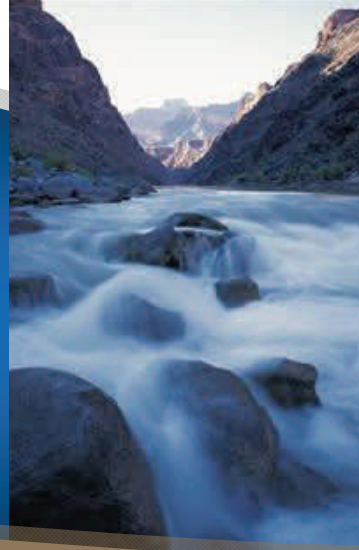


# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INSIDER

March/April  
2013



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## Partnerships in Action

### Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives

Last month, a family in the Denver area learned the hard way that not having an operational carbon monoxide alarm in the house can at best cause illness, and at worst, be deadly. This particular family was lucky.

It was daytime so they were awake when the gas began to affect them. If it had been nighttime, it could've been a much more serious and even lethal situation. Their story illustrates the high importance of having carbon monoxide and smoke alarms working in every home—24/7.

In order to help ensure that Loveland residents—especially low-income, disabled and seniors—have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their homes, the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (LFRA), in collaboration with the Lauren Project, will be using monies from a FEMA grant to distribute smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the community to at-risk residents.

High school students volunteering with the program will be going door-to-door in designated Loveland neighborhoods to distribute safety information and obtain requests from residents to have safety equipment delivered and installed at no charge.

Student volunteers will go door-to-door between 9am and 1pm on the following dates:

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### INSIDE The Community Partnership Office

The **Community Partnership Office** is Staff Liaison to the **Human Services and Affordable Housing Commissions**. There are currently two open position on the AHC. Go to [www.cityofloveland.com](http://www.cityofloveland.com) or [click here to apply](#).

The next **Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits** meeting is March 13th at the Loveland Public Library, 8:30am for coffee and networking, and 9:00-10:30 for a presentation on using the American Community Survey. The LANP is co-sponsored by the United Way of Larimer County and the City of Loveland.



April's **Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits** meeting is on the 10th in the City Council Chambers at 8:30am for coffee and networking, and 9:00-10:00 for a presentation TBA.



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## Disabled Resource Services 31st Annual Wine Fest

March 22, 2013 - 6 - 10:00pm

Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W Prospect Road

One of Colorado's largest wine tasting events, Wine Fest includes over 500 wines from around the world and now includes locally brewed premium craft beer. Wines and beers are complemented by a vast assortment of food items from local restaurants.

Reserve wine tasting will be offered again this year, with reserve beer tasting added for the first time. Also new this year is a live auction, including Peyton Manning and John Elway memorabilia and blackjack tables. An extensive silent auction will once again offer a large assortment of things for sale. For more information or to buy tickets, visit [www.winefestfc.org](http://www.winefestfc.org) or call Marj at 970.482.2700.



## The TASTE

With flavorful food, complementing beverages and a passion for helping the hungry, Fort Collins' top chefs, restaurants, wineries, and breweries gather for "THE TASTE", a major fundraising event for Food Bank for Larimer County. In addition to fabulous food and drink, the event features an exciting silent auction with local products, services and artwork, as well as live jazz entertainment.

When: April 18, 2013, 5-9pm

Where: Hilton Fort Collins

Cost: \$100 VIP; \$65 General Admission

**Tuesday, March 26, 2013**

**NORTHERN COLORADO NONPROFIT RESOURCE CENTER**

**Location:** Farr Library, 1939 61st Avenue Greeley

**Speaker:** Bryan Dennis, Dennis Consulting

**Topic: Using Numbers to Tell Your Story: The Relationship Between Financials, Mission & Programs**

**Description:** In this presentation, Bryan Dennis will discuss how financial information can become an integral part of your organization— internally by providing information to make informed decisions and focus efforts, and externally to communicate the story of your organization to funders, supporters and the community at large.

