







By Sharline Thompson, Peer Specialist

I have lived a large part of my life in a dark world. As a young child, the most significant people in my life who were supposed to love and protect me instead caused harm and stole my innocence.

Many times throughout my life, I did not want to live. Suicidal ideation would occur often. I finally came to a point in my life when I was done living in darkness. I wanted peace and joy. I decided that I wanted to use my experiences to help others. The training I received, along with being able to support others through their recovery, propelled me in my own recovery. There was a time when I thought I would never see light, but there came a flicker of hope which became brighter and brighter. I have learned that there is light that can lead you out of the darkness. There is hope for healing.

A valuable component of a client's treatment team, Peer Specialists avert many a crisis and offer support in numerous forms.

One-on-one mentoring over a cup of coffee.

Leading and guiding group therapy. Companionship for short-term respite.

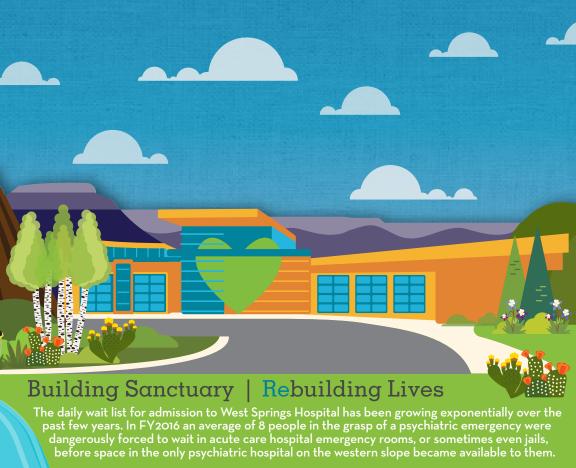
Celebrating recovery with specialized festivals and events.

Conducting over 24 support groups like Discover Recovery, Family Support, Skills Building and Suicide Survivors.

I have overcome so much. I am no longer that little girl who was abused and unwanted. I am now a strong woman who has victory over that abuse, over the darkness. While I do not like what happened to me and wonder how my life would be different if it wouldn't have happened, I wouldn't go back and change it. If I hadn't gone through all of it, I may not be as compassionate or empathetic toward others who deal with similar situations. I am a better parent, wife and friend. My faith, the love of my family and being able to give hope to others helps me to stay on my path of recovery. My world is not so dark anymore and gets brighter all the time.

To find Peer Services in your area or enjoy the bimonthly Peer Newsletter visit MindSpringsHealth.org/Peer-Services

Peer-Services
Sharline, Peer Support Services
Manager Janice Curtis, and their
powerful team of colleagues have brought
compassion, comradery and the sense that recovery
is possible to those struggling with mental illness and we
sincerely thank them for their heart and their service.



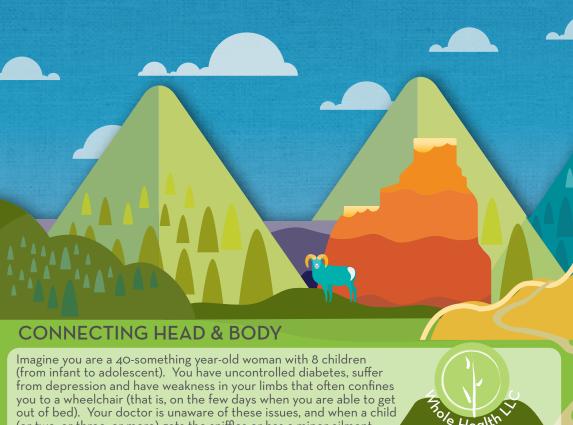
Unable to ignore this suffering any longer, BUILDING SANCTUARY | REBUILDING LIVES the campaign for Mind Springs Health and West Springs Hospital, launched in FY2016 with the vision of building a state-of-the-art psychiatric hospital, initially doubling current capacity and scalable to meet community needs through 2030.

Designed to be a healing and serene environment with compassion, comfort, safety, privacy and recovery as guiding principles, this new sanctuary will allow more people to get the help they need during their darkest days

To make this a reality, the support of communities, businesses and individuals is critically required. FY2016 laid the groundwork for this solution, FY2017 will see completion of planning and blueprints and a wide-reaching fundraising program in preparation for groundbreaking and construction.

"When I needed to
be in the hospital there
was no room, so I was sent to
Colorado Springs. It was very
traumatic. I had no family near,
no support, I felt very alone.
It means so much that that
situation will no longer occur."

 Rebecca Edwards, hospital patient



(or two, or three, or more) gets the sniffles or has a minor ailment, the entire family uses the most costly form of health care, going to the Emergency Department for treatment.

Not good for you. Not good for your family. Not good for the doctor, the hospital, and the rising costs of health care.



Enter Whole Health and its team of Community Health Workers.

Working with you in a partnership with Rocky Mountain Health Plans (Prime Medicaid) and a number of primary care providers, and applying behavioral health care techniques to positively influence physical health as well as appropriate use of health care resources like EDs, you now have the skills to manage your diabetes, your doctor understands your situation and is able to address issues, and also to offer family office visits so you no longer have to clog up the ED and contribute to rising health care costs.

> This 'Prime' pilot program is quickly becoming a national model and not only has it made individuals, families and communities healthier by decreasing inappropriate use of hospital emergency rooms, it has saved significant health care costs. With Whole Health's efforts a major contributor to its success, its gratifying to be able to share in the savings and reinvest them in carrying out our mission.











A NEW MISSION STATEMENT

We rebuild lives and inspire hope by providing exceptional mental health and addiction recovery care, strengthening the health and vitality of our communities.

VISION

We envision health and wellness in our communities.



VALUES

- Strength created through local Partnerships, with Collaboration and Education
- · Integrity and Accountability in all we do
- Outcomes-Driven
- Responsible Financial Stewardship
- · Leadership in Physical & Behavioral Health Care
- Culture of Trauma-Informed Care
- Focus on exceptional Customer Service



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Mind Springs Health West Springs Hospital

serve both the Mind Springs Health Board and the West Springs Hospital Board, with 4 additional members unique to each Board.

> The Boards also restated our corporate mission to better capture the realities of today's marketplace and our organization's role within it. Time and insight were invested into clearly articulating the why of who we are and what we do.

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32 Psychiatric Hospital Beds 11 Crisis Stabilization Beds 13 Outpatient Offices 10 Counties 23,000 Square Miles

Aspen Craig Eagle Frisco Glenwood Springs Granby Grand Junction Meeker Rangely Rifle Steamboat Springs Vail Walden Thank You for Your Investment in Innovation

Thank You

It is an honor and a privilege to acknowledge and say thank you to the people who generously invested in us during the previous fiscal year. In FY2016, through your support, we expanded and increased access to services, the Peer Services program, outreach in each of our communities and, most importantly, reached nearly 23,000 people needing help in rebuilding their lives. Each year Mind Springs Health inspires hope by providing an exceptional mental health continuum of care. Each year, through your investments, lives are saved.

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