

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INSIDER

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Partnerships in Action

STORIES FROM THE TERRACE

A Youth Engagement Project sponsored by CanDo Loveland's Neighborhood Empowerment Team (NET), in partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Loveland

In August of 2012, the Neighborhood Empowerment Team (NET) completed a four-week youth engagement project at Maple Terrace called, "Stories from the Terrace". In partnership with the Maple Terrace Resident Manager, Cheri Milliman, the goal was to engage tweens and teens and then expose them to new opportunities and experiences in Loveland and their neighborhood. The project incorporated a combination of healthy eating and active living strategies with basic citizens' academy skills. Weekly adventures included a public bus trip to the Civic Center, where they met City Manager Bill Cahill and toured the newly expanded Library. Another component was a shopping trip to a nearby grocery store where they learned how to read labels, compare prices and

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INSIDE The Community Partnership Office

The **Community Partnership Office** is the staff liaison to the **Human Services and Affordable Housing Commissions**. There are currently open positions on the AHC and the HSC. Go to www.cityofloveland.com or [click here to apply](#).

The next **Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits** meeting is May 8th in the City Council Chambers at 8:30am for coffee and networking, and 9:00-10:00 for a presentation on **Effective Collaboration**. This will also be a year-end party since we won't have LANP in the months of June, July and August! In addition to coffee, we will have light snacks. The LANP is co-sponsored by the United Way of Larimer County and the City of Loveland.



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RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

Moving Past Poverty and Homelessness



Education and Life Training Center, Homeless Gear, and Volunteers of America, three local nonprofits, are combining forces to educate and recruit volunteers that are interested in working with the issues of poverty and homelessness and the effects on families in our community. Although Northern Colorado is one of the most desirable places to live, the issues of poverty and homelessness continue to challenge our communities.



Homeless Gear's Hand Up program and Education and Life Training Center's Circles Initiative, incorporate the importance of social capital and relationships in addressing the issue of poverty and homelessness.

On May 14th, from noon to 1:00pm at the Matthews House Community Life Center, 220 North Grant Ave., these nonprofits will jointly host "Relationships Matter," an event that explores the complexity of these issues with opportunities to learn about how you can get involved.

Lunch is provided; if you are interested in attending this event please RSVP to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/RelationshipsMatter

About these nonprofits: Education and Life Training Center provides affordable education and employment skills training to adults in Northern Colorado who seek to improve their lives and the lives of their families. Homeless Gear provides homeless men, women and children with the supplies that they need to survive on the streets and the support and companionship that they need to navigate the path from homelessness to self-sufficiency. The RSVP Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by Volunteers of America, connects volunteers age 55 and over service opportunities that match their skills while solving critical community needs, such as those addressed by Education and Life Training Center and Homeless Gear.

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Safe Homes for Seniors

As the desire for seniors to age in place increases, it is important to learn and understand the ways that can help them stay safe and healthy at home. It may seem fundamental, especially if they have been living in their own home for many years. However, there are certain concerns that should be discussed and considered in order to maintain a safe home environment.

- For an older person, even a minor fall can cause serious injury. Keeping throw rugs out of the daily path is a must. Throw rugs can be slippery as well as have a lip or frayed edge that could cause a fall. Falls are the number one cause of injury in the senior population. If a fall should occur the injuries could include broken bones, head injury or even death. They may look attractive in the home but throw rugs are a fall hazard.
- Electrical wires connected to electronics in the home are another source of concern. Keep these cords bound together and tucked away so that they do not create a fall risk. Arrange the furniture so that the person has a clear, unobstructed path from one place to another and remove furniture that is not being used.

A preventative measure that could definitely have a positive effect on an aging loved one is the personal emergency response system. Personal emergency response systems provide an easy way for an older person to call for help in an emergency. When the system is activated, the signal goes to a monitoring center where a specific set of actions is set in motion. For questions about setting up a personal emergency response system call RVNA at 970.330.5655.

At the end of the day seniors want to remain independent for as long as possible. Keeping these precautions in mind will significantly increase safety in the home environment and ensure a happy, healthy individual.



Hot Dogs "on the House"

House of Neighborly Service - 52th Anniversary
Help celebrate over 50 years of service to our community

Thursday, June 20th 11:30 – 1:00

In parking lot behind HNS – 565 N. Cleveland Ave

FREE "Hot Dogs" with all the trimmings!

Everyone is invited!



