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***Create and offer innovative supports
for people with cognitive,
developmental, physical, and health
related needs.***

We are live online!

Low cost initiative to include interested stakeholders who might not be able to be here in person.

This is recorded and will be available online at

<http://www.imaginecolorado.org/MultiMediaEvents.htm>

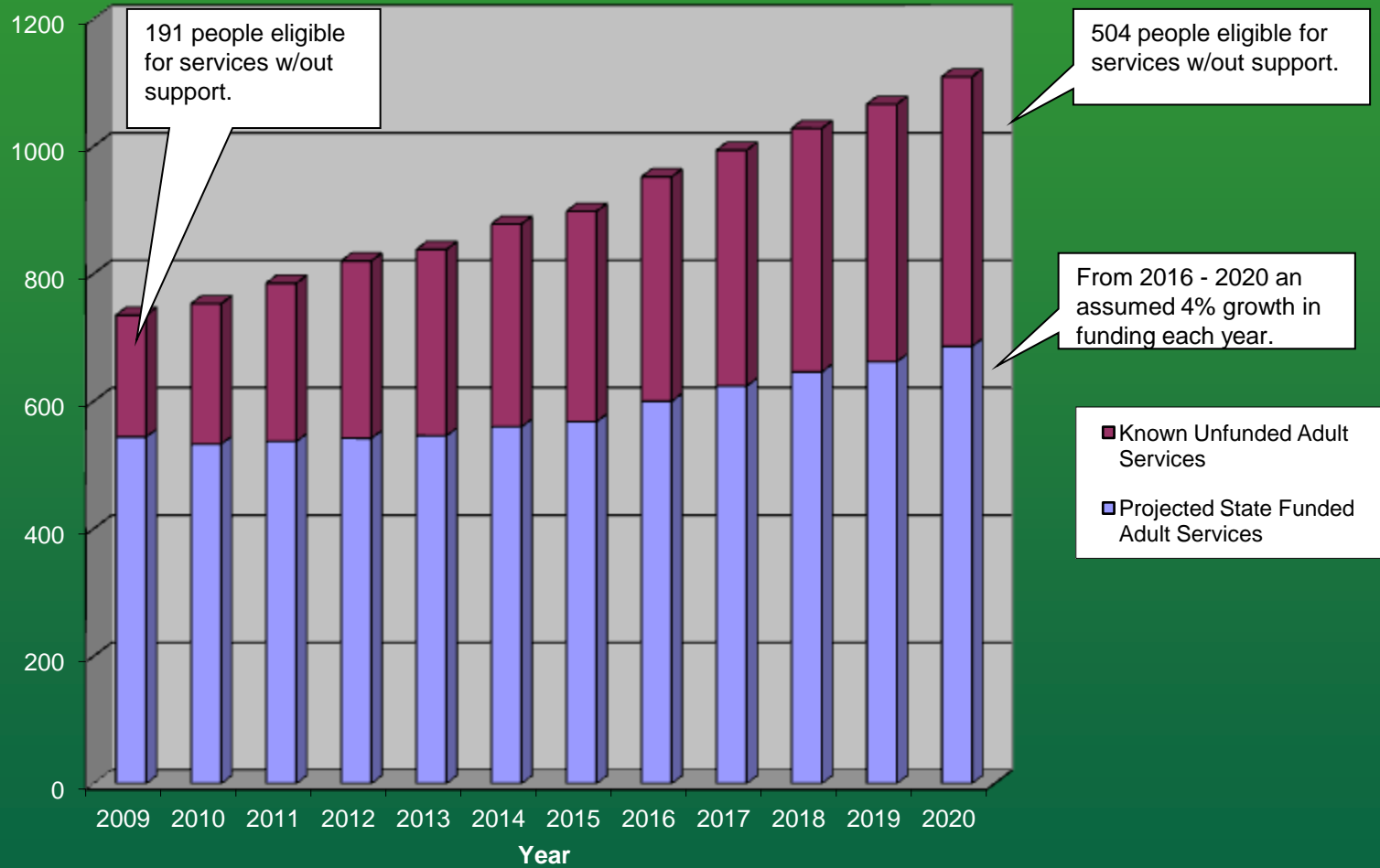
Brief Reflection

- ***Board of Directors***
- ***Imagine! Staff***
- ***Network of Providers***
- ***Stakeholder relations***
- ***What will happen next in our world?***

How many people are we talking about?

- ***Early Intervention - 417***
- ***Family Support - 894***
- ***Children's Extensive Support - 35***
- ***Foster Care - 34***
- ***Adult Supported Living Services - 265***
- ***Adult Comprehensive – 294***
- ***Eligible Adults not funded – 341***

Imagine! Projected Adult Services Shortfall



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What Are We Doing To Celebrate?

