

## Friends of the Haven 2018 Midyear Review of Activities

A recent article in Washington Post describes the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Director Robert R. Redfield and his family's own personal experience with opioids. It was another reminder of how widespread addiction impacts our community. Redfield stated that it is "important for society to embrace and support families who are fighting to win the battle of addiction – because stigma is the enemy of public health".

At Friends of the Haven (FOH), we know this firsthand. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, FOH is organized to promote funding and community support for The Haven treatment programs and Baby Haven projects that help break the cycle of substance dependence among women and their families.

Success means long-term, safe, stable, and drug-free environments for the women and their children. Together with our FOH donors, supporters, sponsors and volunteers, we all work to provide the resources needed to help The Haven and Baby Haven offer a pathway to success.

The following is a midyear report on our activities and accomplishments:

### Executive Director

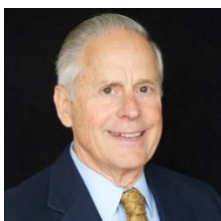
**Friends of the Haven** is proud to announce Vickie M. Wilson, Ph.D. as our new Executive Director. Earlier this year, Vickie joined the FOH Board of Directors after retirement as VP of Development at Community First Foundation. When Julianna Nelson resigned in June, Vickie offered to fill our Executive Director position while continuing as a board member. As a member of Denver's philanthropic and financial services communities for more than 30 years, Vickie brings to us successful fundraising experience, a well-established network, and proven communications and management skills.

### Achievements and Activities

- Baby Haven Playground
  - We have completed fundraising for the repair and improvements to the Baby Haven Playground. Thanks to substantial gifts from a few dedicated individual supporters and generous grants from The Buell Foundation and Qualistar Colorado, we have raised almost \$79,000. Design for the improvements are complete and will be reviewed by teaching staff, families of the Baby Haven, State of Colorado licensing, and Qualistar. We hope to start construction later in the year and complete in early 2019.
- 4 Rating from Colorado Shines
  - Mile High United Way, Buell Foundation, LARRK, Colorado Preschool Program, Denver Preschool Program, and Early Learning Ventures continue their generous support of the Baby Haven helping us to achieve a high quality level 4 rating from Colorado Shines. The services provided by Baby Haven address children's potential toxic stress due to family risk factors: history of substance use disorder; mental health issues; homelessness; incarceration of a parent and domestic violence. By providing a nurturing and learning environment in the earliest years of a child's life, Baby Haven enables development of healthy brain architecture that leads to lifelong learning, achievement, and health.
- Child Care Contribution Tax
  - FOH participated in a task force led by the Colorado Children's Campaign in support of State HB 18-1004 that extended the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit. Five years through Dec. 31, 2024. This is a vital 50% state income tax credit for donations to early learning, child care facilities, and other children's providers. The bill was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on May 30, 2018.
- Online Resource Directory
  - An Online Resource Directory has been created for graduates of The Haven and Peer 1 to use in their search for addiction support groups, ongoing counseling, employment, housing, and academic and trade education. A resource fair was conducted in February with 80 graduates and clients attending. Funds were provided by a generous matching grant from The Daniels Fund.
- Treatment Scholarships
  - Treatment Scholarships are available to partially fund the nominal treatment fee and miscellaneous unfunded costs accumulated by Haven clients as they progress toward graduation. The funds help clients graduate debt free as they reenter into the community. With support from The Anschutz Foundation, individual donors, and the Anschutz Family Foundation, \$35,000 has been made available year to date.
- Friends Who Brunch
  - Supporters enjoyed a relaxing and attractive brunch at the JW Marriott in Cherry Creek on a pleasant Sunday morning, April 29, 2018. Generous sponsors raised a net \$25,000.
  - Our next event will be the **Rising Star Awards Luncheon to be at Wellshire Event Center on Wednesday September 12. Registration begins at 11:00 am.** The 2018 Rising Stars will be recognized and will provide inspiring examples of success in recovery. For more information go to our website at [www.havenfriends.org](http://www.havenfriends.org).

Heartfelt thanks to all of our supporters that allow us to continue & expand our mission.

Friends of the Haven



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