SNAP-Ed Cooking Classes at HNS

The House of Neighborly Service is excited to host two upcoming SNAP-Ed cooking classes. The classes offer hands-on nutrition education through a series of lessons. Some of the topics include healthy eating and cooking for less, saving money at the grocery store, being active, planning meals, and MUCH more! Best of all, the classes are FREE to ANYONE who meets the income guidelines for programs such as SNAP (formerly food stamps), WIC, or Head Start. Each group meets once a week for 8 weeks from 10-11:30 a.m. at the House of Neighborly Service. **The first class will be in SPANISH, and begins 5/9/13. The second class will be in ENGLISH, and begins 5/21/13.** If you or someone you know are interested in participating, please call 970.667.4939 ext. 13 for more information or to register. Space is limited, and classes fill quickly!



- Event:** Cultivate Hope Garden Party Benefit for The Matthews House
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013
Time: 6:00PM – 8:30PM
Tickets: Free, but please RSVP to TheMatthewsHouse.org or to Vanessa at 970.472.4293
Location: Fort Collins Marriott

This garden party focuses on life and the new growth that can happen when young people and families are given the resources and support they need to grow and blossom. This event has two portions, starting off with an outdoor garden party with appetizers, drinks, silent auction of garden-related items and live music by Shaley Scott, followed by a sit down dinner and presentation that focuses on the successes of individual youth and families involved in The Matthews House program.

There is no ticket cost, but guests will be asked to consider making a donation to The Matthews House Program. We had over 400 guests in 2012 and raised over \$40,000 for youth and families in our community. Please plan to join us this year!



Center of Adult Learning in Loveland is on the home stretch of another great year. Graduation/Recognition is just around the corner and we are so excited to celebrate our students' achievements. Come celebrate with us!

**Center for Adult Learning in Loveland
Graduation/Recognition Night**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Bill Reed Middle School



New Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival Benefits Food Bank

The Front Range Rally is a new festival coordinated by Grimm Brothers Brewhouse to celebrate Northern Colorado's rich culture of craft brewing and the growing cadre of quality mobile food vendors. Nearly 30 craft breweries and 15 food vendors will gather for an afternoon of food, beer and music from Dr. Doctor. Event proceeds will benefit the Food Bank for Larimer County. Learn more at www.frontrangerally.org.



When: Saturday, May 18; 3-7pm

Where: Loveland Food Share Parking Lot; 2600 N. Lincoln Avenue

Cost: \$33 includes festival entry and unlimited beer sampling; \$40 combo ticket adds \$10 in food tokens; \$10 designated driver ticket includes festival entry and complimentary soft drinks. Additional food tokens will be for sale at the festival. Purchase tickets online at <http://frontrangerally.brownpapertickets.com>.



Beyond the Mirror Counseling is looking for professionals that are interested in working with clients that suffer from an eating disorder. If you are a health care provider including but not limited to: psychiatrists, physicians, nurse practitioners, registered dietitians... we'd like to invite you to be part of our referral network. Beyond the Mirror will

be hosting quarterly professionals workshops to help educate our community on a variety of topics related to working with clients that have an eating disorder. If you are interested in attending &/or presenting at one of these events please contact, Jen Amaral-Kunze beyondthemirrorcounseling@yahoo.com



Stories from the Terrace—Continued from front page

select ripe fruits and vegetables. They also participated in a Cooking Matters quick course on knife safety and healthy snack preparation.

Six youth participated in the project and were given digital cameras. Throughout the project, the youth were encouraged to use their new camera to capture images of places and spaces in their neighborhood and throughout the community. The images include places that they liked and disliked, as well as positive attributes and negative attributes. The images were combined with captions from the participants that describe why the picture is important and what it means.

Overall Project Goals:

1. Empower youth at Maple Terrace to observe their built environment and raise their expectations for life and the role they play in it.
2. Give them the knowledge and understanding that they can affect their neighborhood.
3. Introduce civic engagement and advocacy skills including an understanding of the municipal framework.
4. Inform them about healthy, active behaviors and encourage them throughout this project to make healthy choices more often.

After giving six public presentations, the youth developed a list of priority projects and delivered it to both the City of Loveland Public Works department and the Housing Authority. Their advocacy efforts have been successful, as a section of cracked sidewalk along Monroe Avenue was repaired last month. To see the presentation, go to: <http://prezi.com/oyo-jnvav--b/copy-of-stories-from-the-terrace/>

Loveland Plant a Row for the Hungry

Calling all gardeners!!! Please share your bounty with those in need! The 9th annual Loveland Plant a Row for the Hungry Program (sponsored by Loveland Youth Gardeners) has a goal to raise 18,000 lb. of fresh vegetables and fruit for low-income residents in Loveland, served by House of Neighborly Service and the Food bank of Larimer County.