- ***Big Party In August***
 - ***August 4, 3:00 – 6:00 PM***
 - ***Millennium Harvest House, Boulder***
 - ***All are invited!***
 - ***Will debut a 50th Anniversary video***

50 Years, 50 Stories

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

50 Years, 50 Stories - Rick Haskins

Today's "50 Years, 50 Stories" installment comes from Rick Haskins, Imagine!'s Assistant Director of Case Management and its longest current employee. I well remember the "well" Rick is in his reminiscence.

Well Being At Imagine!
 By Rick Haskins



Rick Haskins looks out his "office window" back made on the bottom right - this is Rick at Imagine!

In 1963 I was in 9th grade and certainly no However, in 1977 I came to the Boulder Co Developmental Disabilities (DCMDD). I finally remember

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013

50 Years, 50 Stories - Diane Carroll

This week's installment of "50 Years, 50 Stories" was written by Diane Carroll, who, as you will see, has been associated with Imagine! in a variety of roles. I think her many experiences give her a great perspective on the organization overall, and I am very grateful she was willing to share some of her memories with us. I also acknowledge the fact that in all her roles, Diane worked hard to ensure that Imagine! always held true to its mission. Thank

Imagine! Three Views - 25 Years
 By Diane Carroll



Diane Carroll in the early days

Imagine!, yes, I have known this organization for

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013

50 Years, 50 Stories - Aneta

This "50 Years, 50 Stories" installment was provided by Aneta during a face to face interview with her at Imagine!'s Frontalis Group Home in Boulder, Colorado, where Aneta lives. Aneta has been providing services from Imagine! for more than 30 years.

My First Day at Work 30 Years Ago
 By Aneta



Aneta at Frontalis Group Home

I moved to Boulder from Arvada about 30 years ago, and I moved into Carmel House. I didn't know anybody and I was scared. Jim Graves (the Director of Carmel) was a nice guy and he helped me to be more comfortable. He helped me to make new friends.

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Share Your Story

- *Are you interested in sharing your story for “50 Years, 50 Stories?” If so, contact Caroline Siegfried at caroline@imaginecolorado.org or 303-926-6405. We’d love to hear from you!*

Getting Information From Imagine!

The screenshot shows the Imagine! website homepage. At the top left is the Imagine! logo with the tagline "Innovative Resources for Cognitive and Physical Challenges". To the right is a search bar and a navigation menu with links: About Us, Services, Success Stories, How to Help, Resources, Community Calendar, Technology Solutions, Employment, and a "Donate Here!" button. Below the navigation is a Twitter feed showing a tweet from Imagine! CEO Mark Emery about a blog post titled "One Size Does Not Fit All". The main content area features a banner with the text "Believing in the potential of all..." and a photo of a family. Below the banner is a "Welcome to Imagine!" section with the text: "Our goal is to help people aspire to, and achieve, a fulfilling life of new possibilities. Imagine! provides support services to more than 2,500 people of all ages with developmental delays and cognitive disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy, and Down syndrome." On the right side of this section is a "What's New" section for "Imagine! CEO's Blog" and a Facebook widget showing "Imagine! on Facebook" with 795 likes. At the bottom of the page is a footer with contact information: "© Imagine! 1490 Dixon Street, Lafayette, CO 80026-2790 • 303-685-7789 • Click here for Emergency Contacts • Please view our Privacy Policy • Site Map • Disclaimer".

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011

On A Mission
 I'm on a mission to update Imagine's Mission and Values.




Imagine's Mission and Values have not been changed for more than 40 years. As most of my readers know, I am a strong advocate of setting a vision, and then sticking to that vision while being willing to adjust and shift strategies to account for changing environments.

But even that vision needs to be evaluated periodically. As I said above, it has been more than 40 years since we last revisited our Mission and Values. Since that time, the environment we operate under has changed drastically. The way services are funded is completely different, and the resources available to provide services have diminished. Moreover, the needs of the population we serve are changing as many individuals with one or more developmental disabilities are living longer than ever and facing new and additional challenges that come with aging.

New opportunities are not there as well. For example, technology has opened many doors to new ways of providing increased independence and community engagement.

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The Imagine! Foundation's blog is designed to keep donors, consumers and their families, colleagues, and friends up to date on recent donations, grants we've received, programs we're involved in, and the people who make the Foundation work. We hope you will suggest topics you would like to see here. We look forward to hearing from you!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012

Thank You Thursday!

Here's a roundup of donations to the Imagine! Foundation that were paid from January 21 through the night of the Imagine! Celebration, January 27. Thanks to all of our generous donors.

