



# Southeast Health Group receives generous gift from Bate Trust

Southeast Health Group recently received a substantial gift from the Bate Trust, in memory of long-time La Junta resident, David Bate, who passed in 2016. “David was a kind and compassionate person, an artist, and a great friend to many people in our community,” said Becky Otteman, CEO of Southeast Health Group.

The financial gift, which will be used to support programs for people with severe and persistent mental illnesses, was a long time in the making. “David’s mother,

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Persis K. Bate of Denver, earmarked a portion of her estate to SHG almost 20 years ago,” said Otteman. Proceeds of the estate were shared with another behavioral health center in the Denver metro-area.

“We are very fortunate to receive this kind gift,” said Otteman. “It will help us continue to provide innovative services that promote head-to-toe wellness here in southeast Colorado.” A sculpture and plaque will be placed in David’s memory on the north patio of the building at 711 Barnes in La Junta. “Clients use the patios and picnic table while they are visiting the facility or waiting for transportation,” said Otteman.

Serving the Arkansas Valley and High Plains region for 60 years, Southeast Health Group provides comprehensive outpatient primary care, mental health counseling, substance use disorder treatment, physical therapy and wellness



David Bate of La Junta was a talented artist and enjoyed participating in art workshops. - Photo courtesy of Colorado Arts of Recovery

services. They accept Medicaid and most private insurances, as well as offering a sliding fee scale.

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