



# Rochester Area Community Update

*The latest information for members of our local communities*

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## **Mayo Clinic contributes more than \$1.5 million in community support during the first quarter of 2024**



Mayo Clinic has provided more than \$1.5 million in support to 64 community-based organizations so far this year. The grants are intended to help improve community health and vibrancy, reduce health and opportunity disparities, and address social determinants of health. Read the highlights on Community Relations [Our Stories](#).

## **Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester teams share progress with community groups**



*Downtown Rochester 2030, looking north at the new clinical buildings with Assisi Heights in the background.*

During the last few months, leaders from Mayo Clinic's Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester initiative have made presentations to several community groups on the progress of Mayo's multiyear strategic initiative that aims to transform healthcare. Bold. Forward. Unbound. reimagines the downtown Rochester campus by combining innovative patient care, digital

technologies and new facilities to give Mayo Clinic the ability to scale transformation for future generations.

Mayo Clinic announced the \$5 billion capital investment in November, which will include two new clinical buildings with 1.8 million square feet of space, a state-of-the-art facility to house and deliver necessary supplies to the clinical buildings and two patient parking structures to replace the Damon Ramp. Design teams are currently refining plans with construction expected to begin this fall. Construction will be done in stages over the next six years to ensure as little disruption as possible for patients, visitors and Rochester residents.

Groups that have heard presentations include the Rochester Area Builders, the Coalition for Rochester Area Housing and several neighborhood associations. If your organization is interested in learning more about Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester, look for the link on the [Community Relations website](#) to a fact sheet that provides information about the portfolio of projects. There is also a form to request a presentation or more information. Updates will be shared throughout the construction process.

## Mayo Clinic participates in industry leadership panel at RAEDI annual meeting



Christina Zorn, Mayo Clinic's chief administrative officer, was a featured panelist at the Rochester Area Economic Development, Inc. (RAEDI) annual meeting on March 6. Zorn was joined on the panel by agriculture executive Dana Allen-Tully, CEO of Gar-Lin Dairy, and manufacturing executive John Lenga, Jr., CEO of Crenlo Engineered Cabs, to discuss the political, economic and workforce factors affecting their industries.

Zorn noted that although the panelists represent different industries, they face similar challenges and opportunities that they can navigate together. James Rogers, Mayo Clinic's chief business development officer, also spoke at the event to update attendees on the Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester initiative and on Mayo Clinic Business Ventures' key accomplishments. The event was attended by hundreds of regional business leaders. Mayo Clinic is a key partner of RAEDI, which helps existing and potential businesses in the Rochester area secure the private and public resources needed to execute their growth plans.

## Mayo Clinic ranked No. 1 'World's Best Hospital' by Newsweek for sixth straight year



Mayo Clinic in Rochester was named the No. 1 hospital in Newsweek's list of the "World's Best Hospitals" for the sixth straight year. Mayo Clinic in Florida and Mayo Clinic in Arizona were also highly ranked.

"Mayo Clinic's No. 1 ranking is the result of our dedicated staff, who deliver unparalleled, compassionate care to our patients," says Gianrico Farrugia, M.D., Mayo Clinic president and CEO.

"Patients expect and deserve Category-of-One experiences from their healthcare teams, and we remain committed to setting the standard for excellence while also leading healthcare transformation for our patients and patients everywhere."

The annual Newsweek rankings are based on patient survey results, an international survey of more than 80,000 healthcare professionals, key performance metrics such as patient safety and quality of care, and patient-reported outcomes.

Newsweek's latest recognition comes as Mayo Clinic makes significant investments to design the future of care and achieve seamless integration of physical spaces and digital capabilities, including artificial intelligence (AI), robotics and automation, to meet patients' unmet and evolving needs.

Read more at [Mayo Clinic News Network](#).

## Heart to Heart Healthcare: Building trust to connect with patients experiencing homelessness



Building trust and connection with patients is crucial to delivering safe, quality care. When it comes to providing care for people facing hardships such as homelessness, it becomes especially important since they may find it challenging to trust that they are in good hands. Mayo experts say people experiencing homelessness may feel that they are looked down on or less than equal in their healthcare

encounters. The [Street Medicine](#) program meets patients where they are. Street Medicine is an educational and service opportunity launched in 2021 by the Zumbro Valley Medical Society to provide care to people without housing.

Students from Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine are teamed up with a physician and social worker to visit people living in encampments and under bridges to provide healthcare and other needed services. Teams also provide community clinics focused on foot and eye care in partnership with [The Landing MN](#), a day shelter for people experiencing homelessness, and the [Dorothy Day Hospitality House](#), a housing shelter for those in need.

[Learn more](#) about the Street Medicine program and how Mayo Clinic is providing care with compassion.

## March marks colorectal cancer awareness month



Colorectal cancer, the third-most common cancer in the U.S., has been rising among younger people for the past two decades. It is not one type of cancer but two cancers: [colon cancer](#), and [rectal cancer](#). Dr. Derek Ebner, a Mayo Clinic gastroenterologist, notes that colorectal cancer has been increasing in adults under age 50, particularly for rectal cancer. He says it's important to know

the [warning signs](#) of colorectal cancer and to not delay medical treatment. Dr. Ebner says four key symptoms have been identified for people under 50 who are diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Read more and learn about reducing risks of colorectal cancer on the [Mayo Clinic News Network](#).

## April Plummer building lighting schedule

April 1	Donate for Life Month	Blue and Green
April 11	Parkinson's disease	Blue
April 17	Hemophilia	Red
April 22	Earth Day	Green

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