**Registration:** Please go to [www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp](http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp) and enter event code: **MNW0326**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

**Location:** Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins

**Speaker:** Mark Holdt, Mountain Sage Consulting

**Topic: Real World Techniques for Developing the Ultimate Board**

**Description:** This workshop teaches CEO's Executive Directors that there are five essential elements that contribute to high-performing boards: setting the right stage for governance, demonstrating the right leadership, establishing the right governance structure, providing the right information, and having the right focus.

**Registration:** Please go to [www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp](http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp) and enter event code **MNW0423**

## Larimer County Workforce Center Youth Services Young Entrepreneur Tournament

Interested in being your own boss and making some cash over the summer and beyond?

The **“Young Entrepreneur Tournament”** (ages 13-18) might be right for you! This 5-part workshop will walk you through the process of starting your own business. Learn how to come up with the winning idea, create a successful business plan, and effectively market yourself to earn money!

The 2013 tournament will start on Saturday, April 13, 2013 and will end Saturday, May 11, 2013. Sessions will begin at 9am and end at 2pm and will take place at the Ft. Collins Workforce center at 200 West Oak St. Lunch will be provided. Applications for the Larimer County Workforce Center’s “Young Entrepreneur Tournament” will be accepted beginning Monday, November 26th at 8:00am and applications will close on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Please apply online at [www.larimerworkforce.org/YET](http://www.larimerworkforce.org/YET)

Once your business plan is finished, you’ll have an opportunity to present that plan to local business professionals in our community for feedback and cash prizes. The top three (3) winners will be invited to participate in the University of Northern Colorado’s Monfort College of Business **E-Challenge** in March, 2014 for additional cash prizes. The Larimer County Workforce Center’s “Young Entrepreneur Tournament” is sponsored by the University of Northern Colorado’s Monfort College of Business. Cash prizes are supported through the generosity of donors supported through the United Way of Larimer County.

For more information please contact Andrew Minor at 970.667.4261 ext. 237 or [aminor@larimer.org](mailto:aminor@larimer.org)

### Loveland Employers’ Roundtables

Employers’ Roundtables are presented free of charge by the Larimer County Workforce Center and the Larimer County Enterprise Zone. Employers’ Roundtables are sponsored by the Coloradoan Media Group and the Northern Colorado Business Report. Loveland Employers’ Roundtables are also sponsored by the City Of Loveland.

To reserve a seat for Employers’ Roundtables, register online at: [www.larimerworkforce.org](http://www.larimerworkforce.org) under the **“Business” tab**, or call Lori Zuccolin at 498.6606.

#### March 7 - 8-9:30am **Top Ten Ways to Attract and Retain Talent**

*Alan Sherwood, Sherwood Consulting, Inc.* Loveland Police Services 810 East 10th Street

#### April 12 - 8-9:30am **Demystifying Social Media for Your Business**

*Viveka von Rosen, Linked Into Business* Loveland Police Services 810 East 10th Street

#### May 10 - 8-9:30am **Summertime Marketing**

*Adrienne Zoble Associates, Inc.* Loveland Police Services 810 East 10th Street



### Center for Adult Learning in Loveland



Looking to finish your GED? There is no better time than now. Come register and get started today before the test changes. That’s right: there is a new test coming in 2014. **2013 is your lucky year to get a new start to your future!**

Come on into the Center for Adult Learning in Loveland and let us help. We are located in the House of Neighborly at 565 N. Cleveland. 970.663.7111.



## Physical Activity & Aging

It is well known that physical activity is crucial to good health and fitness. For older adults, physical activity provides outstanding benefits, such as maintaining a healthy weight, reducing belly fat, increasing bone density, improving cognitive function and improving sleep quality. But remaining physically active as you age can also help guard against certain chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and some cancers. People who are most fit at midlife experience better health and reduce their risk of developing chronic diseases after the age of 65.

Now as spring nears the outdoors beckon with new physical fitness opportunities. Walking, golfing, gardening, yard games, and range-of-motion chair exercises done in an outdoor setting have outstanding positive effects on physical and mental well-being. You are more likely to remain physically active if you make activity fun. Consider walking your dog, taking a dance class, or joining an exercise class at your local senior center. If you enjoy the activity, you are more apt to continue with it. Consider activities that build muscles and maintain strength. It is important to just keep moving. Take the stairs, park your car further away when shopping to get in some extra walking ... all forms of activity contribute to your overall flexibility, fitness, and health. Whatever you do, begin slowly and increase your program gradually.

