

"Embrace the Journey"

To my Colorado ESA Sisters,

As we continue on our journey together this year, we will look to the future and we will also remember where we have been. We will remember the women who introduced us to ESA and how that has changed our lives. We will remember all the projects for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the hours we spent to raise funds so that no child is turned away and no family is charged for treatment, housing or food.

The things we do for Easterseals camp makes such a difference in the lives of so many children who suffer with disabilities. From the mountain of towels to the gathering of craft items, these items help make wonderful memories for the children that spend time in the mountains. From the climbing wall to the zip line, the camp has provided these children with a type of freedom of spirit.

We have been inspired by the women who have gone before us and laid the foundation of our wonderful organization. With their many years of unselfish service for others they are a compass showing us the way. People come and go from our lives, but these women have left a lasting message of love and commitment in our hearts.

As we begin a new season I encourage you to embrace what inspires you and share it with others. Share ESA with someone who doesn't know about all the wonderful things we do. Bring them along on our journey and let them begin to feel the connection we have for each other.

With all the educationals, fund raisers, and philanthropic projects we support, please remember to take care of yourself and your sisters.

I am so grateful for all the sisters who have guided me along the way and made my journey in ESA something I will never forget. I thank you again for allowing me the wonderful opportunity to serve the State of Colorado.

Love to all,

Kathy Garrison

Flower: Columbine

Colors: Blue and Violet

Emblem: Compass with Spirit Bear, a symbol of freedom and understanding