

ENSIGHT

Skills Center, Inc.

for visual rehabilitation



June 2013

"It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision."
- Helen Keller.

The reason I quote Helen Keller is because she was an amazing spirit. She had more vision than many. Our vision at Enight is to make our services accessible to all who are in need of services. Anyone who is struggling with vision loss, we can be there for. Anyone who has recently been given the diagnosis of Macular Degeneration, or any sight taking eye disease we can be there for. That is our vision and thanks to the Lions of Colorado, LCIF and countless others we now have a van that will help us make this vision happen. We are continuing in our ongoing fundraiser efforts to outfit the van with equipment, signage, and other accessibility options.

Crowd-funding is a powerful new tool that organizations are using to engage local support and philanthropy. Enight is happy to partner with Community Funded to bring our mission to the people is an innovative way. By utilizing the resources that Community Funded provides, we will be reaching a larger population than ever before. Enight's first campaign will be to gather funds for the equipment needed to outfit our Onsite van. Our new fundraising page will be launched before the end of June and will include updates on the Onsite program, van progress, and more. www.ensightskills.org/donate or www.communityfunded.com

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Protecting Your Eyes From the Summer Sun...

Sun damage to eyes can occur anytime during the year, not just in the summertime, so be sure to wear UV-blocking sunglasses and broad-brimmed hats whenever you're outside.

Don't be fooled by clouds: the sun's rays can pass through haze and thin clouds.

Never look directly at the sun. Looking directly at the sun at any time, including during an eclipse, can lead to solar retinopathy, which is damage to the eye's retina from solar radiation.

Don't forget the kids and older family members: everyone is at risk, including children and senior citizens. Protect their eyes with hats and sunglasses.

Lions Club of the Month...

The Denver Five Point Lions Club was chartered in 1987, they are celebrating 25 years and have 52 members! The Five Point Club supports all of the Lions entities in Colorado as well as The Black Arts Festival, Kwanzaa, and Sickle Cell Association. The biggest community event is the club's annual Community Appreciation day held the 2nd Sunday in August from 11-4pm. At this event the club gives out 500-800 bags of free school supplies. The Club meets at Welton Street Cafe, the 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month-6:30 pm.

Upcoming Events...

Co-Pilot Ride- An opportunity for blind and low-vision individuals to experience bicycling in a safe and fun environment. All rides will meet at New World Sports, The Gearage located at 244 N. College Ave. Fort Collins Next Ride: June 21 (F) 5pm Old Town/Mason

Living with Low Vision Series-

This summer, come on down to the Greeley Centennial Library at 2227 23rd Ave. in Greeley. We will be hosting monthly presentation on different subjects related to vision loss. Friday, June 21st, 10-11:30am.

Upcoming E-Squared Groups...

- 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 next meeting will be held on June 24th from 10-11:00 am.
- The Fort Collins E-Squared group will be meeting again on Thursday, June 27th from 10-11:00am. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at Enight's Fort Collins.
- The Denver group will meet June 20th from 10-11:00am. 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 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be June 18th from 10:30-11:30 at Sugar Valley Estates 4320 Georgetown Drive in Loveland. This group is open to the community.
- Please call Melody @ 970.310.9665 for more information.

Our Wish List...

Enight and Curtis Strong Center ask those who have an interest in donating items to help us stock up on these items that we use to run our offices: Postage stamps, batteries ("AAA" and "AA"), trash bags and coffee. Thank you to all of our supporters.

Acknowledgements...

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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.