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## A TRIBUTE TO RICK PEARN

In August of last year, Shiloh House was forced to say goodbye to a dear friend much too soon. Rick Pearn was involved with Shiloh House for 27 years and served on our Advisory Board for much of that time. Rick learned of Shiloh through the DTC Optimist Club and at the prompting of a fellow optimist, delivered two Christmas baskets to Shiloh in December of 1983. A few months later, Rick heard Steven Ramirez, CEO of Shiloh, speak at a DTC Optimist meeting, and he and his wife, Sherry, have been involved ever since. They have attended over 25 Shiloh Christmas parties and logged countless volunteer hours over the years. Rick's passion for kids and his belief in the work of Shiloh House was contagious. He was the driving force

behind the DTC Optimist Club's involvement with the boys at Shiloh's Sheridan program which continues to schedule a monthly activity with the boys, giving of themselves and fulfilling their motto to be, "friends of youth."

Shiloh would like to express our deepest sympathy to Sherry and her family. We are grateful for Rick's faithfulness and dedication to bring hope and healing to the lives of so many boys. He will always be remembered at Shiloh by his warm smile and enthusiastic commitment to the work we do.

*Rick Pearn was Broker/Owner of Town and Country Insurance and was a member of the Optimist Club, Chamber of Commerce, NFIB Leadership Council and many other community focused organizations.*

"I believe in what Shiloh does." - Rick Pearn

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## RESTORING LIVES IN THE YEAR AHEAD

*Shiloh House has been rebuilding the lives of youth impacted by abuse, neglect and trauma for the last 25 years. As we look forward to the days ahead, Shiloh seeks to restore the lives of 1,000 youth and their families in the next three years.*

Over 11,000 cases of child abuse and neglect will be confirmed in the state of Colorado this year, most of which will occur in the Denver metro area. The need is urgent and Shiloh is committed to meeting this need. In the year ahead we will continue to offer programs in residential and non-residential care, education, and day treatment, while expanding our community outreach

services. In order to achieve our vision of reaching 1,000 youth and their families, we will focus on those who are currently falling through the cracks. We will do so by expanding and increasing our alternative treatment and education programs. Shiloh's priority will remain meeting the needs of our youth through quality care, individualized treatment plans, and an in-home environment that fosters healing, restoration, and hope.

Without the support of our community partners, we would not be able to do the work we do every day. We are grateful for your commitment and service to the lives of traumatized youth in Colorado. We look forward to partnering together in the days ahead as we continue to transform youth and their families.

Gratefully,  
Steven Ramirez  
Co-founder and CEO

Shiloh House exists to offer a nurturing, therapeutic and educational environment to those lives impacted by abuse, neglect and trauma. Through guidance, clinical intervention and advocacy, Shiloh House strives to meet the needs of the individual, while respecting the diversity of youth and families.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT CHRISTMAS

As this past holiday season has drawn to a close, it is worth recalling the generous donations of time, money and in-kind donations from our community members. Our success would not be possible without you!

### “A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM” at LITTLETON VINEYARD CHURCH

Littleton Vineyard Church invited Shiloh kids to a private viewing of “A Night in Bethlehem.” What an amazing journey the kids took, going back in time to relive the first Christmas as the drama unfolded! They arrived in Bethlehem for the census, walked through the bustling marketplace, met shepherds and innkeepers and even Mary and Joseph. Our youth made crafts, nibbled on treats and watched gifted artisans like glass blowers, woodworkers and potters. It was a night they will not soon forget. Ian

Prichard, Pastor of Littleton Vineyard Church recalls, “We were excited to see the boys participating and enjoying themselves as they attended our event. We look forward to hosting them again in the future.”

Shiloh is thankful for the support and partnership that Little Vineyard Church provides not only during the holidays, but throughout the year.

For more information about Littleton Vineyard Church, please go to [www.littletonvineyard.org](http://www.littletonvineyard.org).

**30 Community Partners  
+ 300 Volunteer Hours  
= 100 Happy Shiloh Kids**

a sample of food from that region. As one of our staff members said, “Holidays Around the World is a great, culturally diverse event that allows our kids the opportunity to interact, present, and share in the celebration of the holiday season with our supporters and community members.” It was a delightful time of learning and fellowship for all involved.

