



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INSIDER

Nov/Dec 2010

## *Partnerships in Action*

### Exciting News at the Angel House

None of the following events could happen if the City of Loveland, United Way, Habitat, many other Foundations and individuals who donate money and the amazing churches who donate rooms and their volunteers who give thousands of hours it takes to make this small agency work.

The Angel House (Loveland Berthoud Interfaith Hospitality Network) has been very busy over the last year and it does not look like it will slow down. Homelessness is one of the most devastating things that can happen to a family. Not only is there embarrassment, hurt pride and a feeling of being worthless there is also the effect it has on a family especially the children. But, having said that nearly all of the families that make their way to the front door of the Angel House do it with hope and a feeling of security that things will work out for them. We as staff are excited to let everyone know that there is hope.

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### Attend the Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits

The next two meetings will begin with coffee and networking at 8:30am, meetings begin at 9:00.

**November 10:** Panel Discussion—Successful Resource Development

Location: City Council Chambers, 500 E 3rd Street

**December 8:** Panel Discussion—Organizational Capacity Building

Location: The Bonnell Building, 129 E 4th Street

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<http://www.cityofloveland.org/humanservices>



Larimer or Weld counties of northern Colorado.

**Macdonald Family Charity** was founded to grant dreams to children and youth who are terminally or chronically ill, injured, in a foster care environment or from a family with a low income. We serve children and youth who are citizens of the U.S. and reside in

We recognize there are many children, due to physical limitations or financial struggles, who are never exposed to opportunities to help them see the hope and possibility that exists in the world and our community. By granting dreams to children and youth, Macdonald Family Charity provides them with opportunities they may not otherwise receive.

Our mission is to turn dreams into reality.

**For overall eligibility in one of the four Macdonald Family Charity Dream categories, a child must be between the ages of 2 and 18 years old when the application is received or the dream is granted, and they and their family must reside in northern Colorado (Larimer or Weld counties) and the cities within these counties.**

- Terminally or Chronically Ill Child
- Child Injured in an Accident
- Foster Child
- Child From a Family with a Low Income

*For more information visit:*  
[www.macdonaldfamilycharity.org](http://www.macdonaldfamilycharity.org)

### Exciting News at the Angel House (Continued from page 1)

For the past 10 years the Angel House IHN has been the only family shelter in Larimer County that has the families with them during the day unlike traditional shelter that have a check in and check out time. The time spent at the day center (Angel House) is used wisely with mentoring and assistance for all of the families that will lead to a life that may not have so much chaos and crisis. That is our mission and vision.

IHN had talked for some time about owning our own transitional homes and we have been able to build, purchase and set up three homes that are presently filled by three families for a period up to two years. We were able to do that with no debt allowing the rents to be 30% of the family's actual income. The good news to let everyone know is that we have purchased once again the home that was built by the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at Loveland High School, a Capital Campaign is presently underway to enable IHN to afford to purchase housing for the future.

The most exciting news is that the Angel House will be opening in Fort Collins at the beginning of 2011. No we will not be moving to Fort Collins we will be having a second rotation that will operate the same as it does in Loveland. How amazing that another 20+ families will be able to get the same help in Fort Collins to leave homelessness behind and let it become part of their history and not part of their future.

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 @ci.loveland.co.us

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 in the  
 Jan/Feb issue!

*AnnMarie Arbo, Executive Director of the Angel House IHN, [www.angelhouseihn.org](http://www.angelhouseihn.org)*

### GIVING MADE EASY

Teaching Tree is profiled on [www.GivingFirst.org](http://www.GivingFirst.org), an online resource for information about Colorado charities. The website makes it safe and easy for donors to give to Teaching Tree, either through one-time or recurring contributions. No service fees are charged, and 100% of all gifts made to Teaching Tree via Giving First go directly to support Teaching Tree's affordable, high quality early child care and education program.



### Dec. 8 is Colorado Gives Day

During this 24-hour period, you can join thousands of other Coloradans in supporting Colorado charities by making a one-time or recurring gift at [www.GivingFirst.org](http://www.GivingFirst.org). Every dollar you donate will be boosted with additional dollars from Giving First's incentive fund, making your gift even greater.



### MCKEE FOUNDATION NEWS

#### McKee Presents...BOOTS & Bling

The McKee Medical Center Foundation's Annual Gala  
Saturday, November 6, 2010 6