- Gold (\$5000-\$9,999)**
Signature Circle
- Silver (\$2,500-\$4,999)**
Don & Anita Fort
George & Kristi Karakahan
Eric & Jennifer Love
- Bronze (\$1,000-\$2,499)**
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Colorado Guardianship Association presents: When Conservatorships/Guardianships Are/Are Not Appropriate. March 13. Info: cbartonr@msn.com
3 hours ago

ImagineCOInfo Imagine!
Spread the Word to End the Word! Pledge your support to eliminate the demeaning use of the R-word: bit.ly/gB0C38 #Rword @EndTheWord
5 hours ago

ImagineCOInfo Imagine!
Today is the eleventh anniversary at Imagine! for LeAnne Woodward, who works in our Case Management department.
21 hours ago

ImagineCOInfo Imagine!
Thur. Mar. 8: 5-8 PM in Broomfield. The Refuge offers a FREE simple will & advanced medical directive clinic. More at bit.ly/yEpCMU
22 hours ago

ImagineCOInfo Imagine!
Thu. Mar 8: 7-9 PM at Fairview High: "The Gift: LD/ADHD/High Functioning #Autism Reframed" by Jonathan Mooney. More @ bit.ly/kGYrGG
23 hours ago

ImagineCOInfo Imagine!
Imagine! Foundation blog features Imagine! volunteer of the month: bit.ly/yRUT6d
6 Mar

ImagineCOInfo Imagine!
Thursday, March 8: Educational Series for Adoptive, Kinship, and Foster Parenting: 6-8 PM in Longmont. More at bit.ly/kGYrGG.
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#ThankYouThursday. Recent generous donors to Imagine! include @ElevationsCU @westerndisposal @CoBizFinancial bit.ly/yBxvJJ



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This summer marks the 20th anniversary of a CORE/Labor Source crew working at the Hungry Toad Pub and Restaurant in Boulder. Hungry Toad owner Terry Morton (pictured on the right with Imagine! consumer Tim Gray) has been a great advocate of our supported employment program and the people we serve. We wish him continued success.

Wall Photos



Yesterday at 4:21pm · Share

Tamara Fox and 13 others like this.

Imagine! The best way to thank Terry is to visit his restaurant at 2543 North Broadway. Take a look at the menu – good stuff!
<http://www.thehungrytoad.com/>
Yesterday at 4:21pm · 1 person

Triangle Cross Ranch I love this! How do we in the Greeley area see local business owners on this kind of employment?
Yesterday at 4:21pm

Imagine! Triangle Cross Ranch: great question. Supported employment offers people who have a disability the opportunity to develop vital job skills and become active participants in their communities. The benefits extend far beyond helping clients, ...
See More
Yesterday at 4:37pm · 1 person

Mark Emery The Toad serves a great Speckled Hen. Check it out.
13 hours ago

Sizzanne Shaw Thanks for leading the pack on this. Imagine! does incredible things!
13 hours ago

Tamara Fox Someone pulled out in front of me this morning in traffic. I forgave them because they had an Imagine! bumper sticker :)
about an hour ago

Imagine! Tamara – an Imagine! bumper sticker truly is a sign of refinement and taste, and all cars should have one! If you (or anyone else reading this comment) would like one, just send an email to frhobbs@imaginecolorado.org and we'll get you set up!
37 minutes ago · 1 person



Technology Update

Smart Supports

Imagine! SmartHomes

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***Bob and Judy
Charles
SmartHome,
Boulder***



***Charles Family
SmartHome, Longmont***

The Case for Technology

- ***People are living longer***
- ***Care is becoming increasingly complex***
- ***Increased focus on wellness promotion***
- ***Caregivers need more information***
- ***Impending workforce crisis***
- ***Supports Consumer/Family involvement***
- ***Address reimbursement policies***
- ***Support funding streams that will be more self-directed***
- ***The benefits of “The Cloud”***

How Technology Helps Imagine!

- ***Plan for the future***
- ***Better use limited resources***
- ***Address regulatory changes***
- ***Create more efficient Services/Supports***
- ***Create opportunities***
 - ***New models of services***
 - ***Transparency***
 - ***Partnerships***

***Enterprise
Applications***

***Smart
Supports***

***Consumer
Assistive
Technologies***

***Remote
Monitoring***

Smart Supports



- ***Integrated technology into the IP***
- ***Created a technology lab***
- ***Created staff positions that support and develop assistive technology***
- ***Implementing technology into employment services***
- ***Partnerships with technology companies***
- ***Partnerships with Universities***
- ***Introducing technology into early intervention programs***
- ***Planning on Colorado's adoption of remote monitoring practices***
- ***Looking into tele-medicine***
- ***Consulting services***

