

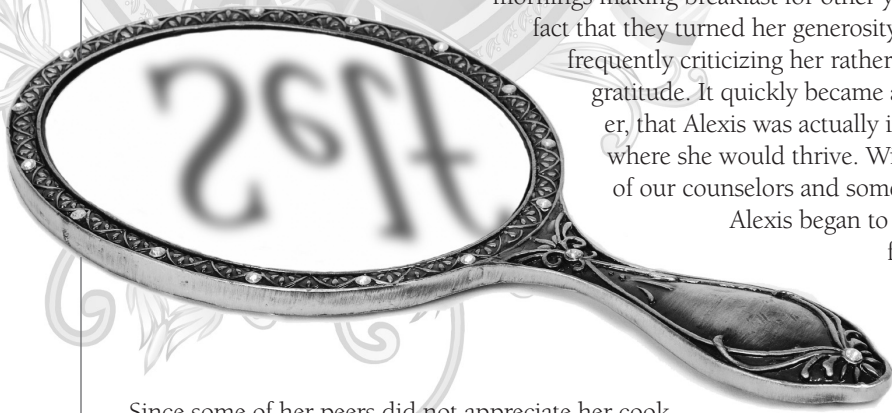
# your *attention* please

THE NEWSLETTER OF ATTENTION HOMES | MARCH 2009

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## a new-found sense of *Self*

»ALEXIS ENTERED BROADWAY HOUSE RELUCTANTLY LATE LAST FALL AFTER RUNNING FROM HOME AND SPENDING MANY MONTHS ON THE STREETS. She struggled initially with finding her rhythm at Broadway House. "Fitting in" with her peers was difficult as she was quick to become the caretaker for other residents. In her first few weeks here, Alexis spent weekend mornings making breakfast for other youth, despite the fact that they turned her generosity against her by frequently criticizing her rather than expressing gratitude. It quickly became apparent, however, that Alexis was actually in an environment where she would thrive. With the support of our counselors and some of the residents, Alexis began to build boundaries for herself.



Since some of her peers did not appreciate her cooking, she cooked only for those who supported her by enjoying the experience.

This was the beginning of a long string of successes for Alexis. She began attending school regularly for the first time in her life and earned straight As. She also became involved in boxing, as a part of an extra-curricular program at her school, and she took an interest in eating well and being healthy. When peers criticized her, Alexis was able to defend herself in an appropriate, healthy manner. She learned to check in with staff about frustrations she was experiencing, as opposed to the acting out she had previously done to cope.

After three months of living with us and improving her behavior, Alexis returned to her mother's home. She had concerns she would be unable to continue caring for herself in the way she had been able to at Broadway House. Thankfully, these concerns were unfounded. Alexis' new-found sense of self allowed her to go back out into the world and stand up for herself and her needs. She continues to attend school regularly and is constantly striving to better herself. She calls sometimes to say hello to staff and check in on other residents. Each time we receive a phone call I know she is grateful that we are here to answer the phone.

—Abbie Schall, Broadway House Direct Care Counselor

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## Attention Homes

Attention Homes helps teens in crisis develop into healthy members of our community by providing residential treatment, counseling, and safe shelter to at-risk youth.

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## Dear Friends,

As we move into 2009, I want to express my appreciation for the extraordinary and generous group of people and organizations who

made it possible for Attention Homes to mark significant achievements in 2008, and to look confidently to the new year.

Thanks to a remarkable group of donors, volunteers and staff, in 2008, Attention Homes:

- Successfully started our sober living program for teenage boys at Chase House. This program responds to an unmet need reflected by strong support from county social service agencies. Please see the newsletter insert and invitation to our April 5, 2009, 1st anniversary celebration.
- Continued enhancing the counseling program at Broadway House by adding the capability to report program outcome measures. We look forward to sharing the first annual outcomes report in 2009.
- Provided a safe, caring environment for 87 at-risk youth, with 4,798 days of care — a 55% increase in service over 2007.

- Expanded community awareness and our donor base through outreach activities and our September Kaleidoscope event at Rembrandt Yard.

The generous support of our donors, despite the economic downturn and continued uncertainty about the future, has been particularly heartwarming. Without your support, it would not be possible for Attention Homes to continue to provide vital services to today's youth — and tomorrow's adults. Particularly, I want to thank those who supported our November Promise for the Future fundraiser, as well as our hosts, the Monette family and the staff at Flagstaff House Restaurant.

Finally, I want to thank Roberta Wolff, whose support, hard work and energy during her term as President of the Board of Directors have contributed greatly to strengthening the role Attention Homes has played in our community. I am honored to succeed Roberta as President for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Paul Smith  
President, Board of Directors

## Wish List

Please visit [www.attentionhomes.org](http://www.attentionhomes.org) for our full wish list.