For most people, moderate physical activity is not a health hazard. However talk to your physician before beginning if you have existing heart trouble, chest pain, diabetes, high blood pressure, you often feel dizzy or faint, or if you have arthritis or other bone or joint problems that might become worse by improper exercise. Make certain that you speak to your health provider any time you have questions about the safety of exercise for you. RVNA physical therapists provide home health clients with excellent techniques and exercises when rehabilitating from an injury or illness. If you believe you may benefit from RVNA services, speak to your physician or call us at 970.330.5655.

- Sat., Feb. 23 (students from Mountain View High school) **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives—Continued from front page**
- Sat., Mar. 2 (students from Thompson Valley High School)
- Sat., Mar. 9 (students from Loveland High school)

The distribution and installation of equipment will be done by trained fire department personnel. If extra safety equipment remains after all requested smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have been installed, the LFRA will offer free installation of the remaining equipment to additional households with low-income, elderly and/or disabled occupants. For more information call 962.2497.

And for more general information on home safety and the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms go to [www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Public%20Education/COSafety.pdf](http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Public%20Education/COSafety.pdf) and [www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Research/SmokeAlarmsSafetyTips.pdf](http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Research/SmokeAlarmsSafetyTips.pdf).

## Annual McKee Community Health Award to be presented at *McKee Thanks* Event

Formerly known as the *Thank You Loveland Luncheon*, *McKee Thanks* will continue in the same tradition of recognizing and thanking the Loveland community for its support of McKee Medical Center. *McKee Thanks* will take place Thursday, March 14 at the McKee Conference and Wellness Center with the time to be determined.

Reservations for this event can be made by calling 970.203.2519 or emailing [dawn.paepke@bannerhealth.com](mailto:dawn.paepke@bannerhealth.com).

## Loveland Habitat for Humanity and A Brush With Kindness - Home Preservation Program

A Brush with Kindness is a program that helps preserve homeownership by partnering with homeowners trying to restore and maintain a safe and decent place to live. When basic expenses exceed income month after month, home maintenance is the usual casualty. Years of deferred maintenance can cause a downward spiral of home deterioration and unsafe living conditions. We will do exterior maintenance/repairs. A sample list of the types of work we provide is:

**Exterior repairs**

**Exterior scraping, painting, caulking**

**Yard cleanup**

**Landscape work**



Once a homeowner's eligibility is determined and their application is accepted, Loveland Habitat's A Brush with Kindness program provides caring volunteer groups who come alongside and assist homeowners in completing minor repairs, painting, and other home maintenance.

### **Homeowner eligibility:**

Must complete A Brush with Kindness Application.

Family income must earn less than 75% of the Loveland Area Median Income (AMI).

Homes must be owner-occupied and must be located within Loveland.

Scope of work must match program resources.

Homeowners will need to work "preview" tasks to show their willingness to partner. These tasks will be in accordance with the person's abilities and must be worked prior to scheduling a work date.

All able-bodied homeowners and residents of the home are required to work alongside volunteers.

Homeowners who are not able-bodied are expected to be present and interact with the volunteers.

Homeowners must be able to share in portion of the cost of repairs based on ability.

***A Brush with Kindness is about connecting people and restoring homes through simple acts of kindness so that homeowners can once again live in a safe and decent home. For more information, please call Susan at Loveland Habitat for Humanity, 970.669.9769.***

**Look Both Ways** is hosting a free, all day empowerment conference for girls ages 16-18 entitled *Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself – Moving Forward* on March 9, 2013 at the Loveland Museum/Gallery. We will be discussing sexuality and sexual identity; talking with a nurse practitioner about well-woman's visits and contraceptive options; exploring nutrition and exercise; and finally, working on time management and goal setting with the participants as they move into young adulthood. The day will end with a yoga session. Each participant will take home a goodie bag full of great items (yoga mat, lunch cooler, water bottle, gift cards, etc.) and one lucky participant will get to take home a new laptop! Did I mention that this is all FREE!?