State Government



- ***Last year's cost containment for \$8.5 million shortfall.***
 - ***Delay filling vacancies,***
 - ***Caps on Targeted Case Management,***
 - ***Caps on Day Habilitation Services,***
 - ***Narrow definition of behavior services,***
 - ***Conduct Audits of Supports Intensity Scale.***
- ***Current 2012 – 13 budget under spent \$8 million.***

Colorado State of Affairs Long Term Care System Redesign

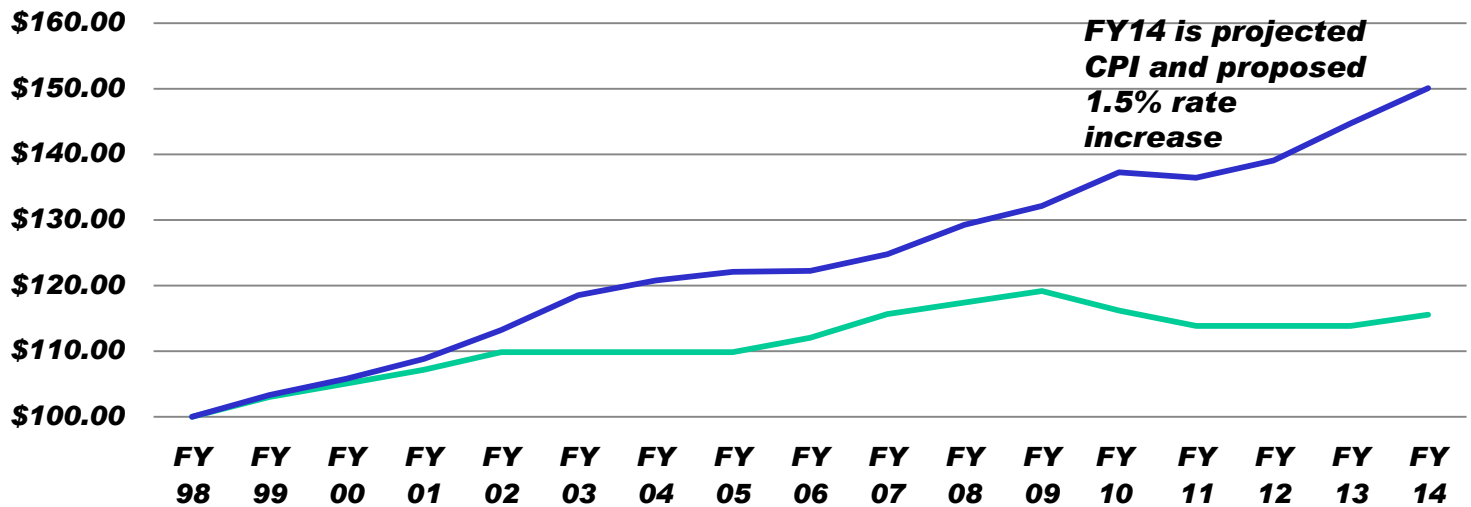
- ***Governor's Order to create an Office of Early Childhood***
- ***Governor's Order to create an Office of Community Living***
- ***Proposed move the Division of DD from Dept Human Services to Dept Health Care Policy and Financing.***
- ***Proposed move Children's Habilitation and Residential Program from Dept Human Services to Dept Health Care Policy and Financing.***
- ***Pilot to move DDD Quality Assurance to Dept Public Health and Environment.***
- ***Proposed move the State Unit on Aging from Dept Human Services to Dept Health Care Policy and Financing.***

State Government

Governor's Budget Proposal for 2013-14 includes services for an additional 809 people.

- 93 high risk adults into HCBS-DD.***
- 7 high risk adults into HCBS-SLS.***
- 576 children into HCBS-CES, essentially ending this waitlist.***
- 50 youths transition out of foster care to HCBS-DD***
- 38 youths transitioning out of CES to SLS***
- 40 adult emergency enrollments to HCBS-DD***
- 5 adults with a dual diagnosis from institutional settings to HCBS-DD***

Comparison of Provider Rate Policy to Denver-Boulder-Greeley CPI FY 1997-98 to FY 2011-12



- **Growth of FY 98 \$100 based on annual increases/decreases appropriated for community provider rates**
- **Growth of FY 98 \$100 if annual fiscal year increase had been appropriated based on the prior calendar year's Denver-Boulder-Greeley CPI**

State Government

Regional Centers Issues:

- **Over 300 people continue to be served in State operated facilities.**
- **Assessed that over 100 people are “ready” to move to community settings.**
- **Plan to address each situation on a person by person basis.**
- **13 states have no state operated facilities.**

Imagine! Home for Seniors in Broomfield



- ***Targeted for opening March 2014.***
- ***6 beds.***
- ***Santa Fe Dr. and Huron.***
- ***HUD funding a large portion of construction.***
- ***Long-term financial Risks.***

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***What would you
like to talk about??***

