

Loves Life, Saves Lives, Every Day

She Practices What Is Preached

As a registered nurse who works on Colorado Plains Medical Center's Birthing Center caring for expectant mothers, laboring patients, new parents, and newborns, Debra Tolson witnesses the miracle of birth on a daily basis. However, ten years ago, she was witness to another profound experience.

In 1996, Stephen Arterburn launched the first-ever Women of Faith Conference, *a Joyful Journey*, designed specifically for women. A friend of Debra's encouraged her to attend. Two years later, Debra coordinated a group of 326 ladies from Northeast Colorado to attend a Women of Faith conference held in Denver. She was inspired by its interdenominational message of spiritual unity, encouragement and development of relationships. What started as a desire for women of her church to experience the special connection offered by the conference turned into an 8-year effort of annually organizing and coordinating upward of 1000 ladies eager to be touched by the message. The volunteer effort is seen by Debra as a privilege – getting to observe, first-hand, the lives of women from rural Colorado being touched and changed in ways never thought possible.

Just as important to spreading the ministry is the opportunity to put its message into action. During the eleven years since they moved to Fort Morgan, Debra and her husband have served as a surrogate family to elderly neighbors, keeping a watchful eye and helping in small ways in order for them to maintain their independence. This is the part of the Women of Faith's message of humankind and faith she continues to perpetuate.

Our employees see their work at Colorado Plains Medical Center more than just a job. It is a commitment to the community they live in. For Debra and our 250 employees, compassion and caring are powerful doses of medicine. They love life and continue to save lives every day.




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