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"FORE!"
Families First
August 30



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Pepsi Refresh

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We came *so close* to finishing in the top ten in July that we've been "rolled over" to August. Please help us win by voting for our project to upgrade furnishings at the Children's Treatment Center!
VOTE Every Day in August!



One Child's Story



For the first time, in conjunction with Denver County Department of Social Services, we are making a plea to those of you who read this newsletter. We are searching for just the right family for a little girl at the Children's Treatment Center and could use your help if you know of anyone who is looking for a special child.

LaShea is seven years old. She has been at Families First for a little over a year. We have worked hard together and are ready now to start looking for an adoptive family for her. Here is her profile from the adoption website:

Spunky and charming, LaShea will win you over with her infectious smile! She thrives on praise and one of her favorite things to do is help around the house. This creative girl likes to dress up and play with dolls. She's a good eater and not picky at all. She's also helpful at bedtime, bath time, and getting ready in the mornings. Social and engaging, **LaShea is fun to be around!**

Transitioning into second grade, this artistic child loves school and her teachers. She enjoys schoolwork and does well in school with her IEF

We would like to thank Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage for once again being the Title Sponsor for "FORE."

We would also like to thank everyone who shopped at Vitamin Cottage in June making the 2010 campaign a great success.

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(Individualized Education Plan). She benefits from counseling which will need to continue after placement.

LaShea's caseworker prefers a two-parent family. She will thrive in a consistent and structured environment where she gets one-on-one attention.

For more information, please contact Ann Pierce of Denver County Social Services 720-944-2306

Friends for Families First

Annual Membership Luncheon September 14

Members of FRIENDS help the children at the Children's Treatment Center year-round. They bake cookies and celebrate each child's birthday with a special cake, dinner and gifts. Sign-up sheets for these activities and more are available at our annual Friends Membership Luncheon. Please join us!



Melody Staffen, Debbie Korbelik, Melissa Jacob & Mary Thompson at the 2009 Luncheon.

For more information, contact Rachel@FamiliesFirstColorado.org

The "Fore" Families First, Golf Tournament on August 30 is in memory of **Sugar Chalus.**

As President of Friends for Families First and the Families First Governing Board, Sugar led us in the fight against child abuse. Sugar's passion for children and families lives strong in each of us at Families First today.

Volunteer Opportunities



CHILDREN's GROUP LEADERS

plan and implement activities that enhance a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development while parents attend support groups or parenting classes. Volunteer in the evening two hours per week at one of our locations for parenting groups

or classes in Aurora, Denver, Englewood or Littleton.

SUPPORT LINE VOLUNTEERS

staff our bi-lingual Family Support Line (English & Spanish). Well-trained volunteers listen and provide educational information and community resources to parents and caregivers seeking support. Volunteers answer phone calls at the Family Center during the week and from home in the evening and on weekends. Volunteers are asked to do one, four hour shift per week.

For more information, contact
Rachel@FamiliesFirstColorado.org

CTC Painting Day!

On Saturday, October 9 Lowe's employees and Families First staff and volunteers will paint the inside of the Children's Treatment Center! If you love to paint and are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Emily@FamiliesFirstColorado.org

Families First is featured in the *new* **Colorado Kids 1st** video. Take a look to see kids in our community who are helped when you buy your Kids 1st license plates.
www.ColoradoKids1st.org



IN-KIND DONATIONS

We'd like to acknowledge the generosity of individuals and companies that have provided us with in-kind donations in June and July 2010.

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