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**Anchor Center
for Blind Children
teaches visually
impaired infants,
young children
and their families,
providing hope
and a nurturing
environment where
children reach their
highest potential.**

PRESENTING THE CLASS *of* 2014

Anchors Away! On June 12, 2014, seven of our preschoolers will throw their sailor hat up in the air as we celebrate their graduation. They are all brave, kind and sweet children who have taught us the meaning of patience, perseverance and joy; their future is bright. Congratulations, graduates and families.



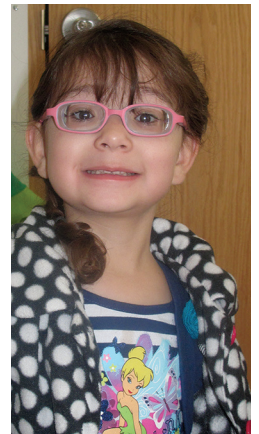
Claire

is a warm and tenacious girl who is always looking for ways to help her friends. She is an incredibly brave explorer and the first one to step up and try new things.



Damien

is a fireball of energy who also has a sweet and sensitive side. He is attentive to his friends and is always helpful and shows compassion towards others.



Miranda

has a sweet smile that draws you in. She loves to learn, is driven to succeed, and has made many new friends here at Anchor Center.

Maria

is confident and thoughtful. She loves reading and writing her name at school, acting out stories as they are read aloud, and finding humor in the little things. Maria's optimism, bravery, humor and enthusiasm make a lasting impact on everyone she meets!



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from the executive director



Anchor Center has had the privilege of sharing the last 32 years with our founding teacher, JC Greeley, who has been an important part of each of our milestones. Anchor Center started with just 10 children in the program and JC did it all, from leading preschool to seeing infants and toddlers for home visits.

We have evolved to serving 400 children a year throughout Colorado, and gone from a \$25,000 budget to over \$2 million. What started as two staff members has grown to over 25 professionals who are nationally recognized as leaders in the field of developmental education for visually impaired children. Daily we are humbled and grateful not only for what we have become, but even more for the commitment and energy of so many people that have gotten us here.

As we prepare ourselves to wish JC a happy retirement in June, we find ourselves reflecting on her many years of dedication as one of the extraordinary women who created Anchor Center in 1982. At the time, early intervention or developmental education programs did not exist for very young blind children in Colorado. Because of visionaries such as JC and our Delta Gamma founders, an immeasurable difference has been made in the lives of thousands of blind children and their families.

The Judith Greeley Fund recognizes JC's dedication, passion and legacy of outstanding contributions to Anchor Center for Blind Children for the past three decades. The honorary fund will be designated to our literacy program and staff development. Our goal is to raise \$32,000 — \$1,000 for each year JC has been here.

"Just thinking about the lifelong impact that JC has had on our family overwhelms me. Her dedication, kindness, knowledge and expertise enabled us to find the courage to embrace blindness right from the start. She showed us how to dream big. We will forever be grateful to JC."

— Amy Shepherd, former Anchor Center parent



JC with Sawyer, 2013

below:
JC with Chris, 1982

Your gift will ensure that programs for visually impaired children remain forever anchored to the community and future generations as well as honor JC's incredible legacy. Make a difference in the lives of children with blindness by giving a gift now; your belief in our mission is an investment in the future for all children with visual impairments.

As we head into the next 30 years, we acknowledge with heartfelt thanks everything JC, our incredible staff, children, families and supporters have given us. We, and the world, are better because we have known and shared this journey with you.

With Gratitude,

Alice Applebaum

P.S. The most commonly asked question we've had since JC announced her retirement is: *when's the party?* **We are pleased to invite you to tea at Anchor Center on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.** Please call Savannah to RSVP at 303-377-9732 ext. 145, or at savannah@anchorcenter.org.



"I entered the field to TEACH blind children how to learn," says Greeley. "Instead for 30-plus years the children have taught me how much there is to LEARN about echoes, the smell of pickles, worms in dirt through a magnifier, fans, bumps, clocks ticking, what to do about heavy, the wind...and the sound of quiet. It is our eternal job — and joy — as teachers and parents to give our children the tools they need to share what 'seeing life differently' is all about."

— JC Greeley, Anchor Center founding teacher

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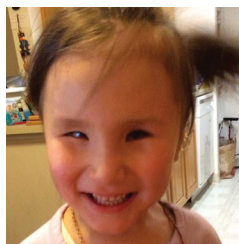
Thalia

is such a determined, interested, and loving little girl. Thalia has come far in her journey at Anchor Center. She uses her white cane to explore the hallways of Anchor, loves singing along to all of our preschool songs, and now uses the Braille to sign in for school every day.



Vianca

is a feisty and determined "fashionista" that spreads joy and humor wherever she goes. What will she become? A teacher? A lawyer? Who can say, but there's no stopping this incredible young lady.



Sundka

loves making her friends and teachers laugh, reading stories with her hands, and using the Braille to write about her family and her schedule for the day. Sundka has truly blossomed this year and is using new words and phrases at school every day, she is ready for kindergarten!



Happy sails!

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Upcoming Events

June 10

Annual Meeting, Anchor Center Community Room, 7 p.m.

A celebration of 2013-2014 school year and presentation of the Virginia Deal Williams Volunteer of the Year Award

June 12

Anchor Center Preschool Graduation, 10 a.m.

JC Greeley's Farewell Tea Party, 3 p.m.



June 19

ForeSight Golf Classic, Sanctuary Golf Course, Shotgun Start, 11:30 a.m.

Many thanks to our title sponsor, Energy Corporation of America, and our presenting sponsor, RE/MAX LLC, for generously hosting the 18th Annual ForeSight Golf Classic. Don't miss your chance to play at this exclusive, world-class course. To register a team or individual player, contact Savannah Wippel at 303-377-9732 ext. 145.



July 25

Sunset in the County 2014

Anchor Center is honored and thrilled to announce that our premier summer fundraiser, Sunset in the Country, will be held at the beautiful home of Jim and Pam Crowe.

For more information on table hosting and sponsorship opportunities, contact Savannah Wippel at 303-377-9732 ext. 145 or visit our events page at anchorcenter.org.

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Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Annual Report to the Community

Our 2012-2013 Annual Report is posted online at anchorcenter.org under the "Who We Are" link. We are deeply grateful for our 2012-2013 supporters who share our vision and are recognized in the Annual Report. All of our activities and accomplishments are made possible by the generosity of friends like you!

Thank you for choosing to make a lasting impact on the children and families we serve.



Be one of the first to take in the grandeur of the new Denver Union Station and benefit Anchor Center at the same time. This is your exclusive opportunity, as this is the only time Denver Union Station will be entirely available for a private event. The Great Hall Gala on July 11, 2014 at Union Station will include cocktails, local chef-inspired food and premiere entertainment. **For more details and to purchase tickets, go to anchorcenterevents.com.**

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