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**Photos from Tribute Kickoff Party**

**First Lady Jeannie Ritter** hosted the **Tribute 2010** Kickoff party at the Governor's Mansion on Tuesday, June 15. Event honorees, Patty & Don Cook, were joined by more than 60 event committee members, board and staff members to gear up for the 29th annual fundraising event on September 29.



Invitations will be in the mail shortly!  
[See the photo album](#)  
[Email Tribute Event Coordinator](#)

**Support Postpartum Education**



Purchase fun cards & gifts at [Motherhood with Attitude!](#) and a portion of the purchase will be donated to A Mother's Wings.

## Speakers Bureau - A Free Community Resource



This year, MHAC's [Speakers' Bureau](#) has grown in both in the size of its volunteer base and in the scope of the community groups it serves. The program has expanded its outreach to include presentations that focus on the needs of businesses and corporations, school personnel and youth and seniors and the aging.

Since April, the Speakers' Bureau has delivered 10 presentations to nearly 200 people on several topics including "Conflict Resolution," "Balancing Work and Family," "Managing Stress," and "Mental Health and Children." A recent partnership with the Jefferson County Workforce Center has created a tremendous opportunity for MHAC to provide regular meaningful mental health trainings to many businesses located in Jefferson County.

MHAC offers Speakers' Bureau presentations at no charge. The program is entirely volunteer-driven - volunteers help develop the content of the presentations and deliver the presentations. The Speakers' Bureau is a key component in MHAC's mission to promote mental health in the state of Colorado.

Please consider supporting MHAC's Speakers' Bureau by making a tax-free donation to MHAC at [www.mhacolorado.org](http://www.mhacolorado.org).

If you would like more information about the Speakers' Bureau, [email Tim](#).

## Pro Bono Outreach Program to Expand Its Reach to Two New Communities

In May, the [Pro Bono Outreach Program](#) was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Statewide Strategic Use Fund (SSUF) to expand Pro Bono to new areas of the state. SSUF is derived from an appropriation of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars. It is intended to serve Colorado's most vulnerable families in new ways through community investment strategies.

For over 25 years, MHAC's Pro Bono Outreach Program has been coordinating volunteers to provide free mental health services to low-income and homeless persons in the Denver metro area. Funding from the SSUF program will allow MHAC expand the Pro Bono services to the Glenwood Springs and Pueblo areas to increase access to mental health services in more rural areas of the state.

The goal of the expansion are to enhance the long-term self-sufficiency of eligible, low-income Colorado families by offering free support, counseling and therapy for individuals and families who are seeking and/or who are referred to mental health services.

MHAC will launch the Pro Bono Outreach Program in Glenwood Springs in July by recruiting volunteers and hiring a part-time program coordinator for the area. MHAC will launch the program in Pueblo in early 2011.

Learn more about Pro Bono [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

## Mark Your Calendar!



## Honoring Patty & Don Cook

Wednesday, September 29, 2010  
Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel  
1550 Court Place ~ Denver, CO 80202

Invitations coming soon!

Not sure if you are on the mailing list?

[Email the Event Coordinator](#) to add your name.

## Innovations Conference

**Friday, August 6 - 9:00a.m. - 3:15p.m.**

PPA Event Center - 2105 Decatur St., Denver, CO

[Register today](#) for the 2010 Innovations Conference, ['PEER'ing Ahead](#), featuring keynote speaker, Gail Bluebird. Innovations is a collaborative effort of mental health- and consumer-focused organizations designed to educate, inform and inspire.



### Plenaries and Breakouts Include:

- National Healthcare Reform and Its Impact on Mental Health
- Peers in the Crisis System
- Research Discoveries in Behavioral Health and Wellness
- Innovative and New Approaches to Psychiatry

### [Event Details](#)

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## News & Announcements

## Rose Community Foundation Grant

The Rose Community Foundation is a long-standing supporter of Mental Health America of Colorado and of mental health issues in general. Recently, the foundation awarded MHAC a \$60,000 for our [Public Policy & Advocacy Program](#).

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## Get Involved in the Mental Health Community

Join us to learn more about our mission and vision and see how MHAC leads prevention, education, outreach and advocacy programs and mental health services across Colorado. We look forward to meeting you and sharing how we can all make a difference in the lives of individuals and families coping with mental health issues. Light lunch will be served.



**Thursday, August 5 ~ Noon - 1:00pm**  
MHAC Office, 6th Floor Conference Room  
1385 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver CO [Map](#)

RSVP by Tuesday, August 3. [Email Alyson](#) or call 720-208-2243.

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## Good News in a Tight Economy

In last month's enews, we shared good news from The Denver Foundation. Unfortunately, we incorrectly referred to Denver Foundation CEO David Miller as David Smith. We apologize for this error.

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