Dear Friends,

As I walked through the doors of Families First last November, I knew there was something special happening here. It showed on the faces of the staff, board members, volunteers and donors. The energy was uplifting and it was apparent they were dedicated and passionate about their work—ensuring the well-being of the children and families that we are privileged to serve.

When I visited the Children’s Treatment Center for the first time, I realized that the driving force behind their commitment to change was their sense of hope. As these young people gave me high fives and welcomed me to their home, their positive attitude was contagious and I could see how the staff infused the kids with confidence, helping them see that they can achieve their goals. The children are asked to push beyond their perceived limitations in order to move forward even if the challenges before them feel insurmountable.

I was able to see our parent educators and group facilitators in action as they met with parents and caregivers, providing them with the tools they need to ensure that their children are nurtured and cared for in a safe environment. Our caring support-line staff and volunteers demonstrate vast knowledge of the community, providing callers with resource referrals and support. Our children’s group allows young people the chance to learn relationship skills, make new friends and express their creativity.

Our Board of Directors is top-notch and dedicated. They provide their expertise, resources and support daily. They are committed to ensuring that we have the tools and resources necessary for children and families to be successful. Our volunteer guild, FRIENDS for Families First, our donors and program volunteers are extremely giving of their hearts, their time and their financial support for the children and families of our community. Without their support we could not continue to provide our services.

I am proud to be a part of an organization with a long history of success and I look forward to working with all of our friends and supporters to ensure that our programs continue to help strengthen children and families so they may see a future where hope and possibilities are endless.

Adam Robe
Executive Director

Sophia, like all of our children, needs care around the clock. Much of her life now is like that of many other children. But Sophia was badly traumatized early in life and nearly every day she has multiple aggressive tantrums, impulses to harm herself and horrifying nightmares. Our Child Treatment Counselors are there to help Sophia and respond to her needs, at any hour of the day. They provide nutritious meals, fun activities and games, homework help after school and a calming story at bedtime. They also offer nurturing, solace in the night, understanding and emotional support, structure and consistency, supervision and strength. And they give Sophia a place to heal, to prepare for living with a family, and to feel safe... 24 hours a day.
Tammy called Child Protective Services when she realized, just after her son's birth, she was struggling to care for him the way he needed. Tammy suffered from postpartum depression and it was affecting all areas of her life. Knowing she needed support in raising her son, Tammy found a Circle of Parents® Group at Families First to help her through the often challenging first few years of parenthood. The support she has received from the other parents in the group has built her confidence, validated her struggles and most of all, strengthened her family. Tammy’s son is now entering Kindergarten and they still attend group each week. Through our Parent Support Programs we are able to empower parents like Tammy and give them the tools they need to be their child's SuperHero... Empowered by you....

Liz called the Family Support Line and stated that, “being a mom is nothing like I thought it would be.” New mothers often call to discuss their feelings of disenchantment, frustration and guilt about not being the “perfect mother.” We are able to help moms like Liz by listening to their concerns, normalizing their feelings and helping them identify their strengths and natural supports. If parents feel cared for and supported, they then feel confident that they can meet the needs of their children, which creates the foundation every child needs for a happy and healthy childhood. All because of YOU—moms, dads, grandparents and other caretakers across Colorado have the resources and support they need to create a healthy beginning for the children in their care. Support is just a phone call away - 1-800-CHILDREN.
Lourdes is a dedicated mother who attends the Spanish Circle of Parents® group each week. Like most of the parents in the Spanish group, she and her family moved to the United States from Latin America. Lourdes talks about the challenges she faces in raising her children in a different culture and how important it’s been to connect with other parents who are in similar situations. The support she has received from the group has helped her feel understood and validated, especially within her role as a parent. The group has also given Lourdes support around preserving important traditions from her native home of Peru, while helping her children adjust to life in the United States. As a group, the parents have embraced their heritage and are committed to helping each other navigate the challenges of life in a different country. Lourdes has found support, connections and hope through Families First and it was all made possible because of you...
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