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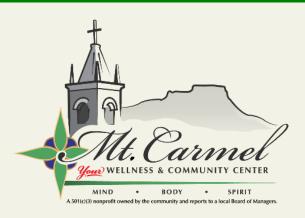
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Fall Blessings

Fall is usually synonymous with "change." The leaves change, the weather begins to change, and perhaps even our moods change a bit in the fall and winter months. We might not have any control over the changing of the leaves or the weather, but we do have some control over how we maintain our habits and actions in the fall and winter months to help control our moods.

At Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center, we have wellness programs both at the Robinson Avenue campus and the Champions Center downtown to assist you in your goal of a healthy lifestyle. Keep in mind that a healthy lifestyle begins one step at a time. It can be as simple as signing up for a Gentle Stretching class and eventually working your way



up to Tai Chi classes. To balance out your time with some family fun, sign up for our Family Cooking Night or the Kids Gingerbread House activity. Our Diabetes Cooking classes are so popular that the last class was full long before the classes began. The recipe for the first class was a delicious Chicken & Goat Cheese Skillet meal, which was a huge hit with everyone.

We will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner to veterans and their families on November 19th from 4-7pm. We appreciate your selfless service to our country. Please call (719) 845-4877 to make your reservation.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, please take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life, and maybe take an extra minute out of your day to be a blessing to others. All of you, friends of Mt. Carmel, are a blessing to us!

Ashley DiPaola Director of Operations

Welcome, Carla Segotta!



Carla was born and raised in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. She has worked in healthcare for 25 years in the Raton and Trinidad areas, specifically in nursing, administrative support, behavioral and mental health. Carla is passionate about helping others and making a difference in the communities in which they live. She looks forward to continuing that work here at Mt Carmel.

We are happy to welcome Carla as our new Administrative Assistant/Wellness Coordinator at the Champions Center downtown. If you haven't already, stop by to see the beautiful space where we now offer additional wellness programming.

Trinidad Team

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From the Desk of Dr. Ivory Raye

Struggling to Get Your ZZZs?

Did you know sleep is one of the healthiest activities our bodies can engage in to stay healthy, energetic and youthful? If you are experiencing sleep issues, consider creating a healthy bedtime routine where you disconnect from technology, work and stressful activities at least 30-60 minutes before your desired sleep time. Start practicing conscious wind-down activities. Turn down the lights, read a book (not electronic), listen to calming music, color, take a bath, etc. If you are using your phone during this time, switch it to night mode or use the blue light filter to avoid stimulation before sleep. Still having trouble? Add some chamomile or lemon balm tea to your routine. Sweet dreams!



Dr. Ivory

Events & Catering



Get your Christmas shopping list ready and come to our Robinson Avenue campus for the Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 19. We already have more than 25 vendors registered to sell their wares, so you'll surely be able to mark some gifts off your list.

If you are a vendor interested in signing up, please call me at (719) 845-4875. There's always room for more!

Noreen



CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of our recent fundraising raffle!

1st Prize: Regina Mattie 2nd Prize: Christopher Milinazzo 3rd Prize: Laura DeBella

Proceeds from the raffle are used to support our low-to-no-cost wellness programs. We are grateful to everyone who purchased tickets! **Salud Dental Team**

Kyle Larsen, DDS Dentist

Jean Velasquez, RDH Hygienist

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Volunteers Thank you to our many volunteers!



OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE A QUALITY, INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE HOME TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

Salud is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), 501(c)(3) nonprofit, operating 13 clinic locations, 11 school sites and a mobile unit. We provide medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral health care services to keep you and your family healthy.

We focus on low-income, medically underserved populations as well as the migrant and seasonal farmworker population. Salud accepts Medicaid, Medicare, CHP+, and most private insurance plans. We offer a sliding fee scale based on family size and income. Insurance enrollment assistance is available.

Since 1970, Salud remains committed to providing care to all community members regardless of finances, insurance coverage, or ability to pay.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Medical: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday (719) 422-8800

Dental: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday (719) 422-8810

Telehealth Services available until 7:00pm Monday-Friday. This clinic at Mt. Carmel opens at 9am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Time for Fall Fun!



Now that the weather is starting to cool down a bit, it's a great time to start (or continue) some indoor activities here at Mt. Carmel and the Champions Center. Of course, we have our ongoing classes like Gentle Stretching, Yoga, and Tai Chi, but we are also starting our fall schedule, which includes Youth Choir. The Youth Choir and Youth Orchestra will both have Christmas performances in December in our beautiful Chapel. There will also be a variety of cooking classes available through November.

This summer, we held our first Youth Gardening Club. The children were excited to harvest their pumpkins from the gardens, along with any other remaining produce. We hope to make this an annual event!

Of course, low-to-no-cost activities such as these are only possible through grants and donations. (If you would like to donate to our food box program or to any of our wellness programs, please go to mtcarmelcenter.org/donate)

Our staff wish you all a healthy, happy and blessed holiday season!

Mary Zamora Admin Asst./Wellness Coord.

A Sampling of Our Current & Upcoming Programs

Visit our event calendar at <u>mtcarmelcenter.org</u> to see all of our current and upcoming programs and to register for these programs and more.



Diabetes Screenings and HbA1c readings

Tuesdays 2-4 pm | Fridays 9-11 am

Call 719-845-4838 to schedule an appointment

Champions Center | 127 N. Commercial Street, Trinidad, CO



Diabetes Self-Management Education

with Dr. Ivory Raye

CHAMPIONS CENTER 127 N. COMMERCIAL ST. TRINIDAD, CO 719-201-5589

November 9 - December 7, 2022











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As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, it is through donations and sponsorships that we are able to offer wellness programs, kids' programs, festivals and other great events to our community. Won't you consider donating or sponsoring a program to help us continue these valuable services that improve lives?



Your support is greatly appreciated!

Please donate at mtcarmelcenter.org under the "support tab."

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