

Letter from the CEO

As we head into the 70th year since the founding of the Grossmont Healthcare District, I am pleased to share our 2020-2021 Annual Report. It is my first year as the Chief Executive Officer, and I am fortunate to have joined a dedicated, results-driven team which worked hard last year to serve East County despite the ongoing pandemic.

A lot has changed since our public hospital first opened its doors. Last year, we hosted the Sharp Grossmont Hospital team to operate one of the region's first COVID-19 vaccination superstations, which provided vaccine access to more than 15,000 essential workers and residents in a matter of weeks. We also celebrated 30 years of public/private partnership, which began with leasing hospital operations to Sharp HealthCare in 1991. Our collaborative working relationship is set to achieve further enhancements to our community's health and access to care, with voters extending this lease until 2051.

Gathering safely for the first time since March 2020 with some of our local partners also signaled hope for exciting community-focused collaborations ahead. Over the summer, the District

team introduced new annual events and public engagement opportunities. While connecting the community to wellness has always been at the heart of our mission, our 'Family End of Summer Palooza' event built on our tradition to offer free health resources and services to young families in community settings so we can meet people where they are. This year, we also debuted a new public art installation in our consumer health library, a Gratitude Tree mural where families can practice being thankful.

Also for the public was a new financial strategy that saves taxpayers \$4.4 million. I encourage you to review more information in our 'Fiscal Future' section where we expand on our finances for your review.

Looking ahead, we will embark on a new 3-year strategic plan that drives more equitable access to healthcare and wellness resources for all people in East County. I am honored to lead our team and community into the future.

Thank you for being an essential part of our efforts.

Christian Wallis



Chief Executive Officer

