia Athletics – and I have autographs of two of them

**Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Working with a Board and an Administration with such devotion to the needs of our community

**Anything else you'd like to add:** In addition to being an essential part of the medical community, PCHC is demonstrating environmental stewardship in the design of our new East Side Clinic. This structure will be a Zero Energy (ZE) building – meaning it will produce as much energy (with rooftop solar panels) to put back into the electrical grid as it takes from the grid. It will not burn fossil fuel. PCHC's East Side Clinic will be the first ZE building in Pueblo, the first ZE medical facility in the state, and one of very few ZE medical facilities in the entire country.



## Locations

**(719) 543-8711**

**Colorado Avenue Clinic**  
300 Colorado Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

**Pharmacy & Administrative Services**  
(Patient Registration, Patient Accounts & Human Resources)  
110 East Routt Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004  
(719) 476-0214 (Pharmacy)

**Park Hill Clinic & Pharmacy**  
1302 East 5th Street  
Pueblo, Colorado 81001  
(719) 476-0220 (Pharmacy)

**O'Rourke Dental Clinic**  
2030 Lake Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

**Avondale Clinic**  
328 Avondale Boulevard  
Avondale, Colorado 81022

**Grand Avenue Clinic**  
1008 North Grand Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

**Centennial High School-Based Wellness Center**  
2525 Mountview Drive  
Pueblo, Colorado 81008

**Central High School-Based Wellness Center**  
216 East Orman Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

**Chávez/Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy School-Based Wellness Center**  
2727 West 18th Street  
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

**East High School-Based Wellness Center**  
9 MacNeil Road  
Pueblo, Colorado 81001

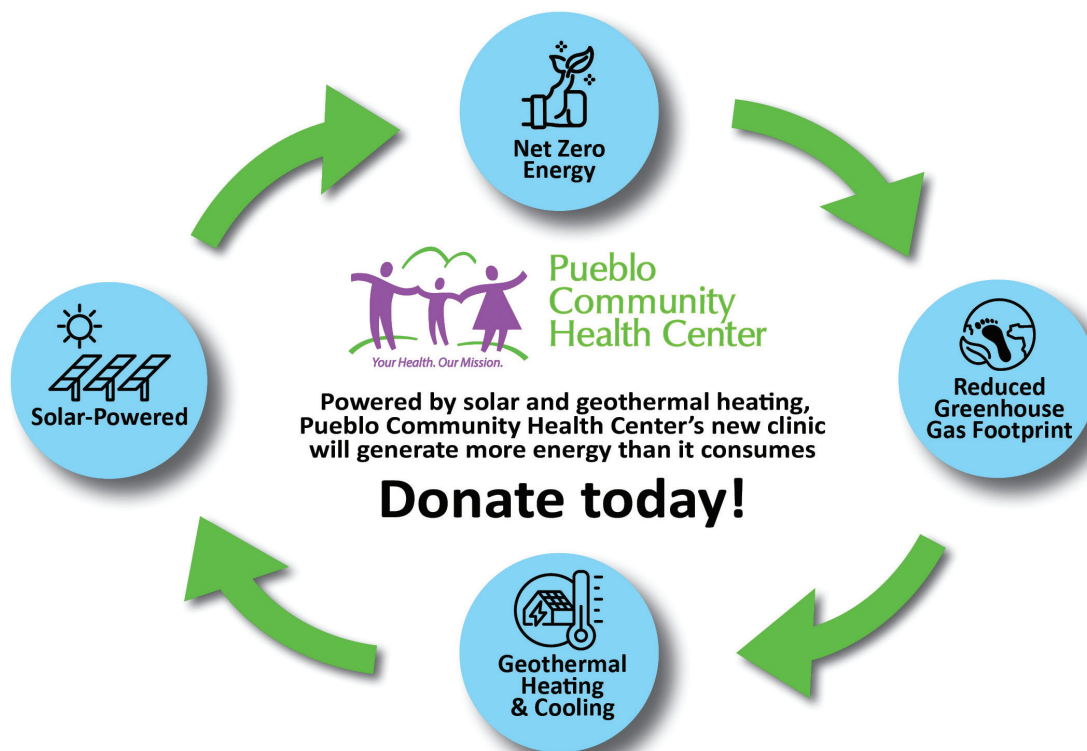
**Pueblo County High School-Based Wellness Center**  
1050 35th Lane  
Pueblo, Colorado 81006

**Risley International School-Based Wellness Center**  
625 Monument Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81001

**Pueblo Community College The Student Health Clinic**  
900 West Orman Avenue, MT 118  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

**Walsenburg OB Clinic**  
129 Kansas Avenue  
Walsenburg, Colorado 81089

**Administration & Foundation**  
112 East Pitkin Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004



## Vision

To be the primary health care provider of choice in Pueblo County by providing top quality care through accessibility, leadership and financial independence



# Pueblo Community Health Center

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