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Colorado: Tungland's
newest region

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Only those
who dare to
fail greatly
can ever
achieve greatly.
Robert F. Kennedy

Supporting ALL people to be part of their community

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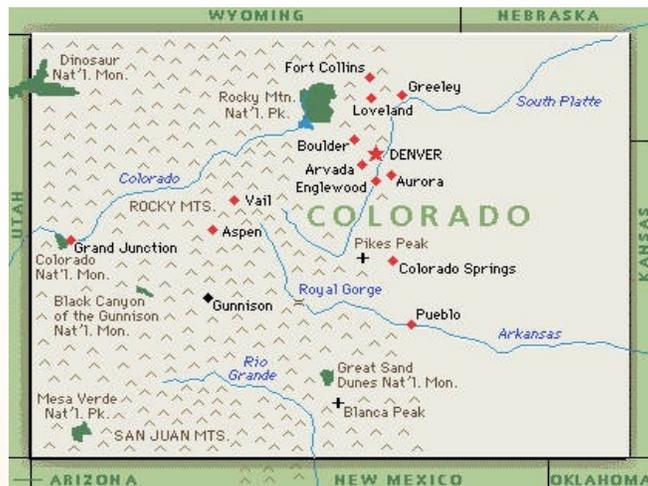


Tungland inaugurates services in the new Colorado Region

Colorado is the newest member of The Tungland Corporation's family of regional affiliates, announced Tungland's Chief Executive Officer and Founder Robert W. Tungland II and Chief Operating Officer Scotty Scott.

Colorado joins The Tungland Corporation serving clients in Nevada and New Mexico as well as in Northern, Central, and Southern Arizona.

Tungland officially opened its Colorado doors in the northern area of the Rocky Mountain State on May 1, 2013 after obtaining final approval from Colorado's Department of Human Services (CDHS), according to Tungland Colorado Director Suzie Polakova, who is managing the services and programs with a direct care staff of six employees. The Region's first client was enrolled on June 1. The Colorado Tungland office is in Fort Collins, the seat of Larimer County.



Tungland's services are currently offered in Larimer and Weld counties. As soon as approval is granted by local CDHS authorities services will also be offered in nearby Boulder County.

In Colorado services for persons with developmental disabilities are administered by the Office of Long Term Care of the Colorado Department of Human Services.

The primary beneficiaries of Tungland's Colorado services at this time are children with disabilities, with stress on various in-home supports. The programs being run are Child Extensive Services (CES) and Supported Living Services (SLS).

CDHS has also approved Tungland for programs encompassing mentorships, transportation, and personal care. Currently Tungland has also inaugurated both supported employment services and job development services.

The Colorado Region promises to continue the Tungland tradition of providing the very highest quality services to members of the communities where our agency is situated.

◀ *New Colorado client Maddy enjoying an outing with Tungland's staff.*





Above: the lake at Horse Tooth Reservoir in Northern Colorado provides great outdoor recreation space for clients and staff.

Right: Colorado Director Suzie Polakova shared an outing with new client Maddy at the lake.



Below, left: Maddy and staff Desiree enjoyed their day outdoors.

Below, right: Maddy loves horses, in the Colorado Western tradition.



Remembering a good friend: Gordon Wible 1951–2013

The Tunkland Corporation's staff and clients are mourning the loss of their beloved friend Gordon Wible, who died on June 7, 2013 at the age of 62.

A resident of the Carson group home in Phoenix for several years, Gordon entered the Tunkland family in 1997. Those lucky enough to know and work with Gordon recall an immensely gentle and caring soul who prized those same qualities in those around him.

"He found light in everything," said Residential Program Coordinator Altha Croom. "He was a very loving man. When he was present you couldn't feel anything but goodness."

Ms. Croom noted that outings to Mac-Donald's on Friday evenings were Gordon's favorite time of the week. He knew



Gordon with his Carson housemate and good friend Climmie and a familiar stuffed animal.



Gordon with one of his beloved stuffed animals.

the route by heart and would alert whoever was driving if the driver took a wrong turn.

Gordon prized his collection of stuffed animals and was always willing to show them off to everyone. He was rarely without a stuffed animal at home.

