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Donna,

On Tuesday, October 17th, eighteen members of the Colorado Springs Downtown Lions Club along with 6SE District Governor Maria Herndon met at the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind (CSDB) for lunch. The purpose of the luncheon was to learn more about the school and to be able to receive a tour of the facility.

School Principal Jamie Lugo and School Community Liason Diane Taylor provided a detailed presentation regarding the founding of the school in 1874.

The School is a Preschool-12th grade residential facility with post high school education opportunities and it is located just east of downtown Colorado Springs, Colorado.

CSDB currently serves students and their families who are deaf, blind, or both. CSDB also provides outreach services to support students, families, and school districts throughout Colorado.

The campus houses three schools, one for students who are deaf, one for students who are blind, and one for post high school students.

Diane Taylor reviewed a new Friday program that focuses on independent living skills for the students.

Independent living skills are skills that an individual needs to perform activities of daily living, such as eating, cleaning, and money management. Since children who are visually impaired or blind cannot learn through visual observation, they need to pick up on these skills through hands-on practice and experiences. Teaching independent living skills to students with vision impairments may involve additional adaptations to the activities to make the activity accessible. However, teaching these activities is crucial in helping students to become increasingly confident and competent individuals.

Independent living skills encompass a number of daily living skill areas, including:

Meal skills: using utensils, cutting food, meal preparation, safe use of stove and other kitchen appliances, cooking skills

Money skills: coin and bill identification, making change, keeping a wallet, understanding costs of various items, budgeting, check writing, bill pay, using a credit card for purchases.

Cleaning skills: tidying/organizational skills, cleaning countertops and other surfaces, washing dishes, vacuuming/floor cleaning, bathroom cleaning, safe and proper use of cleaning supplies.

Taylor summarized by stating that CSDB will need additional funding to support these activities.

Clubs and Districts are encouraged to consider donations to the School.

You may obtain additional information by contacting

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