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Mental Health Center of Denver salutes distinguished career of Forrest Cason

Renowned CFO quietly put together some of Denver's most important developments

DENVER...Drive around Denver and marvel at some of the key developments that have made a lasting mark on the city. Anschutz Medical Center, the redevelopment of Stapleton from an airport to a thriving community, the nation's first child & family mental health center that also includes an urban farm, supportive housing projects to help provide a solution to the issue of homelessness, and the region's largest adult mental health center. Although he would prefer to shrug off his distinguished career, Forrest Cason was instrumental in securing financing and putting together some of the region's largest and more complex developments.

Cason, who has served as the Mental Health Center of Denver's CFO for the past 9 years, will retire this month. His extensive experience includes work in public finance, investment banking, and state and local government.

According to President and CEO Carl Clark, MD "Forrest Cason is a smart, caring and humble man who has made a significant difference in the lives of the children, families and people we serve. His exceptional leadership has positively impacted his colleagues within and outside of the Mental Health Center of Denver. His stewardship and expertise made it possible for us to realize our dreams of the development of our state of the art Adult Recovery Center, the innovative Dahlia Campus for Health & Well-Being in Northeast Denver and the affordable Sanderson Apartments in Southwest Denver."

Cason counts the opening of the Recovery Center as one of his most satisfying projects. "The complexity of the project due to the acquisition, the site, the nature of renovations and the complicated financing made this a very gratifying project to complete. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work on it and it's been rewarding to see the positive consumer and staff response," he said.

Cason, who is looking forward to spending time with his wife, their children and 13 grandchildren, plans to travel domestically and internationally. He is also eager to "just sit back and enjoy the serenity of life" on his two acres in Boulder County, where he can often be found driving his John Deere tractor.

“We wish Forrest great experiences in his retirement,” said Dr. Clark. “He will be greatly missed as we remember all that he has done for our organization and the community. His efforts have secured the Mental Health Center of Denver’s financial sustainability and positioned us for continued growth.”

The Mental Health Center of Denver has embarked on an executive search to fill his position.

For more information on the Mental Health Center of Denver, visit mhcd.org.

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