

ENSIGHT

Skills Center, Inc.

for visual rehabilitation



September 2009

"Son of Vision Matters 2009" in Estes Park

Ensign is sponsoring, with Disabled Resource Services, Estes Park's first senior low-vision fair. It will be held on Friday, September 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Estes Park Senior Center (220 Fourth Street).

The format will be the same as the Fort Collins "Vision Matters 2009" seminar, held in Fort Collins back in the spring. There will be dozens of vendors and service organizations with informational and demonstration booths. Dr. Kent Crews from the Eye Center of Northern Colorado will speak on the topic "Eye Can - If I Know More." And to top it all off, the senior center will serve a tasty lunch.

This is a free event, but they do charge a small fee for the lunch. You do need to RSVP by calling Ensign at 970-407-9999 or DRS at 970-988-8363 by Sept. 15th.

A Big "Thank You" to Ensign Volunteers

The painting of Ensign's Fort Collins office has been completed, and we cannot begin to express our gratitude to Evan Gilmartin of E-Gil Painting (970-308-3927), who did the entire office for free. He did an amazing job and we highly recommend his work.

We also need to thank our band of newsletter volunteers, who help get 1700 copies out to the masses each month. If not for them, you would not be reading this issue. This group includes Jack Freshwaters, Bruce Gunberg, Gordon and Nancy Michel, and Ken Anderle. Thanks again!

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A Unique Way to Donate to Enight

OK, so you'd like to help Enight in its work with the low-vision community, but money is tight and you can't make a financial contribution. Well, we now have another way to donate that might be of interest to you. Enight has partnered with Fort Collins Copy, Ship, and Print to create a donation center for our non-profit organization.

Here's the way it works: you bring a sellable item (cameras, jewelry, sporting equipment, collectibles, etc.) to Joe Torre at the Copy, Ship, and Print Center in Fort Collins (they're located just two doors down from Enight at 3307 South College Avenue, Suite 110). Joe will provide you with a donation receipt. He will then list and sell the donated items on E-Bay, and Enight will receive 80% of the item's selling price. If you'd like to learn more about this donation program, give us a call at Enight (970-407-9999) or call Joe Torre at 970-223-6927.

Free Downloadable Large-Print Writing Aids

The website www.lowvision.com has an entire series of large-print writing aids. They are free and can be downloaded directly from their website. Some of the items available include:

Large Print Check Register.

Large Print Register for Diabetes. This is an accurate, easy to read record-keeping system for blood sugar readings, mealtimes, shots, or pills.

Thick Line and Bold Line Paper. For low-vision writers who want the guidance of easily visible, extra thick lines and spaces.

Large Print Address Book. Each page is designed for four entries with ample space for writing addresses and phone numbers in large, bold letters.

Large Print Checks. Most banks carry low-vision checks. They are printed on yellow paper with large black print and tactile lines (the lines are raised so that they can be felt as well as seen). The download is a sample check that you can take into your bank to assist in ordering this type of check.

“Co-Pilots” Tandem Bike Ride for September

The next ride for the “Co-Pilots” tandem biking program will be held in Fort Collins on Monday, September 14th, beginning at 5 p.m. The ride will start and end at Fossil Creek Park (on South Lemay, across from Southridge Golf Course). This free program is designed to give people with low vision an opportunity to experience bicycling in a safe and fun environment. If you'd like to sign up as a “back-seater” for the ride, contact Joe Bagley at New World Sports (970-224-5857).

Spend Grandparents Day on the Poudre River Trail

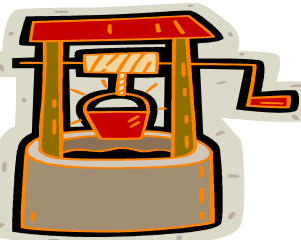
Speaking of bicycling events, Greeley's Senior Resource Services is hosting its second annual “Cycle for Seniors” on Sunday, September 13th (which just happens to be National Grandparents Day). This is an intergenerational joy ride where you can bike ride, roller blade, run, walk, or stroll along the Poudre River Trail in Greeley. For more information, call 970-352-9348 or visit www.seniorresourceservices.info.

FFB Colorado VisionWalk Coming in October

The fourth annual Colorado VisionWalk, a fund-raising event sponsored by the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB), is coming up on Saturday, October 3rd, at City Park in Denver (Colorado Blvd. and York Street). Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the walk will start at 10 a.m. If you'd like to sign up for the walk or join a team, give FFB a call at 214-872-2907.

Our Wish List

We need several items to help run our office but have limited funds. Please consider helping us with these items from our current wish list. Thank you!



- * Batteries (especially the “C” and “AAA” sizes)
- * Kleenex tissues
- * Kitchen trash bags (13-gallon size)
- * Postage stamps and envelopes (business-size)

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Support Groups for September 2009

Greeley - September 17th (Thursday) 10-11 a.m. Bonnell Good Samaritan Center. The topic will be "Low Vision Does Not Mean No Vision."

Greeley - September 28th (Monday) 10-11 a.m. Curtis Strong Center. The topics will be "Sunglasses Tints" and a continuation of "Self-Esteem and Dealing With Low Vision."

Fort Collins - September 24th (Thursday) 10-11:30 a.m. Enight Skills Center. A speaker from the Colorado Talking Book Library will be there to talk about the program and demonstrate their new products.

Again, the support groups are open to everyone, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call **970-407-9999**.