



The Many Faces Of CP of COLORADO

From the President & CEO

Dear Friends,

In recognition of all of the changes at CP of Colorado and in celebration of our 60th Anniversary, now is a great opportunity to update the visual look and feel of our organization. As with any milestone, our 60th year has prompted us to take a look back at our storied past, our changes and challenges throughout the years and to ponder our bright and promising future that lay ahead.

Long thought of as a disability organization, our new newsletter name, **The Many Faces of CP of Colorado**, was chosen to help raise awareness about the scope and diversity of our organization and those we serve.

Today, CP of Colorado provides support services to a broad cross-section of Colorado individuals and families. Their need for services stem from a variety of conditions including disability, poverty, unemployment, mental health issues, a lack of resources and a need for quality education. As has been our tradition, CP of Colorado will continue to grow and adapt services to meet the needs of people and communities statewide.

In future issues of this newsletter, we will introduce you to the many faces of CP, their inspirational stories and how CP of Colorado impacts their lives with your unwavering support.

Wishing you well,

Judith I. Ham

Founding Mother, Juanita Tomblinson, Recalls the History of CP of Colorado



I remember it like it was yesterday; consider the possibility of having the bright promise and the hopes of your expected child shattered with the words Cerebral Palsy. It was that day that my life changed: my hope was replaced with devastation.

It was then that I knew my responsibility as a parent to a child with Cerebral Palsy was going to shape my life as a mother and wife; I never dreamed that my effort, and that of eight other mothers of children with disabilities, would forever change our community.

My Russell was a very typical child. His dreams and desires were exactly what you would expect from a child: to play with his friends, experience all the magic the world possesses, and to learn. When it came time for Russell to enroll in school, we were told he was not welcome in public school. "The money and effort will be wasted because, he will never be self-sufficient or fill a normal place in Society." I was stunned, because he was a capable young man; bright, thoughtful and loving; however, he was in a wheelchair and had spastic muscle contractions. "Why should we educate the Cerebral Palsied?" they asked me.



Russell Tomblinson

Russell's father and I placed great value on education and participation. We were determined to find a place where our son could learn and fully participate in the joy of belonging to a community. Inherent in everyone is the desire to belong, to be a part of something. It became clear very quickly that we were going to have to create that place ourselves.

In 1952, I, along with eight other mothers, went to our community and asked for their help to build a school, where our handicapped children could be taught. The thought seemed crazy to some, but, to many others, it was a perfectly sound idea. They are the ones who supported us in building our very first school where my son and many others were welcomed and had the opportunity to learn. The Denver Cerebral Palsy Center opened September 14, 1953. For the children, it was a day they had been waiting for all their lives. For the staff it was a challenge, and, for the parents it was the reality of our DREAM.

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CP of COLORADO
Celebrating 60 Years of Caring



September 14, 1953 - The Denver Cerebral Palsy Center Opens its Doors

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That school was on Columbine Street in east Denver. We had real teachers, a doctor and nurse, and therapists; most importantly, the school was filled with promise and possibility for a meaningful life for our children. I remember one father coming to the school for the first time with his child saying, “When we finally came to the CP Center after rejection and negativism elsewhere, to find warm acceptance, it was like coming home.”

In October, 1950, when we started our building fund with a donation of \$250.00 from the Mile High Credit Women’s Association, I can honestly tell you we never imagined our little school for our handicapped kids would turn into serving 800 children with 750 more on a waiting list. Nor did we imagine the early childhood development program to be an integrated environment where disabled and non-disabled children would learn and play together. It also didn’t cross our mind that our project would help disabled youth and adults find meaningful employment and self-sufficiency. From those early days, I have watched CP of Colorado grow into the incredible organization it has become.

“In 1946, we started a network of devoted parents... Our legacy is Cerebral Palsy of Colorado.”

Somewhere, in all those years of working to improve the life of my Russell, my devastation was replaced with hope. Hope that children of all abilities will have the opportunity to laugh, play, love, and learn. I see that hope in the faces of the children at CP of Colorado.

Today, I am still doing what I can for our children, disabled and not. I spend two days each week rocking babies at CP of Colorado’s Creative Options Early Childhood Development Center. It is in the eyes of those babies that I see the promise of a future filled with possibility.

We started as a network of devoted parents connecting for support, encouragement, understanding and friendship; our desire was to find a way our children could fully participate in our community; our dreams became a reality; our legacy is Cerebral Palsy of Colorado.

