



December 2012 With 2013 right around the corner we can say it has

been an amazing year. Ensight is honored to start off 2013 with a few new additions to the Ensight family. First off, outreach coordinator, Melody and her family welcomed the addition of their son Zachary just days after Thanksgiving. Mom and baby are happy and healthy and Zach is already in training to spread the word about low vision resources. Ensight would also like to welcome our two newest board members, Robert Hau and Gail Fallen. I am including a quick biography on each so that you are all able to know a bit about them.

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Robert Hau brings 35-years of financial, investment, and real estate experience to assist his clients in structuring their real estate, business, and investment decisions. Robert's community involvement includes, volunteering at Hospice of Larimer County, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, and Board Member of United way of Larimer County and now Ensight as well. Gail Fallen's diverse career path as a radio talk show host, network television producer and public relations professional has allowed her to indulge her passion for lifelong learning and the opportunity to reach out to others. She enjoys community outreach, and has participated in numerous causes to help both at-risk children and the underserved in Northern CO. We are thrilled to have you both! Welcome to the family.

Giving opportunities with Ensight and Curtis Strong

Are you looking for a local organization to donate to this time of year? If you are a supporter of Ensight, we would like you to consider making a donation to our organization. Every year Ensight and the Curtis Strong Center provide services to thousands of Coloradoans who are struggling with vision loss. We are able to continue to serve our communities with the help of generous donations and community support. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an envelope for donations. We hope that our supporters will use these envelopes to send in a monetary donation that will be used to fund our programs and help many more individuals.

Upcoming Events

The Colorado Youth Chorale has asked Ensight to be their performance partner for the upcoming winter show. This means that CYC will be giving Ensight a portion of the proceeds from the evenings performance. We would like to invite you all to come on out and enjoy some holiday cheer with the Colorado Youth Chorale and the staff from Ensight.

When:Sunday, December 16, 7:00 PM Reception for all to follow.: Saint John's Lutheran Church 305 E. Elizabeth, Fort Collins*Donations accepted at the door

Acknowledgement

For the month of November, Ensight received a grant award from the Walmart Foundation. Also, the Northern Colorado Medical Center Foundation presented Ensight and Curtis Strong Center with funds. Though we did not receive any donations from Lions Clubs specifically we did receive a few donations from individual Lions. We truly appreciate the support. Thank you all! If you are interested in a speaker for your club, send an email to <u>Melody@ensightskills.org</u>. We are happy to share information about our organization and our impact on the community.

Our Wish List

Ensight and Curtis Strong Center would like to ask those who have an interest in donating items to help us stock up on the following neccessaities. 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 Ensight is very much in need of paper towels and postage stamps. These items can be dropped off at our Greeley or Fort Collins locations.

Upcoming E-Squared Support Groups

- The Fort Collins E-Squared Education and Support Group will be meeting again on Thursday, December 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 not meet in December. This group will meet next January 17, 2013 from 10-11:30am. The group will meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at a NEW location! The NEW address is1880 S Pierce St, Suite 11 in Lakewood. For more info on the Denver group or directions to the new location call 303-757-4500.
- The Loveland group will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on December 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.
- A group will be started up in Greeley after the new year. If you are an employee for a local senior community or senior center in Greeley and would like to discuss setting up a support group for residents and the community we would love to collaborate. If you are interested please contact Curtis Strong Center 970-353-9417 or email melody@ensightskills.org.

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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 <u>Melody@ensightskills.org</u> and we will switch you right away.