



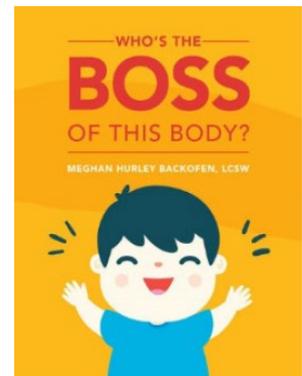
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Two Rivers Unrestricted Endowment Fund Recipient

10/14/2020, Glenwood Springs, Colorado – **River Bridge Regional Center** has been awarded a grant of \$1,500 by the Two Rivers Community Foundation and Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF) as one of several organizations receiving funds aimed at protecting and enhancing the environment across western Colorado. Barb Chamberlin, WCCF grants selection committee chair states, “These grants will help our nonprofit organizations ensure good stewardship of our lands and other natural resources, and work to get more of our youth involved”.

“As a child advocacy center serving Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield, and Rio Blanco counties, this grant will help our organization take steps into providing child abuse prevention resources by assisting with the purchase of the children’s book, “Who’s the Boss of this Body?” written by one of our mental health therapists, Meghan Backofen. This book will be distributed to our clients with young children as a way for parents to comfortably begin the conversation about body safety, distinguish between secrets and surprises, and understand that the child is the boss of their body. The book, in English or Spanish, will be provided to approximately 140 caregivers of Garfield County children who receive services at RBRC, as well as 22 referring therapists. We hope our clients will also pass this book on to friend and family as a way to help others and spread awareness of child abuse prevention.



“Our organization has grown dramatically during the last 13 years,” Mary Cloud said. “The grant from the Two Rivers Community Foundation and Western Colorado Community Foundation will give us additional resources to take steps towards creating a child abuse prevention program. We hope to someday work ourselves out of the job of responding to child abuse after it has happened.”

Founded in 2007, River Bridge Regional Center (RBRC) is a Child Advocacy Center, a child-friendly facility in which law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and family advocates work together to investigate abuse, help children heal, and hold offenders accountable. In addition to providing children and non-offending family members medical, mental health, and victim advocacy services, RBRC also manages the Mountain West SANE Alliance (MWSA). Their mission is providing child and adult assault victims trauma informed, compassionate, culturally sensitive, and comprehensive forensic medical evaluation and treatment by trained, professional nurse experts.

The Western Colorado Community Foundation serves seven counties in western Colorado, managing charitable funds for community good. Currently, the Community Foundation manages over 265 charitable funds totaling over \$80 million in assets and awards over \$3.4 million in grants and scholarships annually.

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