CP of Colorado Receives \$25,000 Gift From Southwestern Investment Group

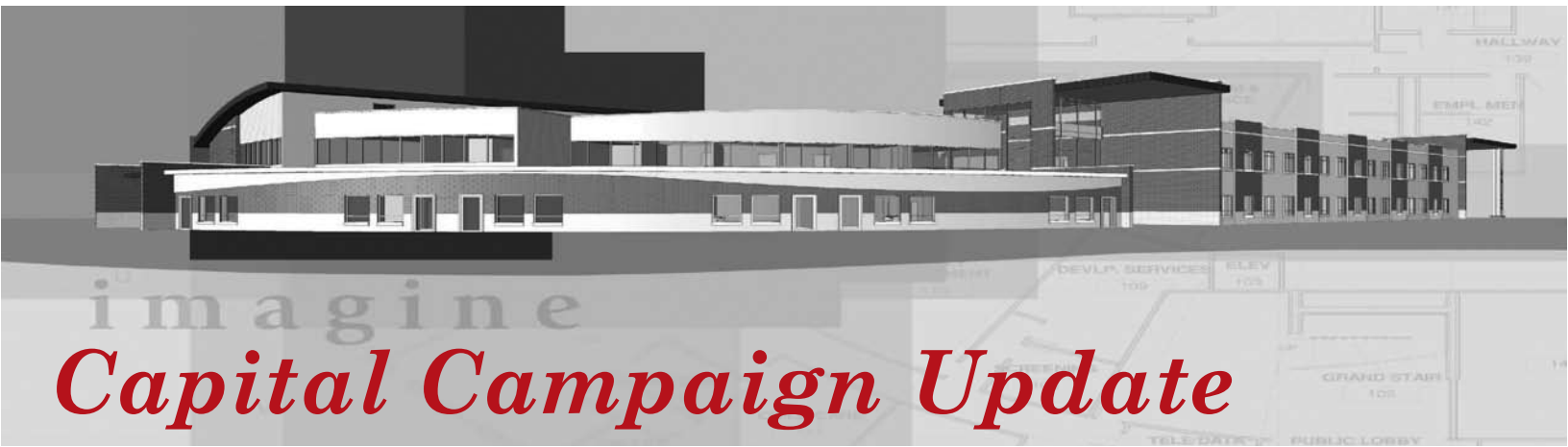
Southwestern Investment Group named Presenting Sponsor of CP of Colorado’s Inaugural Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event

Mr. Mark D. Campbell, President, Southwestern Investment Group, showed what community support is about when he handed a check to Judy Ham, President and CEO of Cerebral Palsy of Colorado in the amount of \$25,000. The funds are for the presenting sponsorship of CP’s Inaugural Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event to be held on Sunday, September 24, at Kiowa Creek Sporting Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit CP of Colorado and The Infantile Scoliosis Outreach Program. At CP of Colorado, 89 cents of every dollar raised goes directly into programs and services.

The Inaugural Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event, presented by Southwestern Investments Group, will be abuzz with nearly 300 shooters—the biggest of its kind in Colorado! The Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event is similar in format to a golf tournament. A team of four shooters will work their way through one of the country’s finest sporting clay courses, stopping at each of the 15 shooting stations. The stations, complete with automated target throwers, allow maximum flexibility in target presentations and simulation of the most realistic targets possible. Shooters will reach each of the sporting clay stations, by foot or golf cart, on a winding path through the course. Ham states, “This event is sure to be one of Denver’s most unique and successful fund-raisers. The generous support of community leader, Southwestern Investment Group, and other sponsors ensure that CP’s critical work will continue.”



From left to right: Judith Ham, Mark Campbell and John Farnam.



Capital Campaign Update

The new facility for CP of Colorado and the newly formed Charter School is moving right along. The construction is underway, and we are in the midst of raising the necessary funds to pay for the facility. A number of individual donors have contributed significantly to the campaign, as well as, some of the foundations in our community. Your support is essential to the success of this facility coming to life. As you may know, CP of Colorado is a qualifying organization for the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit. This tax credit allows for a 50% credit toward your State of Colorado income tax liability up to \$100,000 annually. This tax credit is available for individuals and businesses and any unused portion of the tax credit may be carried forward for up to five years. Below are some sample contribution amounts and the actual net cost of that donation after Federal and State of Colorado income tax deductions and Colorado Child Care Tax Credits have been applied. Take a close look at the significant difference between your contribution and the actual net cost of that contribution. This tax credit is a very important feature to many donors, and it is clearly an important feature to the success of this campaign.

Gift Amount	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000
Income tax deduction			
State	\$2,300	\$4,600	\$11,500
Federal	\$5,700	\$11,400	\$28,500
Income tax credit			
State	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$125,000
Total Tax Benefit	\$33,000	\$66,000	\$165,000
Actual Net Cost of Donation	\$17,000	\$34,000	\$85,000

Sample assumptions: 25% income tax bracket

This sample is in compliance with Mile High United Way literature on Colorado Child Care Tax Credit.

It is recommended you consult a tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

Federal tax deduction is lowered because of the add-back effect of reduced state tax.

