

Hilltop News Briefs

2016 MISSION AWARD WINNER Susan Slack has worked for Hilltop for 19 years holding many positions. Currently she works for the Day Service Program for the Life Adjustment Program where she is the Event Coordinator. Susan is exceptional in her role. She coordinates all of the activities both on the Bacon Campus and in our community. She puts together all of the family events that are held once a month so families can spend time with their loved ones. She ensures the residents and participants are able to do the activities and are having fun while doing them. She puts together the monthly calendar of activities so that the residents know what activities are going to be held for the month. Susan spends a lot of time planning and preparing for the activities to make sure they go as planned. Susan is a dedicated employee and pushes the status quo to ensure the needs of our residents are being met. She goes above and beyond to make sure Day Services is meeting the resident's needs with fun activities. She is also an exceptional team member and always helps where needed.



2016 KEN KITZMAN VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER At 88 years old most people picture themselves at home relaxing, but not Don Riggle. After 40 years running his own oil rig business, Don decided to start giving back to his community by volunteering. Don brought his compassion for others to Supporting Our Seniors (S.O.S) four years ago and has become an important part of the team. In 2016, Don drove 3,164.5 miles and 304 hours - making up 20% of all S.O.S volunteer hours. While these numbers are impressive, it's Don's commitment and character that really shine. At a time when S.O.S wasn't able to find volunteers for an important ride, Don came from his vacation at Lake Powell all the way back to Grand Junction to take our rider to their appointment. This type of dedication is rare in a volunteer and our S.O.S staff appreciates how much he cares. From keeping a stepping stool in his car, to stopping by the new City Market for a rider to explore something new, Don is always trying to make the riders experience fun and memorable. Don says, "It makes me feel like I am doing something good. It is a one-on-one opportunity to really help someone."

HILLTOP'S LIFE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH CLAWS

Hilltop's Life Adjustment Program (LAP) has partnered with CLAWS to pilot a project providing foster homes to older, disabled, and hard to place cats. The LAP residents who have traumatic brain injuries get to experience the joy of loving and caring for a pet while receiving unconditional love in return. CLAWS hand selects the cats that best reflect the temperament and abilities of the residents. If a cat is not adopted, the cat will remain in the home with the resident. The program is already a great success. LAP resident James says, "I have never been able to give back to the community and this is a way to do so, and to also give a cat in need love. I know that if the cat I foster gets adopted I will cry, but I know that I cared and loved them and will then foster another one." Victoria adds, "I don't care if they have a disability, I will love them anyway. I have had cats my whole life and I just want to be able to care for one again"



For over 65 years, Western Colorado has turned to Hilltop for compassionate and comprehensive human services. We put people first and give them the tools and support they need. Our wide-ranging programs offer real world solutions designed to give people of all ages a chance at long lasting success.

For information on our programs, to become a volunteer, or to make a donation call (970) 242-4400 or visit www.htop.org



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2016 ANNUAL REPORT



By the Numbers

How do you measure “success” when your goal is making a difference in people’s lives? At Hilltop we celebrate each individual served, knowing we have touched a life and helped make a positive difference in our community.

Children, Youth & Family Services

MESA COUNTY

Alternative Treatment Unit.....	176
B4 Babies & Beyond	
Prenatal.....	374
Children, Families, Adults.....	2,768
Family Connections.....	819
Family First.....	455
Residential Youth Services.....	62

DELTA, MONTROSE & OURAY

Attendance Advocate.....	40
Child & Family Services.....	309
Hilltop Youth Services.....	204
Robert A. Brown Center.....	50
Prenatal Services.....	121

Children, Youth & Families Services Total.....

5,378

Adult Services

MESA COUNTY

Hilltop’s Health Access.....	2,236
Latimer House	
Crisis Line.....	1,333
Safehouse.....	242
Advocacy, counseling, referrals, groups, transitional housing.....	215

Life Adjustment Program	
Residential.....	95
Day Services.....	7
Mesa County Workforce Center	
GED.....	472
Professional Services.....	2,441
Employment First, Food Stamp, Employment & Training.....	13,693

DELTA, MONTROSE & OURAY

Tri-County Resources	
Crisis Line.....	1,125
Safehouse.....	60
Advocacy, counseling, referrals, groups, transitional housing.....	173
ReHire.....	43

Adult Services Total.....22,135

Hilltop’s New Resource Center

The opening of Hilltop’s new Resource Center combines a wide array of programs and services in one convenient location. Located at 1129 Colorado Avenue in Grand Junction, The Resource Center is home to Hilltop’s Latimer House and Domestic Violence Services, B4 Babies & Beyond, Health Access, Family First, and many other programs.