For more information, please contact: joanna@LovelandYouthGardeners.org or 970.669.7182.

Plant a Row for the Hungry is a national program started by the Garden Writers Association in 1995 to encourage gardeners to share their bounty with those in need. To date, Plant a Row chapters around the county have provided more than 18 million lbs. of produce to food banks, churches, soup kitchens and more. Loveland Youth Gardeners started a chapter in 2005 which to date has provided 86,000+ to low-income residents in our community.

Loveland Youth Gardeners Presents: Green Adventures Summer Camps

Where students learn about nurturing the environment, their community and their bodies in a fun, hands-on 1-week camps.

Adventure #1 Grow a Rainbow

June 24-28;

8:30-11:30, Monday-Friday

Learn how to grow a garden! This week we dig in and explore all of the colorful veggies we can grow and even how to make them into yummy snacks! Participants will focus on projects and activities that teach them about gardening and good stewardship. Additionally, everyone will create a special container garden, so they can continue the fun of growing at home!

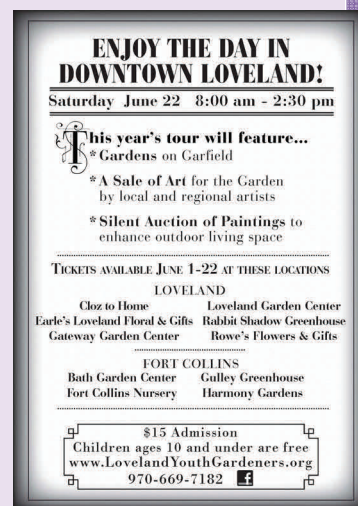
Space is limited. **Advanced registration required!**

For questions or more details, please visit our website or call 970.682.4002.

Cost: \$75 per week (includes snack). 10% off 2 or more adventures;

Scholarships available.

Register by June 20th at www.LovelandYouthGardeners.org



Safe Kids Larimer County provides car seats/booster seats and education on how to properly buckle up for Larimer County families in need. For the current schedule, please visit www.safekidslcc.org or call us at 970.495.7508. Se habla Español.





MOBILE MAMMOGRAM UNIT – ANNUAL MAMMOGRAM SCREENING

Friday May 17th	8:00am-3:00pm	House of Neighborly Services	Loveland
Wednesday June 19th	8:00am-3:00pm	Wal-Mart @ Denver Ave & Hwy 34	Loveland

WRC has partnered with the mobile mammogram unit from St. Joseph Hospital to offer free or reduced-cost annual screening mammograms. For eligibility info and appointments call 970.484.1902. www.womens-resource.org



LOVELAND “WALK WITH A DOC” TAKE A STEP TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

Saturday June 1st	8am	Loveland Sports Park-950 N. Boyd Lake Avenue	Loveland
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Bring your friends, family & pets to the FIRST Loveland FREE community walk! Walk with a Doc encourages healthy physical activity in people of all ages in order to improve the health and well-being of our community. Doctors make a brief presentation on a timely medical topic and then walk with participants to answer your questions right on the spot. A healthy snack and beverage is provided. Blood pressure screenings are available. For information contact: Jennifer Hahnke 970.407.7039 jhahnke@womens-resource.org www.womens-resource.org



Elderhaus offers therapeutic day programs for adults with special needs, age 18 and older that live in Larimer and Weld counties. Please call us at 970.221.0406 to learn more about the variety of programs that we offer.

We have monthly "dining out" fundraisers: May 15th from 4-10pm, Texas Roadhouse in Fort Collins will donate 20% of your purchase to Elderhaus, if you bring in a copy of the [flyer](#) and present it to your server.

June 15th, Elderhaus will host a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at our Mindset location in Fort Collins, please call 970.221.0406 for tickets and more information.



Loveland Honors

This year's Loveland Honors celebration, is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 15th 5:00p.m. to 7:00.p.m** at the Majestic Gathering Place in downtown Loveland. Over 40 volunteers will be recognized for the outstanding contribution they made to Loveland organizations and the Loveland community.



All volunteers that have been nominated for Loveland Honors will be automatically considered for a volunteer award through United Way of Larimer County's State of the Community event scheduled for June 6th, 2013, at Embassy Suites, Loveland.

Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP) Spring Symposium

The Generation of Giving

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Join nearly 100 nonprofit leaders for a full-day training event offered right here in Larimer County!

As nonprofit professionals, we're seeing a shift in the way donors are giving. This year's Symposium will explore the emerging trends in giving, including what populations are giving, why they are giving, and how they are giving.

Our featured keynote speaker, Michael Wagschal, Senior Vice President and Senior Philanthropic Specialist for the West Coast for U.S. Trust Philanthropic Solutions, will share findings from the 2012 Bank of America Study of High Net Worth Philanthropy, as well as enlighten us with how nonprofits can stay ahead of the curve to engage and retain donors.



Additional workshops throughout the day include:

- Community Funded – 21st century funding tools to engage, empower, and build your community presented by McCabe Callahan: Founder and CEO, Community Funded
- Planned Giving 101 presented by Anthony Cisneros: Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- Doers Today, Donors Tomorrow: Engaging the Next Generation in Your Mission presented by Alexis Boian: Founder & Executive Director, Young Philanthropists Foundation
- IRS Regulations Affecting Tax-Exempt Organizations presented by Joey Hoefler, CPA: Audit Manager, RLR, LLP Certified Public Accounts and Advisors
- Panel Discussion: The Generation of Giving facilitated by Erin Hall: Vice President, Third Sector Enterprises, Inc. with representation from United Way of Larimer County, Colorado Nonprofit Association, and Bank of America
- Stump the Coach Sessions

Cost to attend is \$55 and includes breakfast and lunch. Space is limited, so register today!

For more information, including a complete Schedule of Events, visit <http://uwaylc.org/events/technical-assistance-partnership-spring-symposium/>.

Contact: Jami McMannes (jmcmannes@uwaylc.org, 970.407.7055)

The TAP Spring Symposium is offered through United Way of Larimer County's Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP) program, providing easily accessible training, consulting services and nonprofit resources to area nonprofits. For more information about TAP, visit <http://uwaylc.org/nonprofit-resources/technical-assistance-partnership-tap/>.

Thank you to this year's sponsors: Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, Fort Collins Hilton, Bohemian Foundation, and RLR, LLP

Community Events

May

May 8 ~ Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits meeting - 8:30-10:00am, City Council Chambers, 500 E. Third Street.

May 9 ~ [Cultivate Hope Garden Party](#) - Fort Collins Marriott - 6pm-8:30pm

Mar 15 ~ Center for Adult Learning in Loveland - Graduation/Recognition at Bill Reed Middle School - 7:00pm

May 15 ~ Loveland Honors Celebration - Majestic Gathering Place - 5-7pm

May 17 ~ [Women's Resource Center](#) - Mobile Mammogram Unit - HNS - 8am-3pm

May 18 ~ [Front Range Rally](#) - benefiting Food Bank for Larimer County - Loveland Food Share Parking Lot, 2600 N Lincoln - 3-7pm

May 23 ~ [United Way](#) - TAP Spring Symposium (see page 7)

June

Jun 1 ~ Women's Resource Center - Walk With A Doc - Loveland Sports Park - 950 N Boyd Lake Ave - 8am

Jun 6 ~ [United Way of Larimer County's](#) State of the Community event - Embassy Suites, Loveland

Jun 15 ~ [Elderhaus](#) - Pancake Breakfast - Call 970.221.0406 for tickets and more information

Jun 19 ~ [Women's Resource Center](#) - Mobile Mammogram Unit - Wal-Mart @ Denver Ave & Hwy 34 - 8am-3pm

Jun 20 ~ [House of Neighborly Service](#) - Hot Dogs on the House - 11:30 - 1:00

To find out more information regarding these events and view other upcoming events, go to

www.cityofloveland.org/communitypartnershipoffice and

click **More...on the Events display**. You can sort by **Community Events** and **Community Partnership**.

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Save the date for CASA of Larimer County's inaugural **Wine, Women & Shoes** event! An evening which will benefit hundreds of precious children.

September 20, 2013 6pm-9pm at the Fort Collins Lincoln Center. We're taking things to new heights with wine, food, fashion and more fun than ever before! This unique celebration is a strolling wine, food tasting and boutique shopping experience with live and silent auctions, winery representatives, charming shoe guys and a fashion show that come together for a few hours of fundraising, camaraderie and shopping!

For more information, please visit www.CASALarimer.com.

