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This has been such an exciting week for us at Healing Waters that I just had to send out an announcement. The pool arrived this week! It came early in the morning on a BIG truck. It was unloaded carefully and placed in the building by a fork lift until the last few feet when everyone available pushed the pool inside the garage door so it could be closed.

Just in case you are not sure what I am talking about, Healing Waters is a nonprofit 501(c)3 foundation established in 2005 to build a warm water rehabilitation pool in Estes Park. This foundation's mission is to promote the rehabilitation of individuals to their maximum functional level of independence through state-of-the-art hydrotherapy.



This pool will be an aid to help the people of Estes Valley rehabilitate from injuries, neuromuscular diseases or to seek conditioning to strengthen their bodies or find relief in the warmth of the water for arthritic joints. Features include an in floor treadmill, a video system for visual feedback and a chair lift in a private atmosphere.

More than 225,000 people in the United States live with spinal cord injury with approximately 11,000 new injuries each year. Stroke effects over 700,000 individuals yearly; 40 percent of those people are moderately to severely affected requiring assistance for functional activities. Other diseases such as Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injuries, fractures and total joint replacements cause significant physical impairments. The abrupt change in mobility, personal independence and the ability to perform simple everyday tasks presents a daunting challenge to those affected as well as the people around them.

Finding the resources to meet these challenges is difficult. Finding an exceptional rehabilitative facility to lessen such effects is even more difficult. Healing Waters Foundation was created to attempt to meet these needs for the people in our area while providing them the beauty of our town to nurture their spirits. Your contribution will make it possible for many of these individuals to receive the services they require. And these same services will provide hope for those folks dealing with catastrophic injuries and life-changing events.

To accomplish the mission of the Healing Waters Foundation your support is needed whether it be financial, or with your time, or with a bequest. An alternative way to help fund Healing Waters is to select #52 on the forms of the Rotary Duck Race May 3rd. Whatever you decide please know that your commitment to the work that will be done for the people with various injuries is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, 

Anne Slack, PT, Executive Director, Healing Waters Foundation