

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INSIDER

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## Partnerships in Action

**CanDo Loveland** is launching an online tool that allows individuals to create maps of issues and opportunities in Loveland. This project is called imap♥land and its main purpose is to solicit feedback from Loveland residents specifically on healthy eating and active living elements in Loveland. The maps created through imap♥land will be a creative means for citizen participation and engagement around the topic of public health. The information will be used to guide CanDo's neighborhood outreach efforts and will also be used to inform the City's Comprehensive Plan update process. Incorporating public health goals, objectives and policies into the comprehensive plan is innovative and important to the vitality of Loveland.

Go to CanDo's website ([www.candoonline.org](http://www.candoonline.org)) to access the link to imap♥land. Register to create an individual map of Loveland that identifies the things about our City that are important to you. The end result will be a map of Loveland from your perspective. This is a fun and easy way to get involved and help determine the future of Loveland. For questions or more information, contact CanDo's Health Planner at [katie.guthrie@uchealth.org](mailto:katie.guthrie@uchealth.org) or 667.2192.



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## INSIDE The Community Partnership Office



The Community Partnership Office has partnered with the Northern Colorado Nonprofit Resource Center to provide the sessions for the Northern Colorado Alliance of Non profits (NCAN), formerly known as the Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits.

The meetings will still take place on the second Wednesday of the month, beginning at 8:30am with coffee and networking and the session at 9:00am, and will continue to be located in the City Council Chambers at 500 E. 3rd Street. The next session will be held on March 12th.

Click on this link for more services provided to Loveland residents: [CityofLoveland.org/InsiderNewsletter](http://CityofLoveland.org/InsiderNewsletter). Check back often, as this web page will be updated monthly.

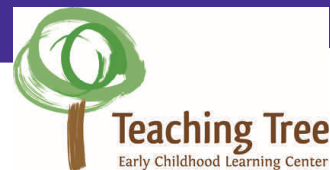


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## Partnership Benefits High School Students, Preschoolers, Low-Income Families



A unique collaboration with Rocky Mountain High School is helping Teaching Tree Early Childhood Center serve low-income families and improve outcomes for disadvantaged children.

Rocky Mountain High Students with significant transition needs can participate in the school's Supported Employment Alternative Cooperative Education Program. Through ACE they gain entrepreneurial skills and hands-on experience developing products for real-life customers. One of the enterprises is a laser etching business and Teaching Tree is a customer. In January, Teaching Tree met with ACE students and teachers and placed an order for 250 glasses etched with the Teaching Tree's logo. The students prepared a bid, ordered materials, created the design template, developed a production schedule, etched the glasses, and packaged the order for delivery. They also learned how Teaching Tree serves a community need by providing affordable, quality care for many disadvantaged infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in Larimer County. Ticket buyers to a Teaching Tree event in April will receive a complementary etched glass, and event proceeds will provide childcare scholarships for low-income families. Because the ACE students provided the glasses to Teaching Tree for much less than a commercial vendor could, Teaching Tree will have more event revenue to award in childcare scholarships. It's a win-win for all parties involved.

## Alternatives to Violence—Safehouse

Every day, someone in Larimer County is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or some other violent crime. At Alternatives to Violence we address the issues and aftermath of these crimes through 24-hour crisis intervention, therapy, advocacy, referrals to available resources and safety planning. Affordable housing in Loveland is difficult to find for most people, and more so for someone who left an abusive relationship with only the clothes on her back and few financial resources. Alternatives to Violence provides housing through our Transitional Living Center for families for up to 2 years. With comprehensive case management we provide life skills training, money management and emotional support to women and children, in addition to other support necessary to becoming self sufficient. Our therapists provide life altering therapy at no charge for as long as needed and volunteers advocate for them by helping them navigate through the legal process. We also provide additional support through group and individual counseling and subsidized rent in apartments in Loveland.



Our capital campaign for the renovation of a soon to be purchased property to be used as an emergency Safehouse has begun. The SafeHouse will provide female victims of violence a place to call home when escape is the only recourse. Empowering a victim of violence begins by supporting the decision to leave an abuser. The new SafeHouse in Loveland will provide that respite for up to 6 weeks for women and children who have been victimized. Advocating for their safety, providing the family with access to available resources, and the therapy needed to help repair the emotional damage inflicted by another is our goal.



**Life Choices and Image Clear Ultrasound (ICU)** have partnered together to serve the Loveland community. Life Choices provides pregnancy tests and ultrasounds in a confidential, compassionate and non-judgmental environment. When you face an unplanned pregnancy, we provide information about all of your options. One day each week, Image Clear Ultrasound will be in the

Loveland area performing limited ultrasounds to confirm an intra-uterine pregnancy.

Life Choices also offers education and classroom presentations that encourage middle and high school students to avoid the devastation of STIs/STDs, unwanted pregnancies and broken hearts, all of which can lead to years of painful recovery. In addition, we offer classes for those who struggle with regrets over past abortions.

We provide all services at no cost, so you do not need insurance. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call 1.855.942.8428 or 970.461.5050. To find out more information about Life Choices and the services we offer please visit [www.lifechoices.org](http://www.lifechoices.org).

## RVNA Home Healthcare

### Reaches Milestone ... marks 35 years of serving Northern Colorado

Founded in 1979 to fill a need for community-based home healthcare, RVNA has been working tirelessly to fulfill its mission to: Provide quality home health care and related services to the residents of northern Colorado with skill and compassion in a professional manner. To accomplish this, we focus on providing comprehensive care in an easy and friendly manner, bringing the healing home with Care, Commitment, and Compassion.

