



Journey On!

Fall 2008

Volume 1, Number 1

"The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet your lessons come from the journey not the destination."

- Don Williams, Jr.

Shared Journeys Pilot Project Day Treatment Program to begin November 17th!

It's often said that when starting a new venture you can expect it to take twice as long to develop and cost twice as much as you've budgeted. In our case, at least the first part is proving true.

We had hoped to start our Pilot Program in September but development has taken a little longer than anticipated because we know how important it is for the program to be top quality.

We now have our staff in place and recruited the program volunteers who will receive training this week. After an application process we have interviewed participants and are developing personal treatment plans based on individual goals.

Our Program Director is Laura Jensen. Laura is a Certified Music Therapist and is currently on staff at the Center for Neurorehabilitation Services (CNS). Laura is working closely with Lesley Murray who is our Program Development Coordinator. Lesley is a Certified Occupational Therapist and is also currently on staff at CNS.

They have put together a dynamic program and a committed group of volunteers. Our participants will have the benefit of a small group environment as well as one on one attention from our staff.

Pilot Project Day Treatment Program Overview

The Shared Journeys Center (SJC) will initiate a Pilot Project Day Treatment Program (Pilot Project) in November '08. The purpose of the pilot project is to apply the day treatment program design and strategy to a smaller group of clients in order to test and refine its approach. This task will build a solid foundation for the eventual permanent Day Treatment Program and Supported Living Program.

SJC is partnering with CNS- in Fort Collins, Colorado to implement the pilot. The Pilot Project will be housed at the CNS facility. The team of caregivers include contracted staff and volunteers. The Program Development Coordinator is working with the Program Director to do program development, planning

and interviewing potential participants. The Director is working with the student and other volunteers who will assist the staff in providing services.

SJC will provide day treatment services to four brain injury survivors during a period of up to eight (8) months starting November 17, 2008.

Candidates for admission are referrals from rehabilitation providers. The rehabilitation providers will coordinate with the SJC staff to establish a treatment plan for each participant. Treatment plan goals and objectives will emphasize training in the restoration of functional, cognitive, social, vocational, emotional, and behavioral skills. Each participant will develop individual goals in the areas of Self Care (Personal Care, Functional Mobility, Community Management); Productivity (Paid and Unpaid Work, Household Management, Play/School); and Leisure (Quiet Recreation, Active Recreation, Socialization).

SJC will comply with the standards outlined for a Day Treatment Program in the State of Colorado Medicaid Regulations found in the 10 CCR (Code of Colorado Regulations) 2505-10, 8.515.80 Home and Community Based Services for People with Brain Injury. SJC will apply for a Medicaid Provider Number in January 2009, and will comply with all Department of Health requirements.

Grants Received to Fund Pilot Project Program

We were so successful with our fundraising earlier this year that we have enough capital to fund a portion of the Pilot Program. In June 2008, we started applying for grants from foundations to fund the remaining program budget.

To date we have applied for six grants. We have had responses from four of the funding sources and expect to hear from the other two in the next month.

We're happy to announce that we received grant funding from three of the responding foundations.

Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund Grant: The Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund Grant was for \$800 to assist with the purchase of supplies for the Pilot Program.



4025 Automation Way
Bldg D, Suite 3
Fort Collins, Colorado
(970) 430-9813

www.sharedjourneysfoundation.org



Journey On!

Fall 2008

Volume 1, Number 1

"The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet your lessons come from the journey not the destination."

- Don Williams, Jr.

Poudre Valley Health Systems Foundation: Poudre Valley Health Systems/ Poudre Valley Hospital, has been very supportive of our fundraising efforts and granted us \$7,500 to fund a portion of the Pilot Program's operating budget.

Wal-Mart Foundation State Giving Program: We received the following response and will be contacted in the next few weeks with the award amount.

"Thank you for submitting a funding proposal to The Wal-Mart Foundation State Giving Program. We appreciate the work that organizations and concerned individuals are doing to improve communities and help people live better.

We are pleased to inform you that your organization has been chosen to receive funding through our program."

We are confident that we will receive additional funding from the other foundations which will enable us to operate the Pilot Program to June 2009.

In November we will begin researching and submitting larger grant requests for our full-time program scheduled to start next Fall.

Fundraising

We have been amazingly successful with our fundraising efforts. We have just finished with our Fall Fundraiser – Autumn Nights and will start to develop our March Fundraiser in the next few months. In addition to the fundraiser events, we will be developing fundraiser programs which we hope will help us with our operating expenses.

Autumn Nights Fundraiser



Debbie and Nate Jorgenson pose for a picture at the September 12th Autumn Nights Event.

The Autumn Nights Fundraiser was a wonderful event. Each in the series of intimate dinners, from September 12th through October 17th, was unique and a lot of fun.

The Edwards House Bed and Breakfast was the first annual event venue and provided a unique atmosphere that allowed for interaction with the chef and other guests. The guest Chef's prepared gourmet multi-coursed meals served with wine pairings. (Wine donated by Wilbur's Total Beverage) The guests enjoyed the cuisine while listening to live music performed by guitarist and vocalist Carl Carillo. Thanks to all who attended and we hope to see you next year! **Go to our website Events page and select the event to see more pictures.**

www.sharedjourneysfoundation.org



Table decorations by Finishing Touches

Choices, Consequences and Miracles

We have started a presentation program titled "Choices, Consequences and Miracles". Shawn Turner, Nate and I have been invited to Loveland High School and Lesher Jr High School to speak about the consequences of drinking and driving.

Shawn is the man responsible for the accident that left Nate with the brain injury and has a very powerful message for the young people. With all three of us there, the students have an opportunity to see all sides of the story. It is also a powerful demonstration of forgiveness and new beginnings! We see this growing and becoming a very integral part of the Shared Journeys programs.

Thanks to all for your kind attention! Look for our Holiday Edition Newsletter in December with an update of our Pilot Program!

Journey On!!

-Debbie



4025 Automation Way
Bldg D, Suite 3
Fort Collins, Colorado
(970) 430-9813

www.sharedjourneysfoundation.org