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Hello,

It's an exciting time for us as we gear up for a unique public event that explores the intersection of art and mental health. A lot of major public support is building around this event and we invite you to come to this one-of-a-kind opportunity. We also highlight some of our recent media coverage and how busy we've been this year.

Groundbreaking "Mirrors And Metaphors" Art Show Explores Mental Health Expressions

John Fielder, 9News, Others Backing Event

**Photo courtesy
John Fielder**

"Mirrors and Metaphors" is a multilayered art exhibit examining the intersection of mental health



and the arts
across the
lifespan.



The exhibit will feature three programs and three events representing a unique partnership between the Second Wind Fund, Carson J Spencer Foundation, and Access Gallery. The creation of art is often an expression of emotional states and can be an outlet for mental health struggles. The art show is intended to increase awareness and promote mental health advocacy.

Exhibit Dates: February 8 - March 7, 2008

Location: Access Gallery, 909 Santa Fe Drive
Denver, Colorado

First Event - February 8th - Opening Night Gala at Access Gallery, sponsored by 9News

- 6:30PM-8:30PM
- \$50 admission - proceeds benefit The Second Wind Fund, The Carson J Spencer Foundation and Access Gallery
- To purchase tickets go to www.mirrorsandmetaphors.com/
- Dress is business or cocktail attire
- Presentations by John Fielder and others
- Gourmet buffet sponsored by LifeStyles Catering
- Each attendee will receive an art poster by Tony Ortega (value at least \$25)

Second Event - February 15th - Meet the Artists Night at Access Gallery

- 6:30PM-8:30PM
- \$40 suggested donation - proceeds benefit Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado
- Contribute by going to www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp - event code SPCCart08
- Silent auction, coffee courtesy Village Roaster, and desserts

Third Event - February 16th - Community Art Show Reception at Dayton Memorial Library

- 4:30PM-6:00 PM
- Free and Open to the Public
- Light refreshments served
- Presentation of videos created by at-risk girls by Artist-in-Residence Emily vonSwearingen

For more information and to register, please visit [the official Mirrors and Metaphors website.](#)

Recent Media Highlights

Second Wind in Spotlight on 9News, Colorado Public Radio

For
9News'
video
pre-event
coverage



and interview with John Fielder, please click [9News Fielder video](#).

Also, Second Wind was recently featured on one of the premier community affairs shows in Colorado, "**Colorado Matters**" on Colorado Public Radio. Cherry Creek Schools' Dr. Linda Kanan and Jeff Lamontagne were interviewed by host Dan Meyers for this highly listened-to show.

Please click [here](#) to listen.

Students Referred to Second Wind This Year, By the Numbers

Explosive Growth in the Program Evident in Stunning Numerical Analysis

Number of kids referred in **the past calendar year** (February 1, 2007-January 31, 2008): **480**

Number of kids referred in **first four years of program combined**: **329**

Approximate number of kids referred on **average school day since September**: **3**

Approximate number of kids referred on **average school day three years ago**: **less than 1**

Approximate number of kids referred in **average school week since September**: **15**

Approximate number of kids referred in **average school week three years ago**: **3**

Approximate number of kids **utilizing our services at any given point in time now**: **100**

Approximate number of kids **utilizing our services at any given point in time three years ago**: **15**

Of course, numbers only tell a superficial part of the story. It shows how our program has transformed from an important alternative to a first-choice for services in many cases. It doesn't show the remarkable improvement that most of our kids show, or the fact that all are still alive.

Thank you to all of our supporters for helping us grow and serve so many!

The Second Wind Fund is a 501(c)(3) organized in the State of Colorado. Thank you for your interest in our work. If you have any questions or need information about our program or upcoming events, please see the contact information below.

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