As you can see, this tax credit is substantial and has allowed individuals and businesses to increase their levels of giving to CP of Colorado's Capital Campaign. Please consider how you may help CP reach its goal of \$8.5 million, provide an opportunity for future generations to receive the care available only from CP of Colorado, and reduce your State of Colorado tax liability. For more information please log onto www.cpco.org or call John Farnam at 303-691-9339.

Each of us has a role to play in the success of this facility and the campaign to fund its construction. Please help ensure future generations' access to the life-changing services of CP of Colorado by supporting this effort. In the 60 years of CP's history, the organization has never taken on such an enormous endeavor. We did it now because we know we have great friends like you to help us make this dream a reality. "I cannot imagine a better testament to 60 years of changing lives or a better way to underscore our promise to our community that CP will be here for you when you need us," says Judy Ham, President and CEO. She continues, "Together, we will discover what human potential is all about through the generosity of your gift and through the hearts and smiles of the thousands of people whose lives will be forever improved due to this new facility and CP of Colorado."

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A Day for Mothers

The 2006 Cerebral Palsy of Colorado Mother's Tea was a rousing success. The event, presented by Amber Homes, was held the day before Mother's Day at the Westin Tabor Center in downtown Denver and brought together nearly 400 people to celebrate Mothers and all of their selfless acts of kindness.

A champagne reception began the festivities, followed by an elegantly prepared lunch. As guests enjoyed their meal, Celebrity Host, Dr. Stephanie Clements, introduced this year's Keynote Speaker, nationally known disabilities' advocate, Evelyne Villines.

Ms. Villines, herself disabled from the age of three, gave an inspirational address that focused on many of the societal views of people with disabilities. She also spoke eloquently about her own experiences and those of others with disabilities, noting that "we can do anything we put our minds to!"

Following the address, Linda Harmon, of Amber Homes, presented the first-time Courage Award to Jake Sensenbaugh. The award was created to recognize individuals whose spirit and determination have allowed them to conquer significant obstacles and challenges in their lives. Jake and his mother Beth were chosen as this year's award recipient for their courageous and undaunted approach to living with Jake's neurofibromatosis (NF), a progressive genetic disorder of the nervous system that causes tumors to form on the nerves. There is no prognosis for the condition. When Jake was diagnosed with NF at 4 months old, doctors told his parents Jake might not see his first birthday. Jake turned 9 on May 20th!



Jake Sensenbaugh receives Courage Award. Also Pictured: Dr. Stephanie Clements, Beth Sensenbaugh, and Linda Harmon

As guests finished their dessert, they enjoyed a colorful and entertaining fashion show featuring clothing by Hanna Andersson. The models, many of them mothers and daughters, enjoyed the applause as they strutted the runway, while showing off many of Hanna Andersson's spring fashions.

The day concluded with the presentation of pamper packages, awarded to six very deserving Mothers. Each person was nominated by a friend or family member who wrote a description of why they felt the person was "most deserving" of the giveaway. Dr. Stephanie Clements read each of their heartfelt inspirational stories to those in attendance. This year's winners included Debbie Arney, Robin Zaborek, Kindra Krueger, Carol Kochmeister, Shellie Grant and Juanita Herrera.

Cerebral Palsy of Colorado's 23rd Annual Exotic Sports Car Show and Concours D'Elegance Attracts 8,000 Attendees



One of the more popular cars on display was this incredible Ferrari Enzo valued at over \$1,000,000

The 23rd Annual Exotic Car Show & Concours D'Elegance was a huge success with attendance at the event topping 8,000 people and raising over \$75,000! Adults and children alike marveled at over 320 cars worth over \$22,000,000. The car show, which first debuted in 1983, benefits Cerebral Palsy of Colorado's Creative Options Early Education Programs. The show was held Sunday, June 4, 2006 at the Arapahoe Community College, Littleton, Colorado.

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Mark Your Calendar!



September 9, 2006 AeroWorks at Mile-Hi Fun-Fly This family-friendly event will feature Radio Control Model Aircraft of all types and sizes and will include aerobatic demonstrations, competitive events among participating pilots, free flying lessons for kids, prizes and refreshments.



September 24, 2006 Inaugural Straight Shot Sporting Clay Tournament

Take your best shot at this thrilling and entertaining event! You won't want to miss the inaugural year of what we are certain will become one of the Denver area's most unique and successful fund-raisers. Proceeds benefit CP of Colorado and The Infantile Scoliosis Outreach Program.

October 20 & 21, 2006 23rd Annual Wine in the Pines

Epicurean delicacies and exquisite international wines are just the beginning at the 23rd Annual Wine in the Pines. For the first time ever, this year's event will include the very special "We Care" Wine and Spirit Auction. Celebrities, dignitaries and socialites from around the State will be donating an autographed bottle of their favorite wine. These wines will then presented in cases of 12 and offered up as part of our live auction that is sure to delight and surprise the winning bidders.

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Let us tailor one just for you.

Detailed information about our special events and programs can be found on our web site at www.cpco.org

