

Shop while supporting CHN : CHNews from the CEO

With the summer officially coming to an end, the holidays will be upon us before you know it—that means you will probably soon be making a gift list for your family and close friends. With that in mind, CHN would like to remind you that we are a beneficiary of AmazonSmile, which is a feature on amazon.com that allows its shoppers to support their favorite non-profit organizations every time they shop—for no extra cost.



Colorado Health Network as the organization you would like to support.

With tens of thousands of items eligible for donations, thousands of people are using AmazonSmile to give back their favorite organizations every day. We genuinely hope that you will take advantage of this great cause by doing your holiday shopping through

AmazonSmile.

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NCAP Community Breakfast

CHN would like to invite its supporters to attend the Northern Colorado AIDS Project's Community Breakfast Benefit on Tuesday, October 11, at The Hilton in Fort Collins. The breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. and is free, but donations will be accepted.

dividuals a month access (and retain access to) PrEP – the drug taken daily to prevent HIV. Additionally, NCAP administers anywhere between five and 20 HIV and STI tests a week – ensuring Northern Coloradans are aware of their status.

Proceeds from this event will help fund NCAP's client and prevention services so it continue to do important work in Northern Colorado.

If you cannot attend the breakfast, but are interested in donating, please visit www.coloradogives.org and type "Colorado Health Network" in the search engine. For more information about this event, please visit <http://NCAP.kintera.org/2016Breakfast>. Space is limited, so register soon.

NCAP's syringe access program provides services to around 30 individuals a week, while helping around 20 in-

Dear CHN clients, donors, volunteers and friends:



Autumn is upon us – the days are getting shorter and

the air is a bit crisp! As cooler weather moves in, I'm reminded of the needs of many of our homeless clients. Each winter season, we have a winter coat drive to provide that extra layer of protection to clients in need. Colorado Health Network's food bank provides "to-go" packs with food items that do not need refrigeration or preparation. If you would like to support these efforts with the donation of a winter coat or a food bank contribution, please contact our office. On behalf of clients, thank you for your continued support!

schedule a dental or behavioral health care appointment, visit our food bank or stop in for HIV/disease prevention supplies. We'll also offer insurance enrollment services, insurance and health care co-payment assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance and emergency financial assistance, among other services. The building will also house our statewide administrative and programmatic oversight services. Early in 2017, we will invite you to our grand opening celebration!

Last year, Colorado Health Network provided services to 4,157 clients living with HIV and prevention services to more than 5,000 clients in the state. With your continued support, we can continue to provide these services and work toward effectively eliminating the transmission of HIV in Colorado! Thank you for all you do, we truly appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Darrell J Vigil, MBA
Chief Executive Officer





Tipton visits Access Point

U.S. Representative for Colorado's 3rd congressional district, Scott R. Tipton (center), toured the Pueblo Access Point Office on Friday, July 1, with SCAP Director of Regional Programs, Chris Robertson (left), and Prevention Services Manager, Ernest Bilinski (right).

and family from exposure to blood-borne disease through education, sterile injection equipment and voluntary testing, counseling and referrals.

In 2015, Access Point Pueblo provided over 194,000 clean needles to individuals and collected and discarded of nearly 120,000 used needles in an attempt to prevent the spread of HIV and other disease in Southern Colorado.

Access programs provide injection drug users information and the means to protect themselves, their partners

29th annual AIDS Walk supports people living with HIV/AIDS

Twenty-nine years ago, the first annual AIDS Walk Colorado took place in Denver. This was during the time of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our country and people were dying every day from complications of the disease—an HIV/AIDS diagnosis was considered a death sentence.

many people still struggle to afford their HIV medication, and transmission rates are not as low as they could be. Fortunately, the funds raised at this year's event will help ensure that people living with HIV/AIDS in Colorado will continue to receive the care and support they need and that we can continue to educate the public on how to protect against the disease.

In the 29 years since, much has changed. Antiretroviral medications have given people with HIV/AIDS the opportunity to live long and healthy lives. Today, an HIV diagnosis is far from a death sentence if treated properly.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made AIDS Walk Colorado the success that it was. In time, we are confident that the people will no longer have to walk for their loved ones who have lost their battles to this disease.

Though we are much better off now than we were when AIDS Walk began, the fight against the disease is not over;



Events

Scotch Tasting
October 1

NCAP Breakfast
October 11

Red Ball
November 20

World AIDS Day
December 1

Colorado Gives Day
December 13



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