Designed as a one-stop-shop for individuals and families needing help facing life’s challenges. The Resource Center provides a comprehensive list of services including access to prenatal care, family support and education, car seat safety checks, health care enrollment assistance, domestic violence services, smoking cessation programs, and so much more.

For more information call (970) 244-0600 or visit 1129 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81504. Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Senior Life Options

MESA COUNTY

The Fountains.....	97
The Commons.....	157
The Cottages.....	78
Senior Daybreak.....	97
Home Care.....	203
Senior Life Options Total.....	632

SNAP SHOTS

\$18 million paid in wages to Hilltop’s 700 employees - making it one of the largest employers in Mesa County. Employees get the opportunity to put their talents and passion into a career that has the potential to change people’s lives.

39% of Hilltop’s revenue came from outside our local economy. This means approximately \$16.6 million was contributed to our local economy to benefit the thousands of clients served by Hilltop’s programs in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, and Ouray counties.

24,708 service hours contributed by Hilltop Volunteers last year. Hilltop’s volunteers are an important part of Hilltop’s mission, as they continue to lead through action to make a difference for people of all ages.

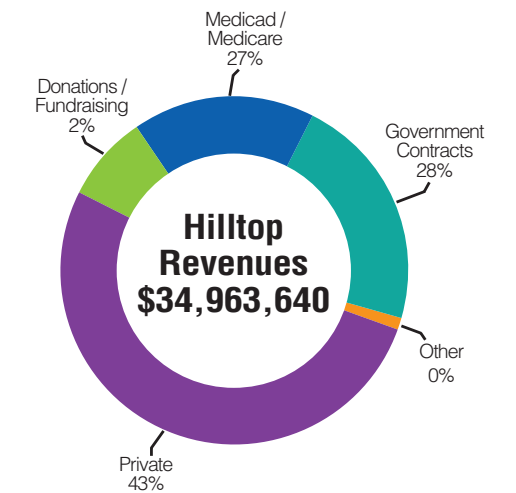
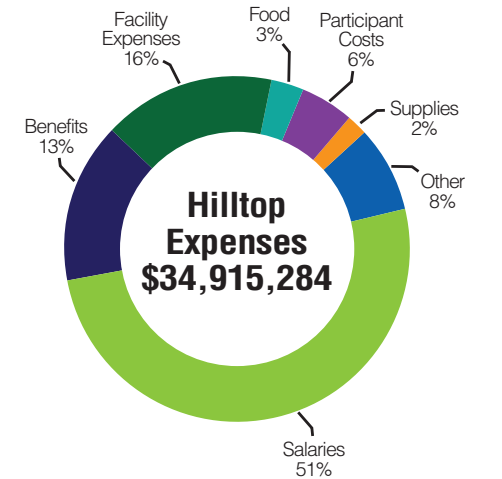
18% of all Mesa County’s births in 2015 were to B4 Babies & Beyond participants. B4 Babies continues to provide prenatal care services to women in an effort to reduce and even eliminate health disparities in Mesa County. B4 Babies’ low birth weight rate was 6.8%, compared to Mesa County’s rate of 9.0%.

336 Christmas Eve meals delivered to homebound seniors by over 130 Hilltop Volunteers and The Commons of Hilltop kitchen staff - A great way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

\$1,047,292 Hilltop spent on food for its various program clients including The Fountains and Commons of Hilltop, Life Adjustment Program, Senior Daybreak, and others.

Hilltop Financials

(Fiscal year ending 7/31/2016)



The RYS Expedition Fund

The Expedition Fund was created to allow participants in Hilltop’s Residential Youth Services (RYS) program the opportunity to experience the best of Colorado’s outdoors. For most of the youth, this is their first opportunity to hike, river raft, mountain bike, and camp. All activities are organized through Colorado Canyons Association, combining life-changing outdoor experiences with state approved curriculum.

The first trip was to the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the result was nothing short of a resounding success! For these students, a day on the river was an immeasurable reward for commitment to their schoolwork and self-improvement. One participant said, “The river trip was the best day I’ve had since being released from the Department of Youth Corrections.”

For more information or to make a donation to the RYS Expedition Fund call (970) 244-0422.

