



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Happy New Year! In an effort to keep our friends up to date and informed about *Jaywalker Lodge*, here is a quick summary on what's going on with our project in Carbondale, CO.

The Building...

...is a thing of beauty, if you're into massive construction projects. We are currently in the midst of transforming our 12,000 square foot mixed-use office/residential building into an 18-bed mountain lodge. All three floors are completely gutted right now, and every day a new space in our facility begins to take shape. A handsome entry way with a new stairway has emerged on the main floor. The plumbing and the roughed-in studs are in place upstairs giving shape to our bedrooms, bathrooms and an enormous, sunlit community lounge. In the basement, the ultimate recovery "rec" room is in the works, providing nearly 3500 square feet for a fitness center, game room and our residential manager's apartment.

The Clinical Program...

... is in the capable hands of [Don Gargaro](#), Clinical Director at Jaywalker Lodge. Don has been grinding away to assemble our client charts; our treatment curricula; our admissions criteria; and our policies and procedures manual. At the same time, Don is working closely with the State of Colorado's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department (ADAD) to meet our residential treatment licensing requirements. Jaywalker's clinical program, admissions requirements and cost and fees are outlined on our website, which is at www.jaywalkerlodge.com.

The Staff...

... currently consists of Don; [Mike Goerne](#), our residential manager; and [Yours Truly](#). As we inch closer to our target opening date – April 4, 2005 – we have already begun recruiting and hiring for key clinical and support positions. We soon hope to announce the appointment a highly-regarded, addiction-savvy physician from the Roaring Fork Valley who will serve Jaywalker's consulting Medical Director. In addition, Don has begun the hiring process for both a consulting psychologist, as well as a full-time certified addictions counselor. Both positions are going to be filled within the next 90 days.

The Community...

... here in the Roaring Fork Valley is buzzing with support in anticipation of our new program. We are indeed blessed to live in a beautiful mountain village (See why National Geographic selected Carbondale, CO as a [Top 10 Adventure Town](#).) What's more, the Roaring Fork Valley is home to more than 70 Twelve Step meetings per week between Glenwood Springs and Aspen. Both the recovery community and the community at large have thrown their support behind Jaywalker Lodge, and we are grateful for the good will and tireless energy of our local volunteers.

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