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Stephanie Hearn Hired as Executive Director

Hearn to Help Offer Hope for Tomorrow
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photo of
Stephanie

The Raymond Wentz Foundation Board of Directors hired Stephanie Hearn as the Foundation's Executive Director in September. Hearn brings 15 years of fund raising and nonprofit management experience to the Foundation.

Oncologist David Schrier, Founder of the Wentz Foundation, said, "We are excited about the increased number of cancer patients we will be able to help each year with Stephanie on board now."

Already, in its only 3-year existence, the foundation has lessened the daily burdens and financial struggles of nearly 300 low-income cancer patients in treatment. The Foundation has granted more than \$200,000 directly to patients so they may afford groceries, rent, utilities, office visit co-payments and medications.

Dr. Schrier established the Foundation in memory of his patient Raymond Wentz, who was only 18 when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. "Raymond fought cancer with a bravery and grace that continues to inspire all who helped care for him," Dr. Schrier said. "With only his 19-year-old sister at home to help him, this young man showed amazing character. He was forever smiling, gentle and supportive of those who treated him," Dr. Schrier added. "He made me believe in miracles and forever changed my life."

Kemper Will of Burns Figa & Will, P.C., is Chairman of the Board for the Foundation. He said, "Stephanie brings a wealth of non-profit experience to our growing foundation. Her management skills will help us meet the tremendous need we are serving."

"I am thrilled to join this dedicated team," Hearn said. "The opportunity to help lead the Wentz Foundation in its next level of growth is the perfect match for me. I can now use my professional talents to fuel my personal passion of helping to bring joy to people in our community living with cancer." ♥

Jenny's Story

Some stories have such a lasting effect on our psyche, we can't help telling them again and again. Jenny's story is one of those tales that is, at first, horribly sad:

Jenny is a single mother of five children, one only 15 months old when she is diagnosed with breast cancer in April, 2004. Mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation follow only to find a year later the cancer has returned in the bones of her spine and pelvis. Jenny has no family in the area, and she is the sole bread winner already working nearly two full-time jobs. She cannot afford to be sick, miss work or worse yet face the possibility of not beating this cancer back with everything she's got. Her children help out all they can around the house. Friends and coworkers step in here and there, but really, the burden of this situation—emotionally, financially and physically—lies squarely on her shoulders.

But Jenny is one of those rare women that such troubles make her only work that much harder and dig deeper into her faith and hope. She has that tenacious quality within to survive. She not only beat back the cancer and is currently in remission, but she ran the Georgetown half marathon this year from Georgetown to Idaho Springs with her son Ryan.

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Dear Raymond Wentz Foundation,

I hope your cancer will get better, and also I hope all the little girls and boys that have cancer will also get better. I am writing this letter and hopes that you will live a healthy life. I have an idia how to help with the foundation, and that idia is to sell lemonade to raise money for you. For those of you who are not doing so well, do not think bad thots, think wonderfull thots that your wife, husband, or child will live a long happy life with there mother, father, brother, or sister. We all have hope and care for those of you who are having truble.

Love,
David Schrier's doter Claire

photo of
Claire

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A Gift from Scott Hamilton



Photo by Don Gerda

This special gift, directed by Scott Hamilton, comes from The Pioneer Foundation, a limited term foundation set up from the estate of Helen McLoraine. Helen, who did not have any immediate family of her own, was Scott's ice skating sponsor and Scott was like a son to her. Scott serves on the board of the Pioneer Foundation.

Insert some from his website about his testicular cancer

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Jenny's Story ... *continued on front cover*

Even that is not the end of the tale. She and her son spoke about the Raymond Wentz Foundation at the race and wore RWF T-shirts to promote the agency. Jenny received a grant from RWF that helped pay her mortgage so that she and her children would not lose their home.

Jenny believes so strongly in what we are doing, that she's now selling our bracelets and water bottles at work to raise money for other cancer patients in need. She wants to give back to those who gave to her.

Anyone could say she has enough to worry about, but she hasn't let her compassion stop at her own front door. She is reaching out beyond herself to share that energy that has beaten her breast cancer twice and kept her laughing and enjoying every second of her children's lives. That's more than perseverance, more than chutzpah, more than courage. We're not even sure what to call what makes Jenny, Jenny, but whatever that gift of light is within her, she is a shining beacon in a world that can never seem to get enough of that beauty.

It is not Jenny that needs to thank us for the grant, but rather we here at the Raymond Wentz Foundation that owe Jenny our gratitude for her support, her incredibly inspiring spirit that keeps us going, and her sense of hope that the world really can be healed by one person. ♥

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volunteers working
. Website address---coming soon
upcoming events

Challenge

This newsletter reaches 4,000 community leaders and families in Colorado. If each recipient gives a gift of just \$50, we would ensure that 300 needy cancer patients and their families don't have to go hungry or lose their homes or have their heat and electricity turned off this winter.

YES! I want to ensure that needy cancer patients have basic life necessities like food and shelter.

I have enclosed my gift of:

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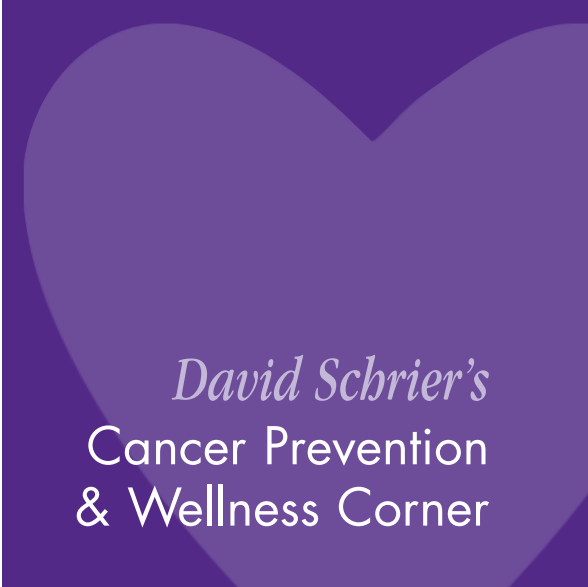
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Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

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David Schrier's
Cancer Prevention
& Wellness Corner

The American Heart Association has launched a new program called "Act in Time", designed to increase people's awareness of heart attack and stroke. As part of our own wellness focus we'd like to share these warning signs with all of you. Knowledge can be a very powerful thing when it comes to controlling your health and well-being.

Here are the signs that a heart attack is happening:

- ♥ Chest Discomfort: Pain that generally resides at the center of your chest and lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- ♥ Discomfort in other areas of the body: These can include discomfort or pain in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach,
- ♥ Shortness of Breath: This may occur with or without chest pain.
- ♥ Other signs: These may include breaking out into a cold sweat, nausea, lightheadedness.

Men and women's symptoms are largely the same, but women are often more likely to experience shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

Stroke Warning Signs:

- ♥ Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- ♥ Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- ♥ Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- ♥ Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- ♥ Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

In all of these cases, your best response is to dial 911 immediately. Don't delay! The faster response a person receives the more likely they are of having good outcomes. This holiday season consider your health one of your greatest assets!