For the first time, Shiloh hosted a silent auction which raised \$2,500 to benefit Shiloh House Programs. We would like to thank all of our community partners for their generous donations as well as our friends and supporters at Church for All Nations for hosting the event.

For more information about Church for All Nations, please go to [www.churchforallnations.com](http://www.churchforallnations.com).



### HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD 2010

Our sixth annual Holidays Around the World event was hosted at Church for All Nations, and was a huge success. The event was open to the public and over 60 people attended in addition to our youth and staff. Each Shiloh House program showcased a country and its traditional holiday celebration. Youth prepared information about a featured country, its native people and

### ELF ON ASSIGNMENT

Over 30 community agencies and countless volunteers made Christmas possible for our kids at Shiloh House this past year. Local churches, police departments and community organizations donated hundreds of gifts and volunteers logged over 300 hours in two days as they wrapped the gifts - making this one of the best Christmases ever at Shiloh House! Because of the generosity of our community partners and you, each child received five to six gifts...many from their their “wish list,” but more than that, they received hope and happiness this holiday season.

**Just Some of our COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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### GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to support Shiloh House’s mission.

Together, we can improve lives of youth who have been impacted by neglect and abuse.

#### VOLUNTEER

- Office help/clerical
- One-on-one mentoring and tutoring
- Facility repair and improvement
- Community outings
- Event planning
- Shiloh Club facilitation - martial arts, cooking, crocheting, arts and crafts

#### DONATE

- ONLINE
- In-kind donations wish list:
  - Backpacks
  - Boy’s and girl’s clothing (ages 5-17)
  - Infant/Toddler clothes
  - Bed linens
  - Books (age appropriate)
  - Computer equipment
  - Furniture
  - Board Games
  - Cribs, swings, strollers
  - School Supplies
  - Toiletries

For information on volunteering or donating your time, services, goods and/or resources, please visit our website, [www.shilohhouse.org](http://www.shilohhouse.org).

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### PAWS-ITIVE CONNECTIONS | Building Bonds

Animal therapy is an excellent way for children who are victims of abuse, neglect an trauma to establish bonds of trust, compassion and empathy. Pawsitive Connections is a unique animal-assisted training program designed to help our youth build social skills, self-esteem and responsibility while assisting in training dogs for the disabled. The dogs are rescued from local animal shelters and like many of Shiloh’s youth, they have experienced backgrounds of abuse and abandonment.

Connections between our youth and the dogs are quickly established as both experience a nurturing, therapeutic environment, often for the first time. As Kelsey Hopson of Pawsitive Connection states, “It is so rewarding to see the Shiloh kids with the dogs, and your group is definitely something special.

They really seem to connect with the dogs and enjoy the opportunity.” Children involved in Pawsitive Connections work with their dogs, trained therapists or teachers, and a certified dog trainer for 10-12 weeks.

*Pawsitive Connections is a collaboration between Freedom Service Dogs ([www.freedom servicedogs.org](http://www.freedom servicedogs.org)) and CBR YouthConnect.*



### BESSIE’S HOPE | Bringing Generations Together



Shiloh House was recently invited to partner with Bessie’s Hope, a local non-profit who seeks to enhance the quality of life for elders in assisted living and nursing homes. One way they do this is through the Youth and Elder Program which brings generations together by pairing youth from Shiloh House with “grandpartners” to engage in reading activities, crafts and singing. Our youth gain respect for elders, academic skills,

self-esteem, and life skills while the elders receive companionship, intellectual stimulation and a sense of importance.

It is a win-win for all involved and is often difficult to tell who is enjoying the visit the most. “I like going to Bessie’s Hope because I see the joy in the people’s faces when I talk to them,” says one of our youth. “Yesterday while I was there, one lady said, ‘Nobody has come to see me in a long time, I’m nobody special.’ When she said that, I said, ‘You are special to me.’ She started to cry and said, ‘Thank you very much.’ I am glad that maybe I can make a difference in her life.”

*If you would like more information regarding the needed and meaningful work of Bessie’s Hope, please call 303.623.1176 or visit [www.bessieshope.org](http://www.bessieshope.org).*