



NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024

Dear Silver Key Community,

Happy Spring! I am thrilled to announce a significant addition to our leadership team at Silver Key Senior Services. Dr. Robin Johnson has joined us as our new Chief Health Operations Officer. With her extensive background in healthcare management and her passion for serving seniors, Dr. Johnson will play a pivotal role in further enhancing our wrap-around services. Her expertise will ensure that we continue to provide comprehensive and top-notch care to all our valued members.

In addition to welcoming Dr. Johnson, I want to take a moment to highlight the incredible impact our services have had on two of our cherished Silver Key members. Through our efforts, we have been able to provide increased financial support for housing, facilitate meaningful companionship through our program, and empower individuals with essential Digital Experience Hub classes. These success stories underscore the importance of our mission and the tangible difference we make in the

lives of seniors in our community. As we forge ahead, let us continue to prioritize compassion, innovation, and excellence in everything we do.

I do hope that you are planning to attend our Senior Sunrise fundraising breakfast on May 10 and the Silver Key Senior Summit on May 16 where you can learn more about the resources available to our seniors, their families, and their caregivers. Event details below. Who knows, I might have a spot at my breakfast table for you and your guest?

Thank you for your unwavering support as we embark on this exciting new chapter with Dr. Johnson and celebrate the achievements of our beloved members. Together, we will continue to uphold our commitment to serving seniors with dignity, respect, and unwavering dedication.

Sincerely,

Jason DeaBueno
President and CEO
Silver Key Senior Services

DR. ROBIN JOHNSON

Silver Key's New Chief Health Operations Officer



Robin Johnson, MD, MPH, FACEP. Dr. Johnson has 30 years of medical practice and health care advocacy in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado. She received her doctorate in medicine from the University of Colorado and completed an emergency medicine residency with Denver Affiliated Residency. She also holds a Certificate of Medical Ethics from Catholic Health Initiatives and a Master Public Health from The George Washington University. She practiced Emergency Medicine at University of Colorado Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs for 24 years.

Dr. Johnson served as Medical Director for one of the local safety net clinics, Mission Medical Center and then as Deputy Medical Director for the Colorado Springs Fire Department Community and Public Health Division. While with the fire department she co-led the development of programs aimed at systems change bringing the right care, at the right time and in the right place for many of the more vulnerable in the community. These programs have helped to define best practice in other communities across the nation as well.

helping our community to navigate several outbreaks, including the first 2 years of the COVID Pandemic. While with Public Health she was essential to collaboration cross-agency and cross-sector.

Her passion for emerging issues in health and advocacy has resulted in her becoming an "Upstreamist" and consultant, DBA Headwaters: Moving Upstream to Impact Health and Flourishing. Additionally, she taught as Director for Community Engagement, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Colorado Springs Branch for 2 years and continues to teach as an Associate Clinical Professor.

In her recent transition to Silver Key as Chief Health Operations Officer she will continue to use her skills within their leadership and services to assist in developing increasing integration of Silver Key and the fabric of health for the organization and members served.

Dr. Johnson has participated in various research and programmatic articles published in peer reviewed journals. She has and continues to serve on many local boards in the Pikes Peak Region and the state of Colorado.

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Dr. Johnson then served as a Community Engagement Officer with El Paso County Public Health, navigating community understanding of the emerging opioid epidemic, substance use and overdoses, and depression with suicidality.

She then moved to the role of Medical Director for El Paso County Public Health,



UPCOMING EVENTS

That you should totally attend!

Join us for a morning of gratitude and camaraderie as we celebrate John and Janet Suthers, and volunteers reaching significant service milestones.

Your persistent generosity empowers our seniors to age with dignity and independence. We need your help to spread the word about our services, so please join us and invite a friend or two!

May 10th, 2024
7am-9am

Marriott Hotel
5580 Tech Center Dr.

Register online at silverkey.org/senior-sunrise-breakfast



We are looking forward to our Senior Summit this May 2024! This event is more than an Expo - It's a summit experience with over 80+ vendors!

If you are a senior, have senior friends or family members, or serve the senior population --this is the Pikes Peak region's "don't miss event" of 2024! 100% of proceeds go to serve local older adults with a myriad of resources and services.

May 16th, 2024
9am-2pm

Great Wolf Lodge
9494 Federal Dr.

Register online at silverkey.org/senior-summit

MEET SOME OF OUR MEMBERS

Marty is a 73-year old Army Veteran. He uses a wheelchair for mobility but lives independently in his home. He reached out to Silver Key in December after hearing about our Companionship program.

Because he is a Veteran, he was eligible to receive funding support from our partners at Next Chapter. This funding covers any uncovered services he may need that Silver Key may offer. For Marty, this included Companionship, homedelivered meals, Calls of Reassurance, and transportation.

Beyond the initial offerings of Companionship, homedelivered meals, Calls of Reassurance, and transportation,

our attentive staff identified additional areas requiring support through Silver Key's Case Management services where he was assisted by Cam Smith.

An assessment revealed that Marty's monthly income of \$400 was insufficient. With the implementation of Case Management, a pivotal transformation occurred - Marty, now linked to social security benefits, witnessed a substantial increase in his monthly income, approximately \$1800, with an anticipated back pay of \$16,800 by the end of January 2024. Marty's narrative exemplifies the core mission of Silver Key, underscoring the efficacy of comprehensive care and its profound implication for individual well-being.

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Craig, a 73-year-old veteran, sought assistance from Silver Key to find affordable housing. Facing challenges due to limited income, he was at risk of homelessness but didn't require assisted living.

A community partner connected him with Silver Key, and through their partnership with Next Chapter, Craig was linked to a resource navigator who assisted him in applying for Tenant Based Rent Assistance (TBRA).

With this support, Craig secured affordable, independent housing, subsidized for up to two years. This stability allows him time to focus on self-improvement, participating in the Companionship program and taking computer classes. The success in Craig's case is attributed to Silver Key's wraparound care model, an empirically supported, family-driven approach that provides individualized care through a range of services and natural supports.



Craig
Recent graduate from the Digital Hub & winner of the tablet!