

January 2013 Happy New Year! Wow, 2013 is here and we are ready to

make it a year to remember. Ensight is starting 2013 off right by making some postive changes. At the end of 2012 Ensight closed the doors to our Denver office that was located at 6000 E. Evans Ave. By doing this we were able to utilize our resources and determine the areas that better suit our program. The main goals for new locations were accessability and safety for our clients. Ensight's collaborations with the Helen Keller National Center, Beyond Sight, Goodwill Industries, and Specialty Eye Care have allowed us the opportunity to fufill this need and we are thankful for these wonderful partnerships. After much searching Ensight is thrilled to announce the addition of our newest satellite

offices in Lakewood, Littleton, Stapleton, and Parker! This means that we are more accessabile to the population than ever before. For more information on our new locations or to schedule appointments please call 303-757-4500. Ensight has already started booking appointments at our Littleton, Lakewood, and Parker locations.

Ensight is also making sure that our Ensight Onsite program continues to grow. Ensight is working with senior communities throughout Northern Colorado to set up low vision clinics onsite so residents do not have to worry about transportation to an evaluation.

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News and Upcoming Events

- Ensight is honored to be the January Charity of the Month for Odell's Brewery! We encourage you all to help us spread the good word! The more folks that come through their tap room and purchase taster trays, the more potential Ensight has to earn! So let's all get out and enjoy some delicious tasters of Odells great brews. Thank you Odells!
- MagnifEyed Living Seminar: Join us to hear Ellie Carlson from the Helen Keller National Center discuss Mobility. January 17th 2013, from 9:00 am to noon at Connections for Independent Living located at 1331 8th Ave. Greeley. This event is FREE. Call Ensight Fort Collins to register 970-407-9999.
- Ensight would like to welcome our newest staff member, Kimberlie Marcell. Kimberlie is a COTA brought on board to assist with the OT work in Denver. Welcome Kimberlie!

Acknowledgement

December was a fantastic month for donations and grants. First, I want to start by sending a great big thank you to Alan Hammond for his contribution. It truly means a lot to know that we impact people's lives and Mr. Hammond let us know that we did just that.

On December 4th Ensight took part in the Colorado Gives Day campaign. We were blessed with donations from a number of supporters out there. We also received a wonderful donation from the Centennial Airport Lions Club.

We received two grants, one from A.V. Hunter Trust and one from the Erion Foundation. Thank you all! If you are interested in a speaker for your club or organization, 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. * 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, January 24th 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 January 17th from 10-11:30am. 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 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 January 10th 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 shortly. We are hoping to have the first one scheduled to begin in February. 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. Contact Melody through 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.