Home health services include:

- ◆ skilled nursing
- ◆ physical and occupational therapy
- ◆ speech-language therapy
- ◆ assistance with activities of daily living
- ◆ personal care, and
- ◆ non medical care/homemaking needs



There are hundreds of home health care agencies in communities across the nation – there are over 15 in northern Colorado alone. By outward appearances, there isn't much of a difference in terms of basic services that all home care agencies provide. However, at the heart of home health care, there is a tremendous difference when it comes to the not-for-profit mission of RVNA. As a not-for-profit organization, RVNA depends largely on two factors to help maintain services and achieve our mission: Medicare referrals, financial donations and grants. This is where your right to choose a home care provider is critical. Each time you insist on RVNA to provide your home care service, you help us care for other members of the community who lack the insurance or financial resources to pay for care. Without homecare, these individuals would lack access to the care and education that can prevent frequent trips to hospital emergency rooms.

RVNA provided approximately \$75,000 of free care to the Loveland area in 2013. While many are under the false impression that because we are a not for profit, all our services are provided by volunteers, this is not the case. RVNA is staffed by professional service providers. Our not for profit status means that all "profits" are put back into the agency operations to provide services to others.

As a respected, trusted community partner that provides expert care, RVNA is an organization you can feel good about, knowing that we are here for you and your neighbors. Share this knowledge with those you know. Ask for RVNA when you or someone you know needs home care services.

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The 14<sup>th</sup> Inter-Generation Prom was held on January 17 at Poudre High School in Fort Collins. This annual event is co-sponsored by Elderhaus and PHS students and is free to all community members. Glenn Shull's Little Big Band played live music all evening for approximately 300 guests from across Larimer County. Our friends Tomoko, Katelyn and others from Loveland were there, the Berthoud Living Center folks were seen socializing and dancing along with Aus-

tin and his friends from Oak Ridge. We appreciate the support of Senator John Kefalas who stopped by and visited with several attendees while they enjoyed appetizers and the music. Volunteers from Hair Dynamics, CSU Presidents Leadership Program, National Charity League, Youth Outreach, Poudre & Rocky Mountain High School students, Elderhaus staff and interns helped to make this event amazing for so many people – we love and thank all of YOU!

Save the Date: the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Prom is January 16, 2015!



## Don't Lose Your Refund! File Federal Income Taxes

The **(VITA) Program** will be running from February 3rd to April 15th this year. VITA offers free tax preparation services to lower-income families at 5 sites in Northern Colorado. IRS-certified tax preparers will help thousands of families determine their tax credit eligibility and claim these much needed and often missed refunds. The Piton Foundation estimates that 50,000 Coloradans miss out on as much as \$85 million in Earned Income Tax Credit refunds each year.

# Community Events

## March

**Mar 12** ~ Northern Colorado Alliance of Nonprofits meeting - 8:30-10am, City Council Chambers, 500 E. Third Street.

**Mar 15** ~ Sharin' O' The Green - benefitting Partners Mentoring Youth - 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run at Library Park in Fort Collins. More information can be found at

<http://partnersmentoringyouth.org/Events/SharinOTheGreen.aspx>.

**Mar 21** ~ Wine Fest, benefitting Disabled Resource Services. Tickets vary in price and there are some "package deals". For more information call (970) 482-2700 or visit our website at [www.winefestfc.com](http://www.winefestfc.com).

## April

**Apr 8** ~ [CASA of Larimer County's Light of Hope Breakfast](#)- 7:30am, Fort Collins Marriott- Come learn about CASA of Larimer County and the Harmony House Visitation program at this FREE informational breakfast.

**Apr 9** ~ Northern Colorado Alliance of Nonprofits meeting - 8:30-10am, City Council Chambers, 500 E. Third Street

**Apr 18** ~ Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center presents "Little Plates for Little People," an evening of beer, wine, small plates, and music, to raise funds for childcare scholarships. [www.teachingtree-fundraiser.org/](http://www.teachingtree-fundraiser.org/)

**Apr 25 - 27** ~ Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation's Spring Used Book Sale will be at the McKee 4-H Building at the Ranch and Larimer County Fairgrounds. Friday evening from 4 – 8 pm is the Members Only Pre-view and the general sale is Saturday 9 am – 4 pm and Sunday 11 am – 3 pm. For more information: 962-2712 or [www.friendsofthelovelandlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthelovelandlibrary.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

#### ADORED

A Day Of Relaxation,  
Entertainment & Delicacies

Want a day to relax? Lets unite us ladies for a day of relaxation that benefits Alternatives to Violence.

On Sunday May 4th, 2013 from 1-4 please come and join us at the Ellis Ranch for a Day of Massages, Hair Styling, Manicures, Eyebrow Waxing, Make-Up by Mary Kay, live music, Line Dancing, with Photos By Sugar Mill Productions. The cost is \$40 per person.

Loveland Youth Gardeners is now accepting applications for the 2014 Youth Gardening Program! This is an educational and vocational program that teaches organic gardening and job and life skills to teenagers (ages 13-18) identified as at-risk, and/or with special needs.

Please note that the **application deadline is May 1st, 2014**. For more information, and/or an application, please check out our [WEBSITE](#) or call 970-682-4002.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for information coming soon about our Green Adventures Camps for all youth ages 6-12, taking place this July!

[www.LovelandYouthGardeners.org](http://www.LovelandYouthGardeners.org)



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



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*For more information, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator at [bettie.greenberg@cityofloveland.org](mailto:bettie.greenberg@cityofloveland.org) or 970-962-3319.*