

Behind the Vail



VAIL COMMUNITIES
CULTIVATING HOPE FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Welcome!

Vail Communities is excited to introduce the first edition of our monthly newsletter, "Behind the Vail." This newsletter will give you a sneak peek at all things Vail Communities, including news and updates, upcoming events, and ways to get connected or involved with our mission.

Although it's already July, it has been a busy summer at Vail! We've enjoyed celebrations, events, and getting out in the community to raise awareness. In this newsletter, you'll learn about what we've been up to these past few months, exciting things to look forward to, and the cool places our team and Clubhouse Members have gone! We hope you'll enjoy these updates and stories as much as we do.



Thank You for your support!

May 1st was Clubhouse Giving Day! Because of your help, Vail Communities raised over \$20,000 to support our Clubhouses. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generosity and support. We were the fourth highest fundraiser out of 43 Clubhouses nationwide.

 **St. Pete Beach, FL**



In May, Clubhouse staff & Members from all three of our Clubhouses traveled to Florida for the 2025 Clubhouse International World Seminar! They had the opportunity to represent Vail Communities, engage with and learn from the broader Clubhouse community!

Clubhouse International World Seminar

Movers & Shakers

Our Targeted Case Management team is growing – we just hired a bunch of new case managers and promoted 8 of our current team members! This team supports clients with setting and achieving goals and navigating complex systems to get the resources they need.

Staff Spotlight

In June, Vail Communities staff came together for an All-Staff Meeting to celebrate and thank Karina Forrest Perkins, President & Executive Officer, for her leadership before departing for new adventures on July 11th. Karina accepted the position of President & CEO of Volunteers of America - Minnesota & Wisconsin.

Over her tenure, Karina led Vail Communities through hardships, evolution, and growth. As Vail's fearless leader, Karina was a tireless advocate for this community and its mission to support those living with mental illness. She truly embodied the values of Vail Communities and will be dearly missed!

As the firm conducts a nationwide search for its next CEO, Cheryl Collins will step in as the Interim President & Executive Director, beginning July 10th. Cheryl has served on Vail's Board of Directors since 2021 and possesses a wealth of knowledge and insight to lead Vail during this time.

Goodbyes are always bittersweet, but we know that Karina will not be a stranger! We are thankful for her steadfast leadership and advocacy. We are also grateful to Cheryl for stepping in and leading us during this time of transition. We can't wait to see the impact Karina makes in her new role at Volunteers of America!



We're Hiring!

Interested in joining our team? We're hiring for a Community Health Case Manager! Check out the full description at: www.vailcommunities.org/careers



Listen Now!



Check out Vail's recent episodes of the Dr. Vail Hour podcast, where we interview staff members about their roles at Vail, its services and programs, and the mental health field as a whole.

Housing Update

**2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

June 30–July 2, 2025 — Washington, D.C. — #NAEH2025

Vail's Rapid Rehousing team is traveling to Washington D.C. in July to attend the 2025 National Conference on Ending Homelessness. The national conference brings together service providers, system leaders, advocates, and people with lived experience of homelessness to learn from each other, discuss best practices, and share new innovations in the field. In addition to regular workshops, the multi-day conference will offer a variety of session formats to provide attendees exciting new ways to learn, engage, and foster connections. Learn more about Vail's Housing division at www.vailcommunities.org/housing

Uptown Clubhouse Officially Reopens!

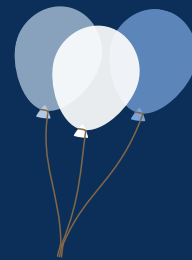
Uptown Clubhouse celebrated July 4th in style! A grand celebration will occur on July 31st from 2pm 5pm! There will be food, music, fun, and more! We hope to see you there.

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Thank you for reading and continuing to support our mission! If you're interested in making a donation, please visit:
www.vailcommunities.org



RamCo Clubhouse Celebrates 1 Year!



In June, RamCo Clubhouse celebrated one year of serving St. Paul's community. It's been a year of growth, friendship, and laughter. Vail is so excited to see where this next year will take them!

A huge shoutout to the wonderful staff, interns, and Clubhouse Members that make RamCo so special. Its community is what makes Vail Communities such a supportive and hopeful place.

