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## **News Release**

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### **Community Hospital to Celebrate Earth Day**

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital's Sustainability and Diversity Council will host an Earth Day celebration on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 8:00am - 3:00pm in The Flying Pig, located on the first floor of the hospital. The Sustainability and Diversity Council has several fun activities planned including a free plant giveaway, free popcorn and garden seeds as well as recycled bags available for a donation.

"We want to promote our collaboration with the City of Grand Junction and their pilot composting service program," said Stephanie Marsicovetere, Community Hospital Sustainability and Diversity Council Chair. "We have been composting at Community Hospital since February 2023, including all kitchen food waste and Starbucks coffee grounds," added Marsicovetere. According to Marsicovetere, approximately 96 gallons of compostable food waste is collected per week.

In addition, Community Hospital donates leftover food from The Flying Pig to the Food Bank of the Rockies. As part of this initiative, Community Hospital also collects and recycles alkaline batteries, recycles all plastics and cans and facilitates regular recycling pickups. Items are collected and disposed of properly and kept out of the landfill.

The Community Hospital Sustainability and Diversity Council has also fostered a relationship with Project Cure to collect used and expired medical products and equipment to donate to countries in need. These initiatives are in an effort to help increase sustainability and make Mesa County a cleaner and healthier place to live, work and play.

To learn more about the programs and services provided at Community Hospital, please visit [www.YourCommunityHospital.com](http://www.YourCommunityHospital.com).

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