

# CARRIAGE HOUSE CHRONICLE

FORMERLY S.T.A.R.T. HOMELESS DAY RESOURCE CENTER

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Carriage House is seeking volunteers to assist in the kitchen, offer educational services to clients, and assist with administrative tasks. We also request your financial support and are a 501 c 3 organization.

Contact Joy Eckstine at 303-442-8300 or jeckstine@qwest.net for more information.



Volunteer, Steve Tombleson

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## ANDREW— A SUCCESS STORY

My name is Andrew S. I came to Boulder three years ago and had no-one or nothing. But I heard about the Carriage House, a warm place to get a meal and help with how to get a job.

The biggest thing that the Carriage House has done for me is to help me get off drugs. I came to the Recovery Group and it helped me to stop using. After I got off drugs, I was able to get housing.

The Carriage House is like a big family and just a great all around place.

With no place to go and no money, I found the Carriage House would help me when I was down. They offer a free hot lunch and community that cares about the homeless. It is not about black and white, money or no money at the Carriage House.

I thank God for Joy and **Wonshe' and all the other staff at Carriage House** for all they have done and are continuing to do in Boulder.

—Andrew S.

### Another client.....

Last September 26th, I thought the bottom had dropped out of my life. I was in a car accident, spent 9 days in the hospital, had all my personal possessions



Andrew in a lighthearted moment

impounded and had \$5800 stolen from my hotel room.

I had \$8, and the clothes on my back and ended up at the Boulder Shelter. On my 2nd day I was introduced to the Carriage House, where I found warm food, people I could talk to, and some peace of mind.

Within a week they had provided me a P.O. Box, voice

**mail, an updated resume',** and most importantly, what felt like a **home base.** **With the resume'** and some new clothes, I found employment and some self-esteem within two weeks.

**I'm sure there are** more stories like mine and I will be eternally grateful.

— Denny P.

## CARRIAGE HOUSE OPEN THIS SUMMER

We will remain open throughout the summer --- only the second time for our facility . Carriage House typically has closed April 30 and re-opened Oct. 1, due to financial constraints. The center will continue to offer daily meals, showers, phone and computer access, and case management assis-

tance from noon to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The needs of homeless people are as intense during summer months as they are in winter -- particularly the need to get respite from the heat, which can cause serious health problems, particularly among those whose health may al-

ready be compromised. Many thanks to the Community Foundation, Pacificare, HealthOne Alliance, and to the individuals that support our work.

Carriage House  
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Staff

Joy Eckstine, LCSW  
Executive Director

**Wonshe'**

- Case Manager
- Katy Nesbitt
- Facility Manager
- Annie Westbrook

*Carriage House Wish List*

- Dishes, utensils, large pots
- Canned food, dry goods
- Hats, gloves, clean socks,  
backpacks
- Toiletries (toothbrushes,  
razors, deodorant, combs,  
hairbrushes, chap stick,  
lotion, feminine supplies,  
first aid supplies, small  
sizes of shampoo, soap,  
toothpaste, cough drops)
- Laundry soap, sewing kits
- Office supplies, day planners,  
notepads, pens,  
Bus tokens  
Condoms

# FIRST BENEFIT CONCERT HELD FOR CARRIAGE HOUSE

**Thaddeus "Gaffer"** Venar, local Celtic harpist for 17 years, performed a concert at Boulder's First Congregational Church, 1120 Pine St., April 22 at 7 p.m., to benefit Carriage House Homeless Community Center .

"Thaddeus is a talented and entertaining musician, and we thoroughly enjoyed showcasing the services of Carriage House

through his music to the people of Boulder, who consistently support us," said Carriage House Executive Director Joy Eckstine.

Gaffer was accompanied by Gordon and Chelsea Schumacher, who sang ancient Irish songs in beautiful harmony.

Admission was \$5.00 per person, and reception at the Carriage House followed. Gaffer has volun-

teered to perform again to support our work.



## HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMED

Clients at the Carriage House are active and invested in the agency. They have recently formed, at the invitation of the Executive Director, a Carriage House Homeless Advisory Committee. The group has met on three occasions and has been well attended.

Suggestions range

from the prosaic to the visionary. They strongly believe that the leaky shower should be fixed, and the phone moved to a quieter location, but are also searching for a way to give back to the agency.

This group has generated several fundraising ideas, including volunteering their time to assist with

speaking engagements, and with craft projects to be sold to benefit the Carriage House.

"Homeless people need to have activities for the daytime that are constructive and meaningful," said Frank J., a charter member of the Advisory Committee.

## CASE MANAGEMENT SUCCESSES

**Accomplishments:**

- Average of 55 clients daily
- Roughly 125 case management contacts monthly
- Have met goals of engaging 20% of population (10 or more visits)
- Met goals of helping engaged population with concrete life goals
- 55 individuals have found

jobs since our opening in Oct.

- 82 individual voice mails accounts for job seekers
- Almost 30 individuals have received eye exams and glasses through Health One Alliance grant
- 50+ volunteer hours weekly

Wonshe', case manager

