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Dear Folks:

2008! Wow! How time flies. The Board and I have been steadily working to make the Healing Waters Foundation, Inc. officially turn from a concept into a reality.

We received our building permit in late October. Then we had to organize how we were going to proceed. Larry Pettyjohn selected a gentleman named Ray Duggan of Ray Duggan Builders & Designs. Larry and Ray spent many hours and days figuring out what Healing Waters needed, who to hire and how much it would cost. Finally they met with me and gave me the cost of the project: \$187,310! This was more than twice our estimated cost of the project in October 2006; and that estimate included the pool which was also about \$20,000 cheaper.

So what would we do? Ray and Larry had put too many hours into getting all the estimates and information on state, county and local regulations. Costs were increasing. We had about \$196,000 in the bank.

We decided to cut one bathroom which brought the cost down to \$171,912 AND we hoped to parcel the money out while I raised funds. However, there was one small detail I forgot! The pool had to be purchased in a timely fashion so it could be placed inside the walls that Ray was going to build. Opps!

In addition to all the excitement of the pool actually being built, we had to order the 500 model, order the chair lift, and start seriously campaigning for funds. Last year seemed to drag as we were working to meet all the regulations for construction. But once the building started, wow!

In the meantime the cartridge recycling program continued. It brought in over \$2000 during 2007. Kathy Hale recently joined the Board of Directors for Healing Waters. She goes and picks up cartridges around town about every three weeks.

We also received \$1050 from the Estes Park Noon Rotary for the purchase of a shower chair. The Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation gave us \$4210 to purchase a chair lift. We have received numerous donations from private sources to the tune of \$18,000. Every single penny has been appreciated.

Brenda Coy puts in many volunteer hours for Healing Waters Foundation. One project she took to heart was decorating a Christmas Tree for fund raising. Unfortunately we did not do so well with that project. But we learned; if you are going to do a project, make it one that reaps a sizeable income.

Healing Waters also participated in other fund raising project last year including selling reflective arm bands and a Macy's special sale day. All of these projects have



exposed Healing Waters' name to the public and increased awareness in the community.

As for the business side of Healing Waters, we are considering how to establish an endowment fund, how to actually create a sliding fee scale, how to pay taxes, etc. All of these topics are necessary to create a sustainable organization.

Our most recent project is a "Bridge to Healing Waters" tournament scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$20/person for an afternoon of bridge playing. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available. We plan to have prizes for the winners and losers. But as I have said, we've learned; so this event will seek sponsors to help defray the cost of the building, food, cards and other supplies.

I have started a campaign "Make Miracles Happen" . And we do need a miracle! I need to raise \$100,000. Brenda made me a little thermometer. We have raised \$180 toward our goal. I challenge each of you to help meet our goal. Please feel free to pass this Newsletter to anyone you think might be interested in helping to provide a state-of-the-art rehabilitation pool in beautiful Estes Park. If you can contact 10 people, and they contact 10 people and each person contribute \$100, well, we are on our way to meeting the \$100,000 goal!

Remember too, the Duck Race is coming up May 3. Tickets went on sale today. If you want one you can send me your \$20/ticket and I'll enter your name and send you your ticket stub. This year's major prizes include a Caribbean cruise of 7 nights for 2 people with airfare; or 7 nights for two at the Kaanapali Shores in Maui including a rental car and air travel. Of course there are many other smaller prizes available to win. So this is a "win-win" situation. Healing Waters Foundation gets back \$18 for every ticket sold. Be sure to mark number 52 on your ticket!

If you want to contact me, I can be reached at [esteshealingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:esteshealingwaters@gmail.com) or call me at 970-290-1931, Healing Waters Foundation's phone number. Donations can be made to Healing Waters Foundation, 1632-B Big Thompson Ave., Estes Park, CO, 80517. Please help us make miracles happen!

Thank you for your support of creating a state-of-the-art rehabilitation pool in Estes Park, Colorado. I am going to attach the most recent photograph of the construction site. It is exciting to see. THANK YOU! BLESSINGS.

Sincerely,

Anne Slack, PT  
Executive Director  
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