



*The State Office of Rural Health*

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**Colorado Rural Health Center Celebrates National Rural Health Day**

*The Colorado Rural Health Center celebrated by hosting a luncheon in Rocky Ford, Colorado and with a slate of virtual activities.*

**Denver, CO – November 23, 2022**– The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC), The State Office of Rural Health and Rural Health Association, recently celebrated National Rural Health Day. The annual celebration has taken place on the third Thursday in November since 2011 and is designed to honor and officially celebrate rural communities and the amazing work they accomplish day in and day out.

“National Rural Health Day, started by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, has grown not only into a day of celebration but a movement to recognize rural communities,” said CRHC CEO Michelle Mills. “We are honored to work with rural partners every day of the year. National Rural Health Day is a time to celebrate and be thankful.”

This year, CRHC was honored to celebrate the Rocky Ford Family Clinic, owned and operated by Doug Miller, FNP and Terry Miller. Through Doug’s leadership, the clinic has served the community by caring for the young to the old and built lasting and trusting relationships. Rocky Ford Family Clinic has been a leader amongst Rural Health Clinics through innovation and determination of integrating behavioral health, being one of the first independent RHCs to

stand up an electronic medical record and incorporating quality improvement activities. CRHC hosted a luncheon in Rocky Ford to honor the accomplishments of the Millers.

Tammy Dunker, Assisted Living Director at Ranglely District Hospital and Eagle Crest Assisted Living who was honored as Colorado's Community Star. The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) celebrates Community Stars from each state as a way to recognize exemplary rural leaders.

"Tammy Dunker is not only an outstanding rural health leader but also a board member of the Colorado Rural Health Center, serving as the Secretary/Treasurer as well as Policy and Legislative Committee Lead" – You can read more about Tammy and her accomplishments [here](#).

New this year, CRHC put together a lineup of virtual activities to recognize the day.

CRHC hosted resiliency training, a Connect for Health Colorado enrollment webinar, a Safety Net Clinic Week video showing, a virtual yoga session, and Colorado trivia! If you missed it, you can still participate via the recordings:

- [Watch the welcome address](#)
- Watch Safety Net Clinic Week Videos
  - [Housing is a healthcare workforce issue](#)
  - [Sustainable Workforce Solutions](#)
- [NRHD Yoga](#)
- [Read the Governor's Proclamation](#)

Thank you to all our rural communities and National Rural Health Day!

The Colorado Rural Health Center serves as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health (SORH) and State Rural Health Association, partnering in its latter capacity with NRHA to maintain strong relationships with a robust coalition of rural members across Colorado.

### **About The Colorado Rural Health Center**

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health and the State Rural Health Association. The organization's mission is to enhance healthcare services in the state by providing information, education, linkages, tools, and energy toward addressing rural health issues. CRHC's vision is to improve healthcare services available in rural communities to ensure that all rural Coloradans have access to comprehensive, affordable, high quality healthcare. For more information visit [www.coruralhealth.org](http://www.coruralhealth.org), call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.