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### **Colorado Addiction Treatment Center Breaks Ground on Medical Building in Response to Colorado's Alarming Addiction Rates**

Harmony Foundation, Colorado's longest running addiction treatment center, located in Estes Park, broke ground on its new Health Center building on Friday, July 18, 2014.

The building is part of Harmony's \$10 million *Support & Renew Capital Campaign* designed to build greater capacity to address the growing and complex addiction rates in Colorado. The new building, the first of several structures to be built on the 45 acre mountain campus, will include expanded and enhanced medical detoxification services that are desperately needed in Colorado and Larimer County in particular. **The 10,500 square foot building will include 20 medically monitored detox beds.**

Harmony, founded in 1969, provides comprehensive residential treatment for drug and alcohol addiction. In recent years, Harmony and the addiction treatment community at large have seen significant increases in addiction to opiates, particularly OxyContin pill addiction, prescription pill addiction generally, and black market heroin addiction. Harmony is also concerned with the impact of Marijuana legalization in Colorado and the increasing and dangerously high rates of THC, the intoxicating cannabinoid, found in Marijuana.

Harmony Chief Executive Officer, Dot Dorman, said, "As a Colorado nonprofit organization, we are committed to providing the best possible state of the art care to as many people as we possibly can. Regrettably, addiction to drugs and alcohol is not getting better in our society, it is getting worse. We must meet this challenge head on with state of the art facilities and programs."

The building will be named for Howie Madigan, a beloved Colorado addiction professional who, over his 30 year career, has worked tirelessly to ensure that people suffering from addiction get the help they need. Harmony Board President, Tom McCarthy, said "No single individual has been responsible for directing as many people to treatment in Colorado as has Howie Madigan. We are honored and humbled to be allowed to dedicate this building in Howie's name. He represents the spirit of recovery and the dedication to service that we at Harmony pledge to honor by our work here."

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