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Dear Folks:

This is the initial newsletter for the Healing Waters Foundation, an organization established to develop a state-of-the-art rehabilitation pool. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform those individuals who have donated funds or time to the project of our progress.

Thanks to the financial support you have offered Healing Waters we are approaching our goal to get a pool built. We have a Board of Directors including Gerald McIntosh, MD, Chair, Richard Desko, Vice Chair, Sandy Lerner, CPA, Treasurer, Heidi Rothberg, Secretary, Rosemary Donahue, RN, Helen Pratkelis, Nancy Follender, Ex-Officio Member, non voting and myself, also non-voting.

Our Board members recently changed positions per the By-Laws. Rene Clark, Rosemary Donahue and Cherie Pettyjohn left positions. Rene, CPA and former Treasurer, resigned because she is moving away. But she promised to return for the Grand Opening. Cherie Pettyjohn, Director, resigned due to a conflict of interest. Rosemary stepped down from her Secretarial position to allow someone else into that position. Fortunately, Rosemary will remain on the board. It is with much appreciation that Healing Waters thanks all three of these fine ladies. Their input and work on the board was greatly appreciated.

Healing Waters has been masterfully guided by Denise Bretting, our attorney, from its inception. Denise completed our application for non-profit status with an inch thick binder. We had collaborated for many hours to accomplish this project. The document was placed in the mail in April. All the hard work paid off with the receipt of a letter August 11, 2006 declaring that the Healing Waters Foundation had been accepted as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We have until December 31, 2009 to satisfy the specific public charity test that we truly serve the public health. Way to go Denise!

Recently Deeva Dailey was hired to assist with grant writing, fund raising, brochure development and public speaking. I have had the pleasure of working with Deeva on three grant proposals already and am most impressed. She is a wonderful compliment to my responsibilities.



Sandy Lerner has taken on the responsibilities of the Treasurer. He too has already demonstrated his value with guidance on our financial investments.

Helen Pratkelis has extensive experience as an insurance agent and has been gathering information to help Healing Waters properly protect the monies it currently oversees. Between these two individuals I think we are financially in good hands.

Future plans for Healing Waters are to obtain permission to speak at the Newcomer's Club and obtain a proposal on costs for building the pool in an already established building.

It is my sincere desire to bring into reality the dream of a pool to honor Dr. Follender. It is people like you with your donations, whether it be time or money, who are developing this dream... providing a place for people to receive the rehabilitation they need with the Healing Waters pool.

Please pass along this newsletter to whomever you think might be interested in it. Be sure to check out our website at www.healingwatersfoundation.org. If you have comments or questions you can reach me at MountaintopPT@aol.com or call me at 970-577-8200. Donations can be made to Healing Waters Foundation, 1632-A Big Thompson Ave., Estes Park, CO, 80517. Watch for next month's newsletter with all the latest happenings!

Sincerely,

Anne Slack, PT
Executive Director
Healing Waters Foundation