



September 2012 Well friends, it has been quite the summer! There was

extreme heat and destructive fire that we all had to overcome and we are so thankful for the way that our communities came together to support those who have lost homes, possessions, and more in these events. We are especially thankful for all of the personel and the firefighters, please continue to support them as they are always needed. However, with the heat and fires came the fun and fairs that make summertime memorable. There is one more big event that is still planned before fall takes over. The first annual Disability pride parade and festival for the afternoon of September 29 at Old Fort Collins Heritage Park. This event will be held from 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

There will be a parade, music, and keynote speaker: Temple Grandin. If you would like to participate in this event visit <u>www.drsgrassrootsfest.org</u> or call (970) 449-6974.This event is being hosted by Disabled Resource Services.

Ensight Onsite Program: Ensight has made our low vision assessment program mobile. This means that our Doctor of Optometry and our occupational therapist are able to come to the senior community where you or your loved ones live. We are currently working to schedule appointment days with any interested local communities. For more information please contact Melody, outreach coordinator, at 970-310-9665.

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#### Upcoming Support Groups

This month's topic for all groups will be home safety with discussion about adaptations and equipment to improve home safety.

- The Fort Collins E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 27th 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 Thursday, September 20th from 10-11:30. The group will meet the 3rd Thursday 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 has changed meeting days and will now meet the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on September 13th 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.
- Ensight is looking to start up our Greeley group once again. New topics and a new facilitator are sure to be an exciting addition! The location is still being determined. If you are interested please contact Curtis Strong Center 970-353-9417.

### News and Events

• <u>New MagnifEyed Living Seminar</u>!

"Assistive Technology for Low Vision: The Latest from Apple and Scanning Products, September 6, from 9:00 am to noon at Connections located at 1331 8th Ave. Greeley. This event is FREE. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Techy Joe present and demonstrate new scanning and Apple products! Call Ensight Fort Collins to register 970-407-9999.

- "<u>Co-Pilots</u>" 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 Gearage 244 N. College Ave. Next ride: September 14 (F) 4:30pm Watson Lake.
- Ensight is hosting a Low vision in older adults training course: Treatment Strategies OTs and COTAs can incorporate into their current work setting.
  Friday October 19th, 2012 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
  <u>Pima Medical Institute</u>, 7475 Dakin St Denver, CO 80221
  If you have questions or if you are interested in this training course please call Ensight Fort Collins 970-407-9999.

Ensight is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. If at any time you are interested in donating to Ensight there are a number of ways that you can do this. One of the easiest ways to do this is to access our website <u>www.ensightskills.org</u> and click on the donate button located on the home page. This donate button allows you to access PayPal's and donate directly to the account for Ensight. You are welcome to send monetary donations in check form to our Fort Collins office. Also, we do love to meet individuals who are offering their support so please do not hesitate to stop into one of our centers and personally drop off a donation and chat with our fantastic staff.

Whether or not you are in a position to donate, we would love to meet you all. If you would ever like a tour of a center that is close to you or are going to be in the area of one give us a call to check our hours and stop in to say hi. We are all very friendly and knowledgeable. We hope to see everyone at some time or another! Until then, Best wishes from all of us at Ensight and Curtis Strong. Our Wish List

We need several items to help run our office but have limited funds. Please consider helping us with these items from our current wish list. Thank you!

\* Batteries (especially the "AAA" and "C" sizes)

\* Paper towels and toilet tissue

\* Copy paper \* Postage stamps

\* Trash bags

### Acknowledgement

Ensight would like to say thank you to the Fort Collins Lions Foundation for their donation for the month of August. Also, Ensight received grant funds from the <u>Kenneth King</u> <u>Foundation</u> and the William B.<u>O'Rourke Foundation</u>. Thank you all! If you are interested in a speaker, send an email to Melody@ensightskills.org or call 970-310-9665 for Melody.

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## **Ensight's Consignment Program**

Ensight is always 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.