

ENSIGHT

Skills Center, Inc.

for visual rehabilitation



November 2012

This is a month of thanks and we at Ensign have a lot to be thankful for. I would like to first start by saying thank you to a wonderful man, Joe Skelton, the chairman of our board. Joe has been with Ensign now for quite some time and is one of our biggest supporters. Thank you Joe! Also, Ensign would like to thank the Lions Clubs of Colorado. From day one when the Fort Collins Lions gave their support, Lions have been an integral part of our success. From Fort Collins to Grand Junction, Sterling to Durango the Lions give monetary support and their time to volunteer with us. In our next phase with the new Onsite low vision assessment program, Lions volunteers are being more supportive than ever before and for that you deserve a huge THANK YOU! We would like to

announce as well that Ensign is looking for the Lions Clubs to provide matching funds for our upcoming LCIF grant request which will help to fund the Onsite program. Remember, Club presentations are available for those interested. To all of you who read, gather information for loved ones, and learn how to help the blind and low vision communities, thank you as well. Did you know that there are over 300,000 individuals in Colorado with significant vision loss? Only 5-10% of them ever receive services that could improve quality of life. With your help we can team up and increase that number to make sure anyone who is in need, knows about Ensign and options.

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COTA Needed for Visual Rehabilitation

Part-time occupational therapy assistant position with official start date January, 2013. Will provide paid training and shadowing experience prior to start date. Enight is looking for motivated individual in Denver area, interested in assisting adults to age in place, continue to work and maintain independence. Take the skills you already possess and apply them to individuals struggling with vision loss. Prefer experience working with adults with low vision and be self motivated, have own transportation, and possess solid organizational and writing skills. Make your own schedule for home visits in the greater Denver area. Salary and hours negotiable. Send resume to cori@ensightskills.org or fax to 970-207-9844.

Our Wish List

Our organization is a not-for-profit and we just love to get donations from those who support us. Whether those donations are monetary, time for volunteering, or purchasing much needed items we can always use them all. Enight and Curtis Strong Center would like to ask those who have an interest in donating items to help us stock up on the following necessities. These are items that we use to help run our offices. Anything helps and we want to say in advance, thank you! * Batteries (especially the "AAA" and "C" sizes) * Paper towels and toilet tissue * Copy paper* Postage stamps* Trash bags. Right now Enight is very much in need of paper towels and postage stamps. These items can be dropped off at our Greeley or Fort Collins locations.

Acknowledgement

For the month of October, Enight received a grant award from the Fort Collins Wells Fargo for their community assistance grant. Also, the Fort Collins Lions Foundation was able to present Enight with a donation. Thank you all! If you are interested in a speaker, send an email to Melody@ensightskills.org. We are happy to share information about our organization and our impact on the community.

E-Squared Support Groups:

Enight holds three monthly E-squared support groups for individuals with vision loss and their families or friends. These groups are free to anyone who wants to share and learn. Our current support groups are held in Fort Collins, Loveland, and Lakewood. We encourage you to check out one near you. A group will be started up in Greeley after the new year. For more information please contact us at one of our centers.

Upcoming Support Groups

- The Fort Collins E-Squared Education and Support Group will not be meeting in November due to Thanksgiving. This group will meet again on Thursday, December 27th from 10-11:30am. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at Enight's Fort Collins office (except for Thanksgiving).
- The Denver E-Squared Education and Support Group will meet next on Thursday, November 15th from 10-11:30. This month's topic will be diabetes. Group member Linda P. will be talking about her own experiences with the disease and vision loss due to Diabetes. The group will meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at a NEW location! The NEW address is 1880 S Pierce St, Suite 11 in Lakewood. For more info on the Denver group call 303-757-4500.
- The Loveland group will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on November 8th 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.
- Stay tuned for more on the developing Greeley support group! If you are interested please contact Curtis Strong Center 970-353-9417 or email melody@ensightskills.org.

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Ensign's Consignment Program

Ensign 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 Ensign 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 Ensign: 970-407-9999. Also, you can donate any equipment that is no longer useful to you.

Ensign's E-Newsletter

Did you know that we can send our Ensign 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.