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Veteran & Family Resource Update..

July 2019

Impact Report

Update on the impact of our work at Qualified Listeners:

Through June 2019

- 151 Listening Sessions
 - 214.5 hours
 - 9,274 miles
 - 78% are Veterans
 - 31% are female
 - 11% are spouses
 - 55% served in combat
 - 8% were abused as children
 - 389 total Listening Sessions since we started the program in May 2017
- We're currently working on 15 active projects for Veterans & families
- 5,200 Veteran & Family Resource Directories distributed since we started the program in April 2018

We know we save lives...

project for a World War II Purple Heart Veteran with mobility challenges in Sterling, Colorado. Partnering with the Sterling Home Depot, VFW Post 3541, and several community volunteers, the Veteran's bathroom was modified to replace the bathtub with a walk-in shower, new internal and external handrails, upgraded smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and several outdoor improvements. Read more [here](#)

Come See Us!

Saturday, July 6th, 10am -4pm

We'll be at Liberty Firearms Institute 3rd Anniversary Celebration and Sale

4990 Ronald Reagan Blvd

Johnstown, CO

970-578-0717

www.libertyrange.com

Sunday, July 14th, 8am

We'll be at Front Range Chapter 3-6 of Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association's 5th Annual Charity Golf Classic

Pelican Lakes Golf Course

1620 Pelican Lakes Place

Windsor, CO

316-303-7456

www.cvma3-6.org/events.html

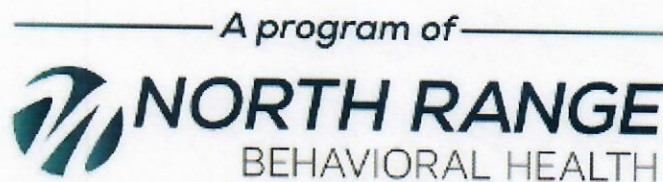
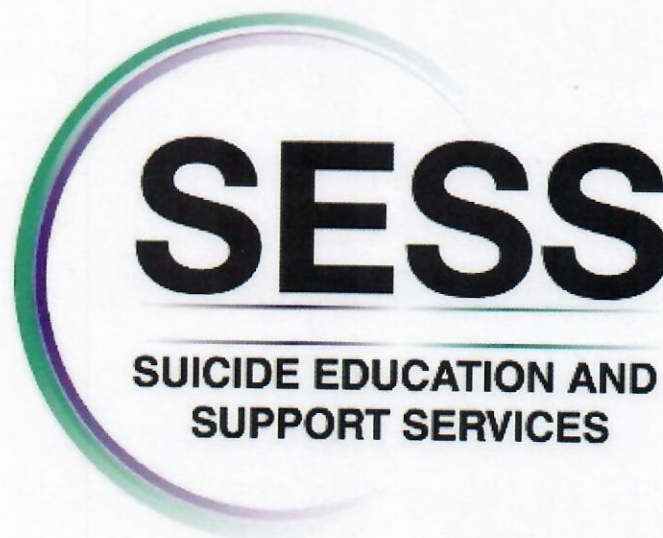
What you will see in this newsletter

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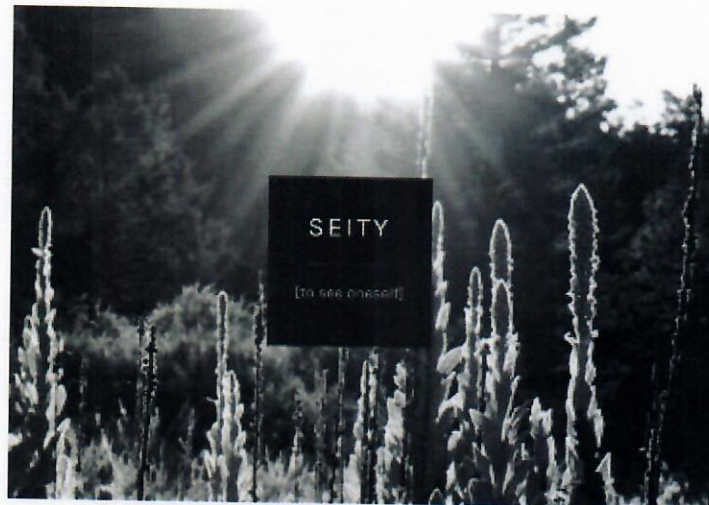
Easterseals Northern Colorado Services is excited to offer Independent Community Employment services to Veterans. An Employment Specialist works closely with you in all aspects of your job search, including resume building, job interviewing, training, and ongoing coaching to achieve job stability. We work with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Ticket to Work Program to provide services to individuals with a barrier to employment, to support a pathway to meaningful work. Independent Community Employment Services are available to those in Larimer and Weld Counties.

Jim Hawley, Veteran Employment Specialist 720-233-9841 jhawley@eastersealscolorado.org



As a division of North Range Behavioral Health SESS is dedicated to suicide prevention and education as well as supporting those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Our school and organization presentations and trainings provide information about suicide risks, warning signs, and available resources. Our peer-led support groups provide resources, opportunities to talk about loss

North Weld County 970-347-2120 | South Weld County 303-857-2723
Veteran's Crisis Line 800-273-8255, press 1, or text "Help" to 838255



In Downtown Longmont, I am a mental health and substance abuse counselor providing individual, family, and couples counseling. I have a special interest in supporting women, spouses, and families of Veterans and utilize trauma-informed and mindfulness-based practices.