To learn more/register visit: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6lzmd8hab&oeidk=a07e6v7kgs7ec972d58>





## LITTLE PLATES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

### Unique Fundraising Event Supports School-Readiness Program

Bidding on small plates hand-painted by toddlers and preschoolers is only part of the fun, and education, at Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center's signature fundraising event. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Little Plates for Little People" social will take place Friday, April 26, 2013, 7-10pm, at Northside Aztlan Community Center in Fort Collins.

Guests will enjoy international fare from Fort Collins restaurants, local microbrews and wines served in commemorative glasses, and an extensive silent auction with something for everyone.

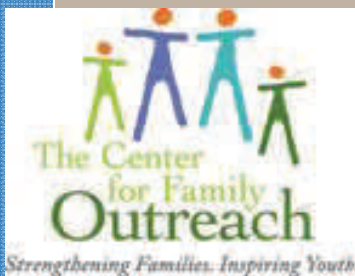
And let's not forget the program, which educates about the important role Teaching Tree plays in preparing our youngest and most vulnerable community members to enter school with the skills to succeed.

The children's artwork serves as a reminder of what "Little Plates" is all about. All proceeds from the event will support Teaching Tree's school-readiness program for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Teaching Tree's affordable program is targeted to low- and middle-income families who otherwise could not afford the cost of a quality early childcare program.

Childcare is especially important to this population. Research has shown that by the age of 3, children from lower income families have been exposed to 30 million fewer words than children from higher income families. Since language proficiency is a key indicator of school success, children who start school behind their peers are increasingly less likely to ever catch up.

Teaching Tree helps bridge the achievement gap by giving children from all walks of life the same opportunities for school success as their peers from higher-income families.

Tickets to "Little Plates for Little People" are \$40 per person. Admission includes all food, beverages and entertainment, a commemorative glass, the program and the opportunity to bid on hundreds of silent auction items. Bring your family, co-workers, and friends to this lively and memorable evening! To reserve your seat, call Tara Streeb at 970.493.2628 or go to [www.teaching-tree.org](http://www.teaching-tree.org) and click on the event registration form.



### New Program at The Center: Navigating the Adolescent Years

Whether you are a parent, educator, counselor, clergy member, law enforcement officer, or just a concerned friend, chances are you may know a youth or family experiencing one or more of the following signs of adolescent distress: impulsive behavior, social isolation, declining school attendance and academic performance, defiance toward authority, experimentation with substances, or challenges with mental health issues such as depression or anxiety.

Adolescence can be trying for all families, but help is available through The Center for Family Outreach.

The Center is pleased to announce our new open-referral program, *Navigating the Adolescent Years (NTAY)*. NTAY is a voluntary program for families seeking extra support during these turbulent teenage times. Using a two-pronged approach, the NTAY program provides an array of services for both parents and youth that promote and facilitate *open and honest communication, critical thinking skills, healthy relationships, and positive outlets for expression*. Call today to meet with one of our case managers and discuss your family's needs 970.622.9465.

## TAX RETURNS PREPARED FREE AT 6 NORTHERN COLORADO LOCATIONS

**MANY NORTHERN COLORADO RESIDENTS QUALIFY SO CALL 2-1-1 TO FIND OUT IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE**

IRS-Certified VITA/TCE Volunteer Preparers help you claim the credits you've earned. Some credits include the Education Credit, Earned Income Credit and the Child Tax Credit, among others. We are trained and certified to provide free tax preparation services to low and middle income taxpayers in our community.

**You may be eligible to receive free tax assistance if you:**

- are age 59 or under, with income up to \$57,000
- are 60 years or older, with routine tax return
- are home bound or have special needs



**CASA of Larimer County** invites you and your friends to attend the *Light of Hope Breakfast* on **Wednesday April 10, 2013**. This free, informational breakfast will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins. Registration begins at 7am with the program starting at 7:30am and ending promptly at 8:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the positive impact CASA services provide for children in our community who have been abused and neglected.

