

June 2012

Who can believe that summer is almost here! Ensight has big plans for the summer and we hope you all do too. One very exciting piece of news is that the very first Colorado patient to undergo surgery for the implantable miniture telescope is scheduled for June 12th. We are thrilled to be a part of this amazing medical breakthrough. The Implantable Miniture Telescope is a tiny telescope that is implanted inside the eye. The telescope implant, created from VisionCare Ophthalmic Technologies' Implantable Telescope Technology, has been demonstrated to improve vision and quality of life for suitable individuals affected by End-Stage macular degeneration. The tiny telescope about the size of a pea - is implanted inside one eye, behind the iris (the colored

part of the eye). The implant is so small, it may be barely noticeable in your eye. Once implanted inside the eye, the telescope projects images in your field of view onto healthy areas of your central retina outside of the degenerated macula. The image is enlarged, reducing the effect the blind spot has on central vision. Not everyone who has End-Stage macular degeneration is a candidate for the CentraSight treatment program. Patient must be 75 or over with end stage macular degeneration. For more information or to find out if you are a canadidate please call Ensight 970-407-9999.

Ensight Skills Center:970-407-9999 3307 S. College Ave, #108 Fort Collins, CO 80525 Denver Office:303-757-4500 6000 E. Evans Bld.3, Ste.012 Curtis Strong Center:970-353-9417 918 13th Street, Suite 4 Greeley, CO 80631 www.ensightskills.org A message to friends, families, and supporters of Ensight;

As many of you are aware Ensight is a not-for-profit organization. One of the ways that we are able to continue to serve the low vision population in our communities is with the generous donations that you all give. This is the time of year where we ask you to consider giving a monetary donation to help Ensight continue to serve. For those who receive the e-newsletter please <u>click here to donate</u>. You can also send a donation to our Fort Collins office. Every little bit helps, please remember that. We are always amazed at the support that we receive and know that Ensight and the clients that we serve are extremely grateful to you.

Upcoming Support Groups

The June E-Squared Education and Support Group topic in Fort Collins, Denver, and Loveland will be "Sun Protection for Your Eyes". Come learn about the risks of ultraviolet radiation exposure and sunglasses that provide the best protection for your eyes.

- The Fort Collins E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 28th from 10-11:30am. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at Ensight's Fort Collins office.
- The Denver E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet next on Wednesday, June 20th from 10-11:30. The group will meet the 3rd Wed of every month at our Denver office located at 6000 E. Evans Ave. Building 3 Suite 012 in Denver. For more info on the Denver group call 303-757-4500.
- The Loveland group will meet again from 10:30-11:30 at Sugar Valley Estates 4320 Georgetown Drive in Loveland. This group is open to the community and not just for Sugar Valley residents. Please call Melody @ 970.310.9665 for more information.
- If you would like to receive an e-mail or telephone reminder about the next support group meeting just let us know and we'll put you on the reminder list.



Latest and Greatest in Low Vision Technology <u>From Enhanced Vision: The DaVinci</u>

The DaVinci is a high performance desktop video magnifier (CCTV), featuring HD, text-to-speech (OCR) and a 3-in-1 camera. With HD you will experience high definition color and contrast

giving you a beautiful, crystal clear picture and vibrant colors. Experience the joy of reading with our new text-to-speech feature. DaVinci will read any printed text aloud with the push of a button. Why we love it: Set up is easy, just plug in and begin. Sony® HD camera, 24" high resolution HD LCD for best image quality, Auto focus camera for self-viewing, reading or distance viewing (3-in-1 camera). Made in the USA. Call Ensight to find out more about this great low vision tool!

Upcoming Events:

"Co-Pilots" Free rides for low vision/blind individuals and other disabled individuals, volunteers and tandems needed. Rides take place on Friday evenings. All ability levels are welcome to participate. Please RSVP 970.224.5857.

All rides meet at New World Sports: The <u>Gearage 244 N.</u> <u>College Ave.</u> Next ride: June 22 (F) 5pm Spring Creek East

Acknowledgement

Ensight was very fortunate to receive donations from many Lions this month. A big thank you goes out to the <u>Fort Collins</u> <u>Lions Foundation</u>, the Sterling Lions Club, the Berthoud Lions <u>Club</u>, and the <u>Denver Five Point Lions Club</u>. We are blessed to have such great supporters! Also, Ensight received grant funds from <u>Anschutz Family Foundation</u> and <u>the City of Thornton</u>. May was a great month, but June is going to be fantastic! If you are interested in a speaker send an email to Melody@ensightskills.org or call 970-310-9665 for Melody. Ensight Skills Center 3307 S. College Ave. #108 Fort Collins, CO 80525

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Ensight's Consignment Program

Ensight is looking for any used assistive technology components that are in need of a home. If you are in possession of a CCTV or low vision aides and would like to get rid of them we have a great program. Bring the equipment into Ensight and we will put it on consignment. Once we sell it you will get a percentage back. This is a great way for us to find affordable equipment that we can pass along to our clients. If you have questions about dropping off, picking up, or the consignment process call Ensight:970-407-9999. Also, you can donate any equipment that is no longer useful to you.

Ensight's E-Newsletter

Did you know that we can send our Ensight newsletter right to your email? If interested in switching to our e-newsletter please send a request to Melody@ensightskills.org and we will switch you right away.