Skills Center, Inc.



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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."-Elizabeth Andrew.

Ensight has a new board member that I would like to introduce. Jeff Grissom, of the Denver Den Lions Club, is our newest director. We would like to welcome him as he joins our organization and thank him as well as our other dedicated board members. Our board members and our volunteers provide valuable time and energy to help Ensight and the **Curtis Strong Center** successfully reach the low vision population and help those individuals in need of our services.

With the addition of our new Onsite program, Ensight and Curtis Strong are seeking volunteers to help with everything from folding

brochures, completing intake forms, assisting with maintance at our facilities, joining in on our committees, making presentations in communities, and completing exit interviews for patients over the phone. We are also looking for Lions Club members who are intersted in providing transportation to help patients get to their low vision assessment appointment.

If you would like to join our team as a volunteer please call Ensight Fort Collins to find out more information. Volunteer positions are open to the public (excluding transport which is for Lions members only). We appreciate you all.

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#### Helping Yourself While Helping Others

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and your community. The right match can help you find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career. Volunteering can also help protect your mental and physical health.

Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. However, volunteering is a two-way street, and it can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.

# Acknowledgements...

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# Upcoming Events...

MagnifiEyed Living Seminar - Dr. Deanna Alexander will talk on the latest research/treatments for macular degeneration and how a low-vision doctors works with individuals experiencing vision loss. This event is on Thursday April 25 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM at the Greeley Senior Center located at 1010 6th St, Greeley. This event is FREE. Please RSVP to Ensight at 407-9999.

<u>Vision Matters</u>- Vision After 55 Low-Vision/Blindness Fair Thursday May 16th, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Fort Collins Senior Center located at 1200 Raintree Dr., Fort Collins. \$5.00 Registration Fee Includes All Presentations, Speakers, and Refreshments. Please RSVP by May 10th – 970-988-8363.

## Upcoming E-Squared Groups...

- \* New!! Greeley E-Squared Group- The Greeley Group will begin meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at the Curtis Strong Center located at 918 13th St. Suite 4 in Greeley. The first meeting will be held on April 22nd from 10-11:00 am.
  - The Fort Collins E-Squared group will be meeting again on Thursday, April 25th from 10-11:30am. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at Ensight's Fort Collins office.
  - The Denver group will meet April 18th from 10-11:30am. The group will meet the 3rd Thursday of every month. The address is 1880 S Pierce St, Suite 11 in Lakewood. For more info on the Denver group or directions to the location call 303-757-4500.
  - The Loveland group will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be April 11th 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 are interested in hosting a low vision support group with Ensight, contact Melody Glinsman-Email:melody@ensightskills.org or Phone:970-310-9665

#### 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: Postage stamps, Batteries (especially the "AAA" and "AA") toilet tissue, and copy paper. Right now Ensight is very much in need of batteries and postage stamps.

Thank you to all of our supporters. This means you!

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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 <a href="Melody@ensightskills.org">Melody@ensightskills.org</a> and we will switch you right away.