***CASA Mission: We provide a voice in court for abused and neglected children and a safe place in the community for conflict-free family interactions.***

For questions or to RSVP for the breakfast, please call DeAnn Zamora at 970.488.1634 or email [DeAnn@CASALarimer.com](mailto:DeAnn@CASALarimer.com)



## Volunteer Manager of the Year Award

**Deadline: March 29, 2013**

Each year, DOVIA, Directors of Volunteers in Agencies, of Larimer County awards an outstanding Volunteer Program Manager with the Volunteer Program Manager of the Year award. This award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the profession of Volunteer Program Management and celebrates the impact this individual has on our community's health and well-being. The recipient will be recognized at the DOVIA Social on Thursday, April 11, 2013 and will also receive \$200 for professional development (or much needed self-indulgence).

Contact Jami McMannes 970.407.7055 for more information or visit <http://uwaylc.org/nonprofit-resources/directors-of-volunteers-in-agencies-dovia/> to download the application.

**United Way  
of Larimer County**



## United Way of Larimer County has many upcoming events in March and April!

Please view all their events at <http://uwaylc.org/> and some are listed on page 8 of this newsletter.

# Community Events

## March

**Mar 1** ~ [Beyond the Mirror - National Eating Disorders Awareness Week](#) - Yoga at the Fort Collins Club, 1307 E. Prospect Road Fort Collins 10:45-Noon FREE

**Mar 2** ~ Beyond the Mirror - National Eating Disorders Awareness Week - Celebrate YOU Workshop at Juiced On Imagination Studio, 115 N College Avenue Fort Collins, 6-8pm.

**Mar 7** ~ CDBG and HSG proposals due by 4pm

**Mar 7** ~ [Employers' Roundtable](#) - Top Ten Ways to Attract and Retain Talent - 8-9:30am, Police Services, 810 E. 10th

**Mar 9** ~ Look Both Ways - Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself - Moving Forward, Loveland Public Library

**Mar 13** ~ Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits meeting - 8:30-10:30am, Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams

**Mar 14** ~ [McKee Thanks event](#) - McKee Conference and Wellness Center, time to be determined - call 970.203.2519

**Mar 22** ~ [Disabled Resource Services 31st Annual Wine Fest](#) - Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W. Prospect, 6-10pm

**Mar 26** ~ [Northern Colorado Nonprofit Resource Center](#) - Using Numbers to Tell Your Story

## April

**Apr 10** ~ CASA of Larimer County - [Light of Hope Breakfast](#), 7am at the Marriott Hotel, Fort Collins

**Apr 10** ~ Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits meeting - 8:30-10am, City Council Chambers, 500 E. Third Street

**Apr 11** ~ United Way of Larimer County - [DOVIA Social](#)

**Apr 12** ~ [Employers' Roundtable](#) - Demystifying Social Media for Your Business - 8-9:30am, Police Services, 810 E. 10th

**Apr 13** ~ Young Entrepreneur Tournament - 5 Part Workshop, Saturdays 9am-2pm, Apply online at [www.larimerworkforce.org/YET](http://www.larimerworkforce.org/YET)

**Apr 18** ~ Food Bank for Larimer County - [The Taste](#) - 5-9pm, Hilton Fort Collins

**Apr 20** ~ CSUnity, [Applications](#) due 3/29

**Apr 22-28** ~ United Way of Larimer County, 12th Annual Global Youth Service Day - [mini grant application](#) due 3/29

**Apr 26** ~ Teaching Tree - [Little Plates for Little People](#), 7-10pm, Northside Aztlan Community Center

To find out more information regarding these events and view other upcoming events, go to [www.cityofloveland.org/communitypartnershipoffice](http://www.cityofloveland.org/communitypartnershipoffice) and click More...on the Events display. You can sort by Community Events and Community Partnership.

The City of Loveland is committed to providing an equal opportunity for citizens and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender. The City will make reasonable accommodations for citizens in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator at [bettie.greenberg@cityofloveland.org](mailto:bettie.greenberg@cityofloveland.org) or 970-962-3319

