Annual Meeting

A generation of impact
A future of hope

JOIN US FOR OUR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Space Gallery
400 Santa Fe Drive • Denver, Colorado
RSVP to Rita Sadler at 303.504.6734 or email rita.sadler@mhcd.org
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SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES ON MARCH 26, 2015

The Mental Health Center of Denver's President and CEO, Dr. Carl Clark, and Vice President of Child and Family Services, Dr. Lydia Prado, will present at the Spring 2015 installment of the 25th Anniversary Speaker Series. The theme for the evening will be "Building Blocks of Well-Being" and what that means in the lives of children, families, and adults in our community.

The event will be held at the Park Hill Golf Course located at 4141 E. 35th Ave. in Denver and will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m.; the presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Joanne Aiello at 303-504-6732 or joanne.aiello@mhcd.org
More than 350 guests joined staff and board members at the annual Gifts of Hope Fundraising Breakfast held on November 5. Embracing the event theme of “A Generation of Impact – A Future of Hope,” guests learned about the 25 year history of the Mental Health Center of Denver, the new Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being, and our vision for well-being in our community.

Strong Families - Strong Children
This capital campaign to support the design and construction of the Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being has already surpassed 80 percent of its $5 million goal.

The Growth – Enrichment – Recovery campaign successfully met and surpassed its $8 million goal at the end of June 2014.

As the need for holiday gifts continues to grow, so does the response from both staff and community members. Our Gifts of Joy Holiday Gift Drive provided gifts and gift cards to well over 1,000 children and adolescents, more than 1,000 adults, and almost 200 consumers who live in our residences. Thanks to our generous community for providing this great holiday experience.

Participating in Colorado Gives Day for the fourth year, the Mental Health Center of Denver received gifts greater than the prior year with an increase of 22.5 percent in total giving and an increase in the number of donors.

Groundbreaking for the Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being took place on October 30, 2014

The building of this innovative community center to serve children and families is underway.

Contact the Development Office at 303-504-6727 to arrange for a tour or to visit with Dr. Lydia Prado, Vice President of Child and Family Services.
DR. GARY MAY

The Mental Health Center of Denver lost a long-time friend and colleague when Dr. Gary May died on November 10. A Denver native, Dr. May graduated from North High School and received both a B.A. and an M.D. degree from the University of Colorado. He completed his residency and fellowship in Child Psychiatry. After serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps during the Vietnam War, Dr. May practiced adult and child psychiatry for over 40 years. Amid his rich and full career, including national leadership in the field of child psychiatry and pioneering work in the treatment of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Dr. May helped found the Mental Health Center of Denver and made valuable contributions as a lifetime board member until his death.

HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS

The hardest part about getting help for a mental health, substance use, or emotional issue is knowing where to begin – especially when an issue reaches a crisis point.

Colorado Crisis Services is a new statewide network that provides free, confidential, and immediate help for any mental health, substance use, or emotional concern, 24/7/365. Anyone needing such help, or concerned about someone else who might, can call 844-493-TALK (8255) to speak with a trained professional who will provide immediate support and make connections to further resources if appropriate. The public website for Colorado Crisis Services is live at www.ColoradoCrisisServices.org.

The Mental Health Center of Denver has partnered with the five other community mental health centers serving the metro Denver/Boulder region to deliver Colorado Crisis Services. Operating as Community Crisis Connection (CCC), this partnership provides:

- Mobile Crisis Services,
- Crisis Walk-in Centers at seven locations,
- Crisis Stabilization Services at five locations, and
- Respite/Residential Services at six locations

The Mental Health Center of Denver is operating a Walk-In Crisis Center at 4353 E. Colfax and Respite/Residential Services at our Park Place facility. It is continuing its partnership with Denver Health to provide Mobile Crisis Services.

For more information, contact Ric Durity, Vice President of Development, at 303-504-6715 or ric.durity@mhcd.org.

DONORS ARE HONORED AT THE RECOVERY CENTER

Once again this year, the Donor Wall located in the front lobby of the Recovery Center at 4455 E. 12th Ave. will be updated to show all of those individuals, groups, businesses, and foundations that support the work of the Mental Health Center of Denver. The Donor Wall was designed and is updated annually to show our gratitude for those who supported the Growth – Enrichment – Recovery campaign, those who are supporting the Strong Families – Strong Children campaign, and others who support our work to build a stronger community.
Since July of 2014, we have been celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Mental Health Center of Denver.

In July, The Recovery Center was the site of a great celebration among consumers. The celebration stretched over a long lunch hour and included more consumers than have ever gathered for an event.

September featured the All-Staff Picnic held at City Park.

Watch for news about an early summer Ice Cream Social to help us round out our year of celebrating 25 years of serving our community. This event will be open to community partners and donors.