DECEMBER 9TH IS COLORADO GIVES DAY

Support the Mental Health Center of Denver on Colorado Gives Day, December 9, 2014!

This is Colorado’s largest one-day online giving event, presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, thousands of donors will come together to support Colorado nonprofits like ours. Last year, a record-breaking $20.9 million was distributed to Colorado nonprofits. Our portion was almost $15,000. This year, our goal is to raise $20,000.

Colorado Gives Day is powered by ColoradoGives.org, a year-round website featuring nearly 1,500 nonprofits. ColoradoGives.org encourages charitable giving by providing comprehensive, objective and up-to-date information about Colorado nonprofits and an easy way to support them online.

Thanks to Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day features a $1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country.

Every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the Incentive Fund, which increases the value of every dollar donated.

Give where you live on Colorado Gives Day. Your support helps us continue “enriching lives and minds by focusing on strengths and recovery.”

Beginning November 1, 2014, donations can be scheduled ahead of time. If you need more information, contact Barbara Shaw, Director of Fundraising at the Mental Health Center of Denver, at 303-504-6727 or barbara.shaw@mhcd.org

GIFTS OF JOY HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

The Gifts of Joy Holiday Gift Drive provides gifts and gift cards for children and adolescents in our treatment programs as well as for some of our adult consumers. For all of these, a gift or simple $10 gift card says, “You are not forgotten,” and many use their gift cards to unselfishly buy gifts for others.

A simple act of kindness can go a long way. The Mental Health Center of Denver supports those in our community who might be alone at the holidays. Without this program, many of our children and adults might not have a joyful holiday.

Please help spread the word by announcing Gifts of Joy at your religious or civic group. If you are involved with groups where you could place an announcement in a bulletin, newsletter, or elsewhere, let us know and we will send you an electronic announcement that you can edit to fit your needs.

What you can do:
Donate gifts of cash or $10 gift cards (Target, King Soopers, Walmart, Walgreens) at any time.

Adopt a boy or girl – Children indicate on gift tags a specific gift they want; you then have the opportunity to fulfill that wish. Deliver your unwrapped gift with the gift tag to MHCD at 4141 E. Dickenson Place, Denver, CO 80222.

“Adopt” one of the Mental Health Center of Denver’s Group Homes at the holidays by providing a holiday meal and gift bags for the residents.

When:
Gifts will be delivered to adults the week of December 8 and to children the week of December 15.

For more information contact Joanne Aiello at joanne.aiello@mhcd.org or 303-504-6732

The Mental Health Center of Denver is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Visit www.mhcd.org to learn more about Gifts of Joy.
On Thursday October 30, more than 300 supporters and friends joined President and CEO Dr. Carl Clark, Mayor Michael Hancock, City Council members Chris Herndon and Albus Brooks, and Mary Beth Susman, Senator Mike Johnston, Anna Jo Haynes, and other representatives of the northeast Denver community, to break ground on the Mental Health Center of Denver’s new Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being.

During the ceremony, children from Steadman Elementary School entertained the group with music and poetry. Vice President of Child & Family Services at the Mental Health Center of Denver, Dr. Lydia Prado, joined others in turning over the first shovel of dirt on the new project.

This new site will soon house a large portion of the Child and Family Services provided by the Mental Health Center of Denver. Construction began shortly after the groundbreaking and the new center (shown above) expects to open in the fall of 2015.

Turning over the first shovels full of dirt for the new Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being are Lynn Dorraugh from the Dahlia Square Senior Apartments, Dr. Lydia Prado, Vice President of Child and Family Services at the Mental Health Center of Denver, President and CEO of the Mental Health Center of Denver Dr. Carl Clark, community member Anna Jo Haynes, Senator Mike Johnston, and Council President Chris Herndon.

Some of the Steadman Elementary School children helped turn over the first shovels of dirt for the new project.

Students from Steadman Elementary School provided both music and poetry for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Input from community members was an essential part of choosing the name of the new innovative campus.

Mayor Michael Hancock shared his delight at seeing this neighborhood location dedicated to health and well-being.

Along with other funding sources, the Mental Health Center of Denver has launched a capital campaign to support the completion of this project. The Strong Families – Strong Children campaign is raising $5 million to complete the project which will become an innovative community hub that includes a comprehensive range of educational and therapeutic services to address mental, physical, and community wellness for individuals, families, and children.

STRONG FAMILIES - STRONG CHILDREN
UPCOMING EVENTS: ANNUAL MEETING DATE

SAVE THE DATE
The Mental Health Center of Denver’s Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. This meeting will feature the 2014 Annual Report to the Community and is a part of the 25th anniversary celebration of A Generation of Impact – A Future of Hope.

WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS
It’s the time of year when the Combined Federal Campaign and the Colorado Combined Campaign take place. If you are a part of either of these campaigns, you can support the Mental Health Center of Denver by listing our campaign number on your pledge card.

Combined Federal Campaign # 39579  
Colorado Combined Campaign # 0953

TOM RATH SPEAKS ON WELLNESS
On Wednesday, October 15, bestselling author Tom Rath spoke to a History Colorado Center gathering of about 150 guests of the Mental Health Center of Denver. His focus on wellness in all aspects of life reflects the belief of the Mental Health Center of Denver that everyone should have a fully productive life in the community.

This event was the first in a series of three which will feature individuals who support the Mental Health Center of Denver’s goal of “enriching lives and minds by focusing on strengths and recovery.” The second in this Speaker Series will be held in the Spring of 2015.