

Leadville Hospital Raffles Land to Buy CT Scanner

A forested lot near Twin Lakes is St. Vincent Hospital's prize.

(LEADVILLE, COLO, May 24, 2019) In a hot real estate market, Leadville's St. Vincent Hospital Foundation is raffling off a rare prize—land near Twin Lakes, Colo. All proceeds go to purchase a much-needed CT scanner for the hospital. An advanced CT scanner is essential for the Emergency Room in Leadville, which is North America's highest-elevation city. The next-closest medical facility is 35+ miles away over high mountain passes.

The lucky winner receives a forested, .46-acre lot in Pan Ark Estates, right next to some of the state's best hiking, biking, fishing, skiing, and other outdoor activities. It is minutes from two of Colorado's largest glacial lakes and the friendly Twin Lakes community.

Tickets are on sale at [ColoradoLandRush.com](https://coloradolandrush.com). The cost is \$75 apiece, plus service fees, for a total price of approximately \$83 per ticket. By paying the processing fees, raffle ticket buyers direct the full \$75 to purchasing this much-needed scanner. Discounted packages for multiple tickets are also available.

The winner will be randomly drawn on Saturday, June 22, at 4 p.m., on stage at the Leadville BBQ & Brew Festival in downtown Leadville.

"It is a new day, and St. Vincent Hospital is here to stay. It is a privilege to work in support of St. Vincent Hospital in Leadville. We are thankful to the people who buy raffle tickets; they have the opportunity to win land and support rural healthcare," stated Karen Onderdonk, St. Vincent Hospital Director of Outreach and Development.

Why a New CT Scanner Is Critical

Colorado Land Rush raffle funds will replace St. Vincent Hospital's current scanner, which is a decade old, with a state-of-the-art scanner. A CT scanner helps doctors diagnose head and neck injuries, find internal organ damage, and stabilize patients. Detailed imaging is critical, whether the patients are treated in Leadville or need to be transferred to a trauma center.

In 2019, St. Vincent Hospital is breaking ground on a modern facility to support and promote the delivery of modern healthcare now and decades into the future. The new CT scanner will be an integral part of diagnostic and treatment services at the new hospital. The scanner costs \$367,000. Raising funds to meet this large equipment need can strengthen the hospital's financial stability, build up reserves, and direct funds to meet other needs.

About St. Vincent Hospital

In 2019, as St. Vincent Hospital celebrates 140 years of caring, construction will begin on a new, state-of-the-art hospital. After almost closing the hospital in 2015, St. Vincent General Hospital District has reached a new level of success and sustainability. This financial turnaround has been made possible by increased community and taxpayer support and new service lines offered at the hospital.

Taxpayers voted to increase their support of the hospital and ambulance service in 2015 and that support has been the building blocks for the diligent work and planning that has led to the hospital's success today.

The district's recent strength has resulted from a total shift in philosophy and culture at St. Vincent Hospital. Under the leadership of the board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Gary Campbell and Chief of Medical Staff, Lisa Zwerdinger, MD, the hospital has focused on treating patients locally. By comparison, inpatient days in December of 2016 totaled approximately 3; the total in 2018 was 392. Additionally, the hospital has added new services such as stress echocardiograms, swing bed services, inpatient hospice and respite care. Physical therapy reopened in 2017, and now the department employs 2 full-time doctors of physical therapy. After outsourcing the business office for many years, St. Vincent invested in bringing the office back in-house. The hospital also implemented a new electronic health record and billing management software. Now when billing questions arise or patients need financial assistance – help is available in person or over the phone from friendly and knowledgeable hospital team members.

Looking to the future, the district has embraced the concept of a health campus where specialists, primary care, Lake County Public Health Agency and other health related offices reside in the current hospital building and synergistically complement services in the adjacent new hospital facility.

The new facility will support and promote the delivery of modern healthcare now and decades into the future. It will directly contribute to improvements in patient care, safety and privacy, increased medical services, and operational efficiencies.

The facility will offer:

- Emergency room
- Ambulance services
- New helipad
- Laboratory
- Imaging/radiology
- Eight inpatient rooms (with beds for acute care, swing bed, respite care and hospice)
- Surgical services (endoscopy and general surgery)

There are areas of the facility that are planned for expansion, should the need for growth arise in the future. Other services taken into consideration are a parking area and hook-up for a portable MRI truck and new equipment such as a state-of-the-art CT scanner.

The current hospital building, built in 1958, will continue to house St. Vincent Medical Clinic, outpatient physical therapy, visiting specialist offices, administrative offices, potential future kitchen for food service, Lake County Public Health Agency and Lake County Guild a Generation.

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