Another major fondness for Gordon was cars. Often when on the road Gordon would spot a car that he associated with someone close to him. Once Gordon spotted a truck he said was just like the one his brother Dale drove—twenty years earlier. His memory for cars was sharp and he knew everyone's car by heart, associating cars with names, places, and events.

Born in Indiana on January 29, 1951, Gordon loved his family and cherished his frequent contacts with his father Paul, a resident of Wisconsin, and his brother Dale of Indiana, both of whom frequently came to Arizona to visit with Gordon.

Funeral services were held in Arizona on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at the Green Acres Mortuary and Cemetery in Scottsdale.

The Tunland community extends to Gordon's brother Dale, his father Paul, and Gordon's surviving family and friends our heartfelt condolences on his passing.

Gordon touched those closest to him in very simple and profound ways. The residents and staff of the Carson group home, along with Gordon's family and many friends, share many memories of Gordon. All miss their good friend, brother, and son very much. As members of Gordon's extended family their lives will forever be affected by the love and kindness of this very special man.

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Gordon and Climmie were good friends throughout his years at Carson. Staff noted they always showed a great deal of care for each other's comfort and well-being at home.



Gordon developed a great friendship with housemate Amy, with whom Gordon often enjoyed quiet moments at home. To Gordon there was no point just hanging out if you had to wear slippers.

Okay, it's not a Harley-Davidson. But it sure is very cool!



Hank, who works at the Special Touch Auto Shop in Phoenix, is really proud of the new bike he bought recently. He rode it to work just to show his fellow-employees how great it looks—and how great he looks riding it. Hank especially likes the high-angle handlebars which remind him of the kind we see on motorcycles.

Hank enjoys getting out and around town and likes the benefit of the exercise the bicycle gives him.

Happy trails Hank!

In The News



The German-based multinational software firm SAP AG has announced that the company, which is located in 130 countries and has business customers in over 180 countries, wants to recruit people with autism spectrum disorders as software testers, programmers, and data quality assurance specialists.

SAP AG's leaders believe that the talents of people with autism go untapped and that their creative ways of thinking will foster leading-edge innovations in technology.

SAP is partnering with a Danish-based global firm called Specialisterne which places people with autism in businesses using high-technology.

Pilot projects in two countries have been very

Global software giant seeks people with autism for high-tech jobs



successful. In India six workers with autism hired as software testers helped increase productivity. The other pilot project is located in Ireland.

SAP AG plans to expand the program globally over the next few years. This year the company is starting to recruit people in Canada, Germany, and the United States.



Preventing foodborne illness starts when and where you shop!



*Here
are
7
tips
on
how
you
can
prevent
foodborne
illness!*

- 1. Check cleanliness in the store. If the grocer isn't following proper food handling practices, shop elsewhere.*
- 2. Separate meat, poultry, seafood from other food. Prevent contaminating these and other foods.*
- 3. Look at cans and jars. Never buy dented, cracked, or bulging cans or any jar with a loose lid or crack.*
- 4. Look at frozen food packaging. Avoid any frozen food that's damaged, crushed, torn, or covered with frost or ice crystals.*
- 5. Add frozen food and perishables to your cart last. Meat, poultry, fish, and eggs should always be last.*
- 6. Choose fresh eggs with care. Open the carton, look at the eggs : make sure they're not cracked or soiled.*
- 7. Follow the "2-hour rule"! Refrigerate A.S.A.P. Bacteria multiply in food between 40° and 140° so don't leave perishable food at room temperature longer than 2 hours.*

Hot weather caution: If you're going to be driving with your food longer than one hour in hot weather use an ice chest to keep perishable food cold. Don't put your groceries in the trunk of the car—keep them in your air-conditioned passenger compartment!

Source: FDA Consumer Health Information, U.S. Food and Drug Administration www.fda.gov/consumer

The Tunland Corporation is committed to the principle that all people are capable of growth and should become participants in their community. Tunland affirms that people with challenges can live in real homes in real neighborhoods and fulfill their own unique dreams in their own unique ways. Tunland's programs benefit children, adults, and older people; we teach community living skills, job skills, self-care skills, household skills. We work with health care professionals serving our clients to foster a healthier lifestyle. We promote community access by serving many of our clients in their own homes and neighborhoods.

Innovative thinking and committed professionalism drive a range of quality services to people in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico. To learn more about us visit our website at www.tunland.com.

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