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Happy New Year From all of us at SCHN

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR 40 CHILDREN OF SCHN CLIENTS PURCHASED BY JEY LAWSON WITH HELP FROM HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, FELLOW COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 7708 MEMBERS, AND BLUSH DRY BAR SALON EMPLOYEES

Mr. Jey Lawson, with help from his family, friends, fellow Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 7708 members, and Blush Dry Bar Salon (Brandy Martinez, owner) employees, put together another shopping extravaganza that garnered holiday gifts for 40 children of SCHN clients.

Gathering gifts for this many kids in a short period of time during a pandemic required an inspiring effort on the part of Jey and his helpers. Jey's union, CWA Local 7708 and its members have been SCHN/S-CAP children's holiday gift program sponsors for more than a decade now and Jey has been the union leader for five years in a row.

Jey, and his helpers, also provide personal care items and monetary donations to the SCHN food pantry. This amazingly kind effort by Jey and his cohorts is greatly appreciated by SCHN clients and staff and is never taken for granted. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

In addition to the kids' gifts purchased by the Jey gang, a few more SCHN clients' kids received gifts from sponsorship efforts on the part of SCHN staff members and MOMs group members.

Mr. Jey Lawson (left), Jey's mom Ann and SCHN staff member Bill Scharton are shown in front of a big table full of children's gifts that were purchased by Jey and his recruits for the annual SCHN children's holiday gift program. Jey is the CWA Local 7708 member who spearheads this annual kids' holiday buying spree.



SCHN Development Efforts Successful Despite 2020 Obstacles



SAFER
CELEBRATION
Southern Colorado Health Network

Although 2020 was a challenging year for many, we are looking forward to a happy and healthy new year. We are fortunate to have amazing clients and a community that helped and supported our various development and community outreach efforts.

Our Safer Celebration was held in lieu of the in-person Red Ribbon Ball. This virtual video event highlighted SCHN clients, staff and community supporters as they described the impact of SCHN in our community.

These videos can be viewed on Colorado Health Network's YouTube channel. Along with the Safer Celebration, SCHN held a virtual silent auction to benefit our programs and services. And finally, SCHN was fortunate to be included in 2020's Give! Campaign. This end of the year philanthropic event highlights various nonprofit organizations throughout the Pikes Peak region.

SCHN's development efforts are held to raise awareness of the work we do and to gain support for our clients, programs, and services. We are fortunate to have strong community support and our efforts were successful despite the challenges of 2020! Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to these events.

We wish you the very best in 2021!
- All of us at SCHN



Important 2021 Health Access, Insurance Information

As we welcome 2021, here are some friendly reminders about how to maximize your program benefits.

Be sure that your pharmacy has your Ramsell card on file and is using Ramsell to cover your medication copays. Please be sure that your pharmacy isn't using a manufacturer copay card instead of ADAP/ Ramsell. ADAP receives rebates from the drug manufacturers for copays processed through Ramsell, so your copay fill is actually helping to support medication access for people without insurance.

Please provide your primary insurance card and your Ramsell/ UMR card when you check in for your next doctor or lab appointment. Let the staff member know that you have UMR as your secondary insurance and ask them to bill UMR directly for whatever copay is due. This will cover medical copays, deductibles and co-insurance for any medical expense that applies to your in-network out of pocket maximum. If you have Medicare, UMR will cover these copays up to \$2500 per year.

Please notify your insurance program coordinator or case manager as soon as possible if you have a life change event that impacts your access to your existing insurance. If you lose your coverage, there are opportunities to enroll in something else through the Colorado Marketplace or possibly through your spouse but only within a specific deadline.

Meeting Dates: February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th

Coming Back to You

a virtual social support group

**Six-week group for female identifying clients
focusing on relationships, boundaries, & self-care**

Meetings:

90 minutes held remotely on Zoom
Twice monthly
Tuesdays at 1 PM

Register by January 25, 2021

Space is limited

Call Jessica Curry or Melissa Bernstein at
719-578-9092 for more information



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SCHN OFFICE IN PUEBLO RECEIVES DONATED ITEMS FROM A CLIENT AND HIS FRIENDS

As far as the SCHN staff in Pueblo is concerned, SCHN client Steve D. and friends turned into Santa C. and his elves during this holiday season and here is the reason why. Steve and friends raised money during the holiday season (several hundred dollars as a matter of fact) and purchased food for the SCHN Pueblo food pantry and warm winter items for Access Point Pueblo clients and homeless SCHN clients.

The following short story, in Steve’s words, explains how this generous act of kindness came about.

“Long story short. I work at a local call center and would watch a homeless man get ready every morning to go into this same call center to work. I posted about him on Facebook and stated I wished I could do more for him than bring extra food in my lunch and that it would be awesome to get a room for him since it was getting cold.

Friends encouraged me to start a collection via my Venmo because they wanted to donate. We collected about \$600, but I was unable to help the man. Before he started work, he had surgery on his leg and could not keep up with the wound care living in a sleeping bag. He ended up going to the hospital and not returning to work.

I posted the update to Facebook and said I would like to, with donors’ permission, donate to a local smaller organization that helps people in the community living with HIV/AIDS, as well as donating to another branch that helps the local homeless. My friends and followers were very receptive to that idea, so we split the money between the food and the clothes. We went live on FB before delivering the items to show that we did spend the money on what we said we would.

I am, technically, a client for CHN and was helped with rent assistance roughly a year ago. As small as that may seem, it allowed us to get on our feet and, now, we are home owners. I wanted to give back, not only to an organization that helped me, but one that sadly doesn’t get enough attention and funding.”

After sharing this short story, Steve also stated that he wanted to make sure that “and friends” was mentioned in this newsletter due to the funds they donated and also said they are hoping to start collecting again to, hopefully, affect more lives in a positive way.

Teresa Martinez, a SCHN case manager in Pueblo who also manages the food pantry, had this to say about the donations from Steve and friends.

“Steven and friends went to Walmart and purchased food items that we usually don’t have in our pantry, so clients have been saying that the new assortment of foods available in the pantry is great,” said Teresa. “Before, it was the same every time they came to the pantry and now it’s a big surprise as to the food they are receiving.”

Teresa added, “thank you to Steven and his friends for their kind donation. It has made such an impact for our clients.”

Access Point Pueblo

Free, sterile supplies available for those who need them. **Tuesday & Thursday**
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