

AUGUST
is here!

What's Happening at Strive August 2019



Message from the President/CEO Submitted by: Grant Jackson

time for
CHANGE



As always, there are so many **amazing things happening** around STRIVE. You have probably **noticed** that we are going through a period of **change** right now, **some big** and **some small**. Times of change can be **unsettling** for some, but they can also provide moments of **exceptional growth**. We are in the **final stages** of the **individuals** that we support. I'm not going to completely spill the beans as I do not want to jinx it.....**STAY TUNED!**

We are **making** some **significant changes** to our **Nursing** Department, which is something that we feel will **improve** the **quality of care** that our **individuals** receive in our **group homes, host homes** and **vocational programs**. As with any **BIG CHANGE**, it may be a little **bumpy at first**, but with the **support** and **dedication** from you all, we will **make** this wildly **SUCCESSFUL**. **If you have questions as we go through this process, do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Mary Burdick our Nursing Director.**

We are also **continuing** to **look** into **opportunities** to **expand** our ability as an agency to **provide services and supports** that are more **focused on true community inclusion**. I'm a firm believer that when we all have **opportunities** afforded to us that allow us to be **true members** of our **community**, we are able to **live lives** that are **full of meaning**.

Opportunity
IS KNOCKING

Departmental Updates: Public Relations & Development... Submitted By: Doug Sorter

FOUNDATION BOARD:

- The Foundation Board had another **successful meeting** and **worked** on several **new ideas** to help **educate** the **community** and **develop** new **fundraising ideas**. We had a **guest** from Family Support Services **speak** about how STRIVE had **help** with their **child**.
- We also **introduced** our **newest Board member Mr. Jeff Franklin** who is the **President** of the **Bank of Colorado**.



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EVENTS:

- **WOW...**we had a **huge turnout** for the **Boys of Summer** concert even with the weather. They **continue to pack** the Botanical **Gardens**. Our **last two** concerts have had very **rainy nights** and as **Mr. Rod Christ** from our **Foundation Board** says, "**we need the rain when is your next concert?**"

welcome to our

NEW HIRES

Debra Anfuso, DSP
Peter Baier, DSP
Lileeann Bentler, Client
Mary Francis, DP
Calel Gordon, DSP
Layne Henry, DSP
Brandy Himes, DSP
Donna Knutt,, DSP
Kenneth Lunsford, DSP
Amanda Manuel, DSP
Nichole Maust, Client
Ashley Moriarty, DSP
Miranda Newman, Client
Kiara Ramos, DSP
Carolyn Roberts, RN
Amariz Rubio, DSP
Araye Steward, DSP

Well Rod, it's **Friday August 16th** with the **Troy Douglas Band, BRING AN UMBRELLA!**

- Also **don't forget** our **ROLLIN ON THE RIVER 3K WALK AND ROLL**
- **CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL** is **Saturday, October 12th** at **Botanical Gardens**.

STRIVING FOR SUCCESS:

This presentation has been the best way to bring our grand valley community into the STRiVE arena. We continue to have such great reviews of the information they receive at this luncheon. More and more of the people who attend end up having greater involvement in so many different ways. If you haven't been to one of these our next one is September 11th at 12:00pm, it's one hour and it is a fine way to spend your time and you can bring a friend.



GRANTS:

- We were informed that the **Colorado Health Access Fund** has made a **positive commitment** to **funding STRiVE** and are waiting to **find out** the **amount** of support.
- We have **grants** into the **City of Grand Junction** for **STRiVE's playground** and the **Botanical Gardens** for some **capital requests**.
- Grant and I **met** with one of our **local funders** and found some **common ground** to move **forward**. **Others** are **in the works** and we hope to **find new opportunities**.



DEVELOPMENT:

- We have some **new ideas** for possible **business ventures** that could be a **potential revenue stream**. We are in the **finishing stages** of **one** and just **beginning** the **process** with **two others**. I will have **more details** in **Septembers Newsletter** and hope to be well into the **completion stage**.
- **Job creation** and **community employment** are becoming a **priority** with the **inclusion vision** of our **new CEO**. This is **one aspect of what we do** at STRiVE, that is of **huge benefit** to the **people we support**. As we **develop our game plan** to have a very **robust approach** to this **effort**, I **look** forward to those **successes** as they are **instrumental** to the **well-being** and **self-confidence** of those **we support**.



Accounting...

Submitted by: Chris Bergquist

- Continue to **prepare for audit** that is the **week of Aug 19th**
- **Preparing** and **analyzing** monthly financials.



Human Resources...