Danielle Schlagel 720-204-4875 danielle@seity.org



Non-medical home care providing compassionate assistance to Veterans, spouses and their widows in the comfort of their own home, at NO COST. Serving those that have served with top quality care giving and fast claim submission of a VA benefit that already exists, with Statewide services.

Amanda@VeteransAideAH.com 720-326-0319 www.VeteransAideAtHome.com



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The Back Home SSVF Program is a Housing-First program designed to deliver case management, temporary financial assistance, and other support services (such as employment/education assistance) to Veteran families. Examples of services provided include:

- Case management
- Housing search counseling/assistance
- Education/employment counseling
- Temporary financial assistance (limited as indicated by VA depending upon the type)
- Advocacy
- Referrals to community resources

Our services are designed to "prevent and resolve homelessness".

To receive supportive services under the SSVF program, you must be:

1. A Veteran
2. Extremely low income
3. Homeless or at immediate risk of becoming homeless

Greeley - Lydia Van Thiel 970-515-5449 LVanThiel@VOAColorado.org

Fort Collins - Colter Schutte 970-749-5918 CSchutte@VOAColorado.org

[Click here to find more of our vetted resources...](#)

Veteran Comments:

WWII Veteran Spouse: "We needed a project completed. You listened to our needs and completed it just as you said you would. We couldn't be happier. Thank you very much!"

Korean War Veteran: "You have helped me so much in so many ways. I don't know what I would have done without Qualified Listeners."

Afghanistan Veteran: "Thank you for directing me to the resources I needed. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your Suits for Veterans program. I was recently discharged from the military and had no decent clothes for job interviews."

Listeners gets an A+ rating from me."

Events

- Veteran Breakfast Club - **PAMVET** Breakfast
 - Loveland, CO every Saturday morning at 7:30 AM
 - Golden Corral
 - Englewood, CO, first Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM
 - Golden Corral
 - [Click to learn more](#)
- July 3
 - Veterans Lunch
 - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
 - Perkins Restaurant, Longmont
- July 4
 - Independence Day - God Bless America!
- July 6
 - Liberty Firearms Institute 3rd Anniversary Celebration Sale
 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 - 4990 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Johnstown
- July 14
 - CVMA Annual Golf Tournament
 - Pelican Lakes Golf Club, Windsor
 - For information email cvma36golf@gmail.com
- July 17
 - Veterans Lunch
 - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
 - Perkins Restaurant, Longmont
- July 31
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 - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
 - Perkins Restaurant, Longmont
- July 31
 - Veteran Charity Ride BBQ
 - 4:00 pm
 - Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado

- JM Post of Johnstown, Annual Golf Tournament
- 8 am to 5 pm
- September 14
 - The Stillwater Derby Fundraiser for Veterans and First Responders
 - 5:00 pm
 - 8511 Coyote Run, Loveland
 - For more information www.stillwaterranch.org
- September 15
 - Inaugural High Plains Honor Flight
 - Send-off 7:00 am Embassy Suites, Loveland

Cheyenne VA Event Calendar www.cheyenne.va.gov/calendar.asp

Other Stuff

- Our Listening Program is expanding! We're in the process of training five new Listeners to meet the increasing demand for our services. Additionally, we've created a "Visitation Team" for our trained Veteran Listeners to visit Veterans in assisted living facilities and those in hospice care. This is having a positive impact on those who are disabled or terminally ill. If you have an interest in learning about our Listening Program, or if you know a Veteran that would like to be visited, please call 720-600-0860 or fill out the form on our website www.qualifiedlisteners.org/contact/
- Free "captioned" telephone for Veteran, no monthly fees or contracts required. Call Qualified Listeners 720-600-0860
- A church in Sterling, CO is donating a home elevator valued at \$10,000. Tested and safe, parts and repairs still available. Enter one side, exit the other. Church is replacing with commercial elevator. Call 720-600-0860 or email GregG@qualifiedlisteners.org
- Reminder - the job of Qualified Listeners is to serve all Veterans and their family members. If you need assistance in improving your life or giving you peace of mind, [contact us](#). A few things we can help with:
 - Non-VA behavioral health support
 - Non-medical home care
 - Improve your discharge status
 - Want a better job
 - Home improvements to solve mobility challenges
 - We can do more, just ask...

program. Any Veteran, any era.

- Helping Veterans and family members takes money and this is where you can help [click here](#) to donate to Qualified Listeners. Every dollar goes toward food, gas, utility bills, advocacy visits, Listening Sessions, home improvements, and other necessities.
- Guest Speaker
 - We are happy to come speak to your group, company or organization and share information about Veterans. Just [send us an email](#) to arrange a time and place for this 20 minute program. Groups enjoy learning about Veterans.

Sign Up For Newsletters

Do you know someone who would like to sign up for our Veteran & Family newsletters? You can use the FORWARD button at the bottom of this newsletter or send them [this link](#). All it takes is first name, last name, email address, city, state, county and the preferences for the information they have the most interest in.



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