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What is it like or what does it mean to you to work for a rural health hospital? How long have you been with CQCH and/or lived in the Bisbee area?

I have lived in Bisbee for over 13 years. What is most rewarding about working in a Rural Health Care System is that you can make a difference. While having worked in many suburban urban hospitals you do not directly see the results of your work improve the community's healthcare. Bisbee and the surrounding area are designated medically underserved and Healthcare Professionals Shortage Areas by the federal government. There are not enough providers in care available to meet the standard 50 percentile of healthcare for all Americans. We have been able to stem the loss of healthcare providers and offer advanced telemedicine healthcare to meet specialist's needs. It is rewarding to be in a mission driven organization.

What is your favorite activity in Bisbee and why?

My favorite activity is to play tennis and golf. We have the oldest golf course in Arizona with very reasonable fees. The tennis program has provided myself and my family [my son] to play for Arizona State championships.

What is your favorite annual event held in Bisbee and why?

My favorite annual event in Bisbee is the Wine Tasting put on by the Rotary club. It provides food and hors d'oeuvres from Bisbee's finest restaurants. It is put on in an atmosphere of a fall day with very trendy music.

What made you fall in love with Bisbee?

I think the combination between diversification, rurality, and the climate. The cultural offerings far exceed any rural town that I have worked in. In addition it is geologically and historically a significant area.

What is your favorite restaurant or shop in Bisbee and why?

My favorite restaurants are the High Desert Bakery and Café Roca.

If you could tell people to do one thing in Bisbee, what would it be and why?

Have the roast duck at Roca's then walk Main Street.

What is something unique about Bisbee?

I feel the liberal component next to the miner component next to the Border Patrol, next our art colony hippies and gay make Bisbee one of the most unique places I have lived. This cultural diversification is the real asset of Bisbee. We also have one of the best rural hospitals in the United States. This supports the elderly beyond what they would normally find in a rural area.

What is the best kept secret in Bisbee?

Copper Queen Community Hospital and its ability to support senior citizens with advanced care and disease management.

What advice would you give to someone moving to Bisbee?

Rent first until you find a home that you want. The amount of offerings and places to live can meet each person's needs.