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Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Celebrates One Year Anniversary of Innovative Recuperative Care Center, Having Served 530 Individuals

In honor of the one-year anniversary of the John Parvensky Stout Street Recuperative Care Center, a special concert by the Sphere Ensemble was held on Friday, February 16th for onsite clients and staff.

The Recuperative Care Center, a first-of-its-kind facility in Colorado, is a place for rest and recuperation for individuals experiencing homelessness who are “well enough to go home” after hospital visits, but do not have a home to return to for their recovery from surgeries, amputations, chemotherapy and other conditions. Over the past year, the Coalition has solidified partnerships with all major hospital systems in the metro Denver area. In its first year of service, the 75-bed facility served 530 individuals. Over 1500 referrals were made this year, demonstrating an even greater need for this program.

Miriah Nunnaley, Director of Recuperative Care spoke of the event, “Recuperative Care is a critical resource the Coalition is providing the community. Yes, it’s a beautiful building and a space for people to come after a hospital stay. But more importantly we’re trying to build a place for people to heal. We’re building a community. And our partnership with Sphere Ensemble, made up of classically trained musicians, is a beautiful example of something that brings people together to heal.”

Sphere Ensemble’s musical performance [Menagerie!](#), a mixed-up collage of music about animals featuring classic and newly arranged pieces, was the second concert donated by the nonprofit string ensemble to the Recuperative Care Center. This event is one of many artistic and social opportunities provided for clients of the Recuperative Care Center, who stay an average of 28 days. During this time, they are assisted with recovery for their primary physical needs, as well as with establishing primary care and treating other physical and mental health needs. Clients also receive case management services around housing, health, and supportive services.

Alex Vittal, Executive Director, violist, and arranger for the Sphere Ensemble added “We were so excited to return, especially in celebration of 1 year of the SSRCC! The audience was truly moved by the music, appreciating the humor and fun, singing along to songs they knew, dancing, clapping, and cheering. And we, as musicians, are so inspired by the joy we saw reflected from these individuals, we gave our heart to the performance, and they gave their hearts back to us.”

One attendee added “Thank you, you reached a very special place in my heart. Gave me hope to keep going.” A full video of the performance will soon be made available courtesy of [Denver Community Media](#). Photos of the event are located [here](#), photo credit Davey Thatcher.

Learn more about the [Recuperative Care Center](#).

Learn more about the [Sphere Ensemble](#) and their upcoming performances of Menagerie!

About Colorado Coalition for the Homeless:

The mission of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively toward the prevention of homelessness and the creation of lasting solutions for people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness throughout Colorado. The Coalition advocates for and provides a continuum of housing and a variety of services to improve the health, well-being and stability of those it serves.