



News From The Shore

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Fall Edition

The Women's Lighthouse Project

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WLP always provides

- FREE HIV testing
- FREE Transportation to food banks, social services, and clinical care appointments
- FREE Childcare, Food, and Transportation to all of WLP events

Summer Retreat Recap

This year's retreat was extra special, thanks to the wonderful people in the town of Crawford, Co. After arriving into town around 5pm, on a beautiful Friday afternoon, everyone was anxious to meet the lady who so kindly opened her home to us.

Standing in the driveway, at the top of the hill, greeting us on our arrival was Laurie Priddy and her husband, Steve. Hugs and introductions soon followed. Dinner was already being prepared as we all unpacked and chose sleeping arrangements. As we gathered in the living room, we were given an outline of the weekend's activities. Laurie had also shared that this was a life long dream of hers, to be able to hold a retreat in her home. And she was so overjoyed that the WLP could collaborate with her. We were happy to see a couple of our ladies from Grand Junction join us.

Saturday morning we awoke to a delicious breakfast made by a friend and neighbor of Laurie's. The afternoon was spent at singer Joe Cocker's house. He and his family had generously opened up their house to us, letting us swim in their pond and use their paddle boat and canoe. Some ladies received a nice and relaxing massage by the water. Others just enjoyed watching everyone else splash around.

The food and the theme of the weekend highlighted health and well being and Saturday night's activity was no different. The ladies gathered around as Laurie organized an exercise where everyone was to tack a well wishes on a totem pole and release other thoughts as the wind carried them away into the world. It was a nice bonding moment, and great end to the weekend.

WLP Staff

Shannon Behning — Executive Director

Leslie Rogers — Director of Outreach, Client Advocate

Rica Rodriquez— Director of Women in Corrections Program

Fran Cordell — Office Manager

Client's Corner For New Website

Calling all clients who have a voice and want to be heard! The WLP is happy to announce that our new website is up and running. There is a very special place

for women like yourself to share success stories or poems.



Women In Corrections Update

Women in Corrections will be implementing a pen pal program in the next few months. We are seeking clients who may be interested! For more information please contact Rica at (303)344-1878 or email at Rica@TheWLP.org



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Office closures

November 26 and 27

December 24 and 25

Dec 31 and Jan 1

Check us out on Facebook!

It's easy just log onto Facebook.com, type The Women's Lighthouse Project in the search box, become a fan, and stay connected.

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day

Prizes

WLP & TOSA (The Other Side Arts), are proud to announce : The National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Resource Fair. This event will be hosted by The WLP, on October 17th from 11:00am to 4pm.

HIV Testing

October 15th was established as National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) in 2003, to draw attention to the critical role HIV testing and prevention education plays in stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS among Latino

Communities. It is a day during Hispanic heritage month to raise awareness, prevention, and education globally.

*Bilingual
HIV Testing*

Music

ED corner

Can you believe how fast this year has gone by. I'm writing this article watching the rain/snow fall and though it is beautiful.....I miss summer!!!

We do have exciting news to share. WLP's web site is up and running. Go to www.thewlp.org and check it out. There is a client's corner

where you can sign up to take part in a community forum. A safe online place to talk with other folks living with HIV. Share stories, begin friendships, support one another etc.....

I also have a blog, Shannon's Corner. I am using this forum to share news stories, treatment updates,

there is currently a survey on there where if you qualify you can get \$25.

There will also soon be a calendar of events on there as well.

I hope you enjoy it, get something out of it and please feel free to give feedback on how to make it better.

Sisterhood Series

The 21st Sisterhood Series has begun. Our planning meeting was held on Aug. 27. This will be a 10 week series this time around. Our 1st meeting kicked off Sept. 10 with David Zamboni from Howard Dental being the first guest speaker. It is not too late to come and join the groups. Remember that child care, dinner, and transportation are provided.



Monthly Social Event

The end of August marked our end of Summer Potluck. It was a perfect day for a BBQ. We had a drawing for 2 sets of Broncos tickets as well, which went to of our wonderful clients. Imogene Cote and Joan Whitlock were the lucky winners. A special thanks to everyone who participated and shared a nice meal and good conversation. Keep an eye out for upcoming Bingo date. TBD

Flu Shot Season!

Attention Ladies

Flu Season is upon us and it is time to get the flu shot.

The H1N1 vaccine will be available towards the end of the month. It is recommended that you receive this one as well.

Call you doc and get an appointment

Educate Yourself & Others

New Cases of Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV in Colorado this Year*!!

482 - Gonorrhea
4,359 - Chlamydia
79 New HIV Cases
63 - Syphilis

*Reported in the April 2009 Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment STI News

Did you know...

If you have private insurance, we have a card that will cover your monthly prescription cost. Please call the office if you are interested in more information about the savings card. This program does NOT work if you have Medicaid, ADAP, or CICP.



Beacon Boutique

Remember ladies that The WLP receives donations from people in the community which allows us to keep the boutique running. Please don't hesitate to call and make an appointment to do a little shopping. **12072 E. 30th Ave. Aurora, 80011**

Please note, we no longer have Thursday hours due to lack of volunteers.

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*Taking action to save
our lives*

Catch us on the web!
WWW.TheWLP.org



Our mission: To support and empower women to live and thrive with HIV through education, advocacy and community.

Our goal is for every woman to become her own best advocate. WLP is here to offer assistance on your journey there. Whether it is just a little support, an answer to a question or daily support.... We offer you a safe and confidential place.

Our motto: "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship" Louisa May Alcott

Celebrating over

10 years of service

Hope · Education · Support · Advocacy · Strength · Survival · Courage

Artreach

ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Just a friendly reminder that WLP has an account with Artreach, which we get tickets to sporting events, the zoo, museum, plays, just to name a few. It is a FREE service for our clients. Please call Fran, with your requests or questions.

Please remember that the tickets you request and receive, you must attend the event, or cancel before the event. Also you must send a thank you note to Artreach, including event attended, date, and agency representing. If you didn't

attend, you must notify Artreach. Please mail cards to:

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New Email Addresses

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You are invited to attend
Living With HIV: A Personal Journey

WHEN: Thursday October 8,
2009 6:00pm

WHERE: Hamburger Mary's
700 E17th Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

WHO: Paul Sanchez

Please RSVP by Mon, October 5

Contact Lynn Selzer

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