### New Items:

- Vehicle:** sedan or 8-9 passenger mini-van with less than 60,000 miles or greater than 120,000 miles
- Yard:** an assortment of trees, shrubs, grasses & groundcover for Chase House landscaping (please contact Attention Homes for specifics)
- Household:** dust-buster, dishwasher
- Electronics:** gaming systems (Play Station or Nintendo Wii), games (Guitar Hero, any X-BOX games), mp3 players, disc-men, watches, portable boom boxes, digital camera
- Bedroom:** alarm clocks without radios
- Kitchen:** large crock pots
- Office Supplies:** locking file cabinets

### Ongoing Items:

- Recreational:** Boulder Recreation Center passes; tickets to movies, local sports and cultural venues; basketballs
- Hygiene:** brushes/combs, shampoo/conditioner, body soap, toothpaste
- New Clothing:** packages of socks, underwear and t-shirts

Attention Homes now has a **monthly wish list** for ongoing household and hygiene supplies. If you or your group would like to "Adopt-a-Month" please contact us at 303.447.1206.

If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please call Allison at 303.447.1206 x27. Also call if you would like to add someone to our mailing list!



## Volunteer Highlight

Homeowners know well the work involved in the upkeep of a home. With two homes providing care to almost 100 kids each year, maintaining our homes is a huge task. We wish to acknowledge our volunteers whose home maintenance work is truly a God-send!

Richard Telleen has been our go-to handyman since early 2007. A hard-working, soft-spoken man, Richard responds often to our frequent requests for help. He has excellent maintenance skills and is generous with his time.

The Calvary Bible Church men's group — Tedd Harshaw, Doug Franzen and Stacy Wade — show up monthly to complete various handyman projects: painting, laying the foundation for a shed, and a multitude of home repairs.

Many groups also volunteer their time for projects essential to our homes' upkeep (see the 2008 list of maintenance groups below). Our volunteer groups have built a shed, installed bike racks, built shelves, put in gravel walkways, and done painting (lots of painting!), cleaning and yard work. Through their generosity, our homes are well maintained and inviting to our residents. We are grateful to each of you.

If you or your group is interested in volunteering, please contact Sharon at 303.447.1206 x25 or [sharon@attentionhomes.org](mailto:sharon@attentionhomes.org).

—Sharon Routt, Volunteer Manager



Handyman and volunteer extraordinaire Richard Telleen

## Thanks to our 2008 Maintenance Groups

Congregation Har HaShem • CoPRIG at CU Boulder • Emmaus Road Community Church • Intrado • Kiwanis Club of Longmont • Kiwanis Club of the Golden Nugget • Level 3 Communications • McKesson Health Solutions • MWH Global • National Institute of Standards & Technology • Sharefest • Summitview Church • Trinity Lutheran Church



MWH Global helps with yard work at Broadway House

## The People who Make it Possible!

### Featuring WhiteWave Foods Company

Attention Homes is grateful for the multitude of support from WhiteWave Foods Company through sponsorships, financial donations and contributions of items most needed by our teens. The Company has provided such support for many years. Last year for the holidays, WhiteWave employees "adopted" the boys and girls living in our homes and bought them holiday gifts off their wish lists.

Why is WhiteWave dedicated to supporting Attention Homes? Ellen Feeney, Vice President of Responsible Livelihood says, "We're honored to continue our long-time relationship with and support of Attention Homes. Our mission is to be the Earth's favorite food company; and central to this is sustaining and improving the communities in which we live and work. We support organizations like Attention Homes because they have a long history of enriching our community.

We're happy to provide the sorts of resources they need to keep doing meaningful work -- whether it be donating money or adopting a family for the holidays."

Thanks to WhiteWave Foods Company for supporting our kids and community!

—Molly McKeever, Development Associate



WhiteWave employees wrapping gifts for residents (from left): Stephanie, Christine, Scott, Steve, Jodi, Shana, Christy & Dorothy

## A Special thank you

Attention Homes thanks the following organizations and individuals for their recent contributions:

The Monette Family and the **Flagstaff House Restaurant** for hosting our 4th Annual Promise for a Future and helping us raise over \$66,000 for our teens.

**Yellow Scene Magazine** and **Haunted Denver** for gift certificates to Cottonwood Farms and tickets to a haunted house.

