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## **News Release**

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### **Community Hospital Opens New Pediatric Therapy Clinic**

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital is pleased to announce the opening of a new pediatric therapy clinic, located at 715 Horizon Drive, Suite 200. Grand Valley Pediatric Therapy provides skilled pediatric therapy services in a safe, welcoming environment for children. Services at Community Hospital's new Grand Valley Pediatric Therapy include occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy.

"Our pediatric therapists truly love helping children and young adults, offering treatment for a wide variety of diagnoses and special needs," said Kyle Gardner, Director of Community Hospital Therapy Works. "Together, we are committed to providing comprehensive, multi-disciplinary care in an environment where children can achieve their goals and reach their full potential," added Gardner.

Therapists at Grand Valley Pediatric Therapy work together to create individualized treatment plans for children with special needs. Therapy is carried out with a focus on creativity and fun, where every child can be successful. Each therapist establishes goals and treatment plans based on the specific needs of each child and his or her family.

Occupational therapists help children achieve goals related to fine motor skills, sensory processing, activities of daily living, executive functioning and feeding to name a few. Children, including those with special needs, could benefit from occupational therapy with difficulties such as using utensils, using a toothbrush or hairbrush, difficulty using scissors or writing, difficulty with attention, following directions, and/or transitions between activities and more.

Pediatric physical therapists assist children in developing and enhancing mobility so they may safely participate in activities at home, in the classroom, on the playground and in the community. They address skills that help children take part in important movement activities such as crawling, walking, running, and playing games. Additionally, the physical therapist teaches children how to navigate mobility aids, such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and other supports, safely in various environments.

Communication is one of the most fundamental and important human skills. It is essential to learning, playing, social interaction and creating relationships. Speech language pathologists help children achieve goals related to communication. Impaired communication can affect every aspect of a child's life. In addition to communication, a speech language pathologist also helps infants and children with feeding, suckling, and swallowing difficulties related to oral motor or oropharyngeal disorders.

For more information about Community Hospital's new Grand Valley Pediatric Therapy clinic, please call 970-644-3860 or visit [YourCommunityHospital.com](http://YourCommunityHospital.com).

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