Submitted by: Adele Avolio

Recognition Mission (Catching someone doing something good) is in full swing! Here are the results:



LOCATION	# OF COMMENTS	LOCATION	# OF COMMENTS
2865 Victoria	12	2746 Olson Ave	13
Uniquely Yours	4	309 Kava Way	0
Botanical Gardens	0	2850 Chipeta	15
STRiVE	8	1505 Chipeta	0
MDS	2	508 Fruitvale	<u>13</u>
2404 Teller	0		
TOTAL	26	TOTAL	41

GRAND TOTAL ---- 67

The **winners** of the **drawings** and all of the **comments** will be **posted August 12th** when our **newest employees** start **orientation**.

Vocational....

THE "SHOP" – 2850 CHIPETA

Submitted by: Peggy Gordon

The Mobile Crews keep your lawns maintained and manicured. Woodshop provides the customers with wooden games and furniture. Grounds Crew does the part to beautify the community and Creative Creations make items to decorate their homes. Every once in a while we get to have a chill day with a visitor....

The woodshop had a special visitor stop by, Trooper Connor Aydt with the Colorado State Patrol stopped by the woodshop to pick up his new cornhole board he ordered, and he was very pleased.

"The boards turned out amazing! They are better than the ones you can purchase at the store. I am looking forward to using them at every BBQ we have!"- Trooper Aydt



WELLNESS AND ACTIVE WELLNESS

Submitted by: Kelly Lupo

- The **508 Courtyard Garden** is **flourishing!** Individuals have **enjoyed multiple salads** and **fresh tomatoes** and **strawberries**.
- With the **help** of **Victoria staff** we were able to take a **group outing** to the Mesa County **Fair** and all of the **individuals loved** the **animals**.



- Staff has been doing **crafting skills** and **gardening activities**. We **celebrated Summer, 4th of July**, and **birthdays** with **cookouts** as well.



Uniquely Yours

Submitted by: Kelly Lupo

Uniquely Yours had **our best earnings** in **over a year** for the month of **July**. We **moved** a lot of **product around** to make **room** for **new arrivals**, and set up a **clearance table**. Staff and individuals **celebrated 4th of July** with a **pizza party**. **Remember... 20% discount so come see us soon!**



MDS Resource Coordination...

Submitted by: Amanda Gregg

- In **July** there was **1 SIS completed** for the month. We **continue** to work on **getting more individuals enrolled** into services each month.
- **0 new enrollments** occurred in the month of July, but **several** have been **approved** for enrollment – we are just **waiting** on **providers** being **chosen**, and **issues** to be **resolved** in the **billing system** in order to finalize (Bridge).
- This **month** the Case Management Department wants to **recognize** all our **Case Management Monitor Specialists! Alexandra McLelland, Kathryn Heuschkel, Cheyenne Moore, and Kris Popish** have **diligently trained** and **worked** to **take on new position responsibilities** to help **keep** our **Department sane** and **running at full force!** **Thank you all** for **taking** on the **ULTC 100.2s** for those we serve, and **thank you** for **your dedication** to **learning** this part of the **job so well!**



- **People First Officers** had their **quarterly conference** with **all** People First's in **Colorado** in **North Metro area** this month. People First will have a **social activity** at **Gelato Junction** on **August 22** from **5-6:30pm!**



YEARS	STAFF
1	Jennifer Dinterman, Casey Gordon, Ruby Gutierrez, James Harr, Aubra Kukus, Darrell McDonald, Maria Safken, Kari Williams
2-4	Rosie Archuleta, Krysta Beckner, Jason Boxwell, Dennis Burnette, Daisy Garcia, Samantha Knight, Anna Mercado, Caitlin Moody, Yvonne Renova, Joy Schmitt, Adrienne Tirrill
5	Brandy Gebby
6-9	James Tevis, Richard Zamora
10	Emmitt Robinson
12	Lance Kenner
21	Mike Abril, JeanAnn Acton, Angel Brewer, Steve Browning, John Bystedt, Laura Erickson, Bobby Herrera, Mike Houck, Billy Knight, Mike Lee, Barb Masters, Sandy Miera, Terry O'Dwyer, Les Payne, Schelley Phillips, George Romero, Terry Wanczyk, Justin Ward, Don Wens

DAY	STAFF
2	Kelli Jo Neill
3	Jennifer Boone
5	Sabrina Solomon
8	Mary Burdick
12	Kristi Yourtee
13	Anna Johnson
17	Aubra Kukus
20	Laura Erickson, Katrina Kem, Darlene Strauch-Kotris
21	Stephanie McNutt
22	Megan Masden, Terry Summers, Patrick Trevan
24	Barb Horawa, Amanda Manuel, Nova Tucker
28	Natasha Romonoff
29	Duane Thomas
30	Sonya Griffee, Kiara Ramos, Amorie Rodriguez-Rodriquez, Caleigh Zedicher
31	Terry Wanczyk