First time event sponsors: **The Kenneth King Foundation, United Western Bank, White Willow Associates, E3 Consulting, Boulder Luncheon Optimist Club, The William T. O'Donnell Family, Frank & Nancy Caccavalo, Dr. Gary Fresques DDS, and Tim & JoAnn McKeever.**

**Kroenke Sports Enterprises** for tickets to a Colorado Avalanche hockey game.

**Daphne's Greek Café** for donating a free meal for every teen in our care.

**Boulder Country Club** for selecting Attention Homes as a beneficiary of their fall golf tournament.

Fall and winter 2008 grantors: **Anchor Point Fund, Brett Family Foundation, Colorado Association of Realtors, Denver Foundation, John G. Duncan Trust, Joselyn Blumenthal Trust, Kingsbery Friends & Family Fund, Wachovia Foundation, Women's Foundation of Colorado, and Zonta Foothills Foundation.**

**Kyle Hemmerick and Stacy Moscow** for donating Broncos tickets.

**Martin Acres Neighborhood Association** for donating proceeds from the 2008 MANA Home Tour.

**Sunflower Farmers Market** for a holiday food drive.

**Echo Mountain** for a day on the slopes with lift tickets, rentals and snowboard lessons.



Foothills United Way

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# Spring Soirée

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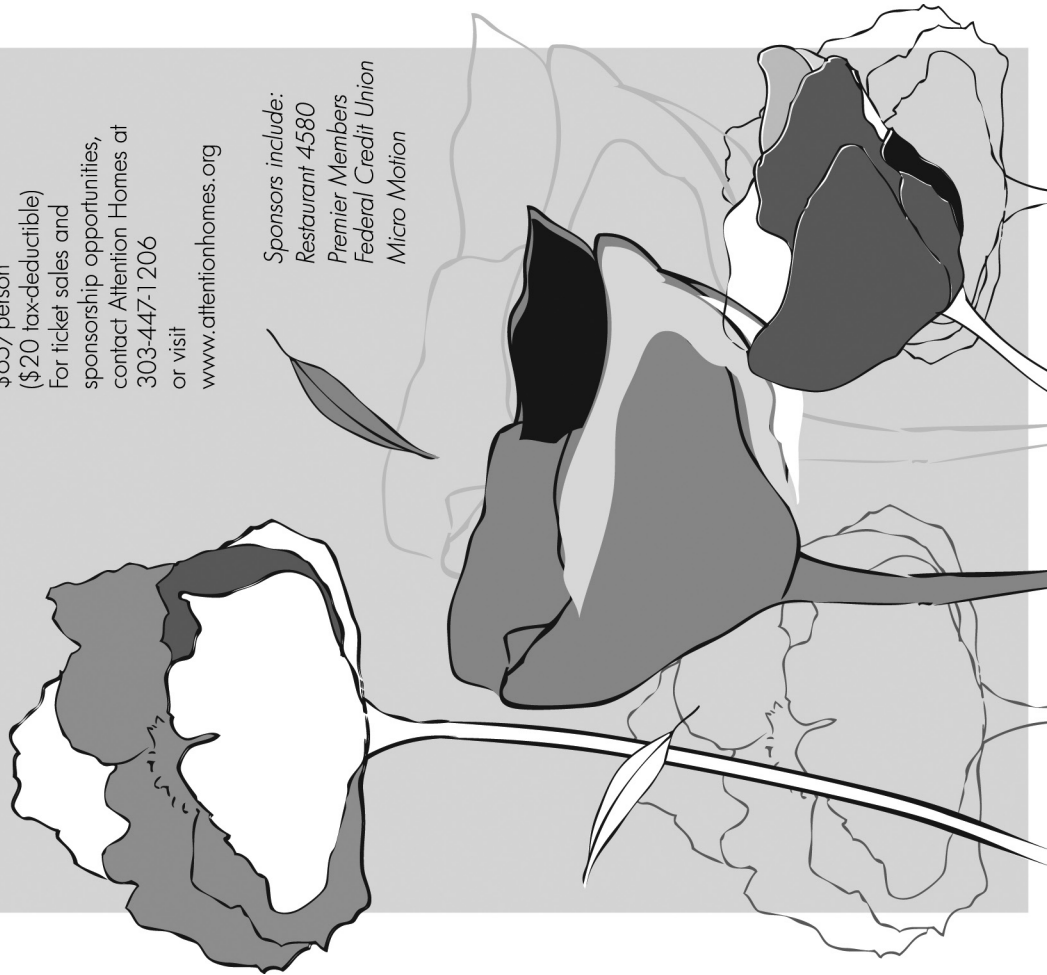
- Wine & hors d'oeuvres reception
- Delectable three course Mediterranean style meal
- Live auction with bidding on splendid auction items
- A special appeal for teens living at Attention Homes & of course, unforgettable soirée

6:00 - 9:30 pm

\$65/person  
(\$20 tax-deductible)

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