



RESTORING LIVES, RECONCILING FAMILIES, RENEWING COMMUNITIES

PROGRAM UPDATE

TRI is thrilled to introduce Joan DeJong as our new Volunteer Coordinator!



Joan received training in the management of volunteer programs from the University of Colorado and served as the Director of the Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center for five years. She also served as Director of Women's Ministries at Woodman Valley Chapel in Colorado Springs and on the board of a Christian school.

Joan and her husband, Cliff, have been married for 40 years and have a blended family of five grown children and nine grandchildren. They are active at LifeBridge Church here in Longmont and thoroughly enjoying retirement.

TRI is so blessed to have Joan join us and use her gifts, experience, and wisdom. Welcome aboard, Joan!

EXPANDING OUR REACH

Since January, TRI has responded to over 60 inquires from case managers and offenders alike who have shown interest in our various programs! We have directly assisted over 12 women with day of release transportation, backpacks, food, identification, phone cards, bus passes, and clothing. We continue to be very grateful for all our supporters who make this happen!

PARTNER NEWS



Thank you to the ladies at Left Hand Giving Circle who chose to make our Welcome Back Pack program as their recent service project. The generosity of their members resulted in 20 backpacks being filled!

The Longmont Parole and Reentry Office and TRI partnered to celebrate the Department of Corrections' "Reentry Week." Thirty returning citizens were gifted with a goodie bag and \$5 gift card. We are so grateful for our collaboration to ensure that returning citizens are set up for success.



Thank you to the following faith community partners:

- Longs Peak United Methodist Church and Niwot United Methodist Church who have coordinated a "Meal Train" for our housing residents, where congregants rotate on providing homecooked meals to our ladies.
Longs Peak UMC Worship Committee also has made a Mother's Day financial donation to TRI!
Central Presbyterian Church has not only gifted us with financial support but has formed a Criminal Justice "CENTRALcircle," a group that aims to provide not only support to TRI and our clients, but to add a social justice component to their outreach efforts and conversations.

FELON NEXT DOOR EVENT UPDATE

Thank you to all the TRI supporters who came out to join us as we co-hosted The Felon Next Door event with UCC-Longmont.



We had an inspiring event hearing from women who have successfully reintegrated after incarceration and a mentor who also gifted us with her music!



WHY TRI CAMPAIGN COMING SOON

This month we will be unveiling powerful statements from those closest to TRI about why this organization is important to them and this community. We call it, "Why TRI." We encourage you to share these stories with others as they explain the true meaning of ensuring that returning citizens are given a second chance in our community.



LONGMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EVENT UPDATE

The Longmont community was out in force at the recent grants breakfast hosted by Longmont Community Foundation (LCF). Approximately 300 people attended the grant breakfast on Thursday, April 5, at the Plaza Convention Center. The Reentry Initiative was amongst over 100 non-profits provided grants from the foundation. Eric Hozempa moderated the presentation with humor, illustrating the both the generosity of the Longmont community as well as the diverse causes represented by the non-profit recipients. As one of the newer non-profits supported by LCF, TRI was honored to have been donated to by three different funds within the Longmont Community Foundation. Thanks to all from Longmont Community Foundation who support us.



IN THE NEWS

Each month we highlight a local, national, or international news article that provides awareness of our criminal justice system, mass incarceration, and reentry. This month we thought we would highlight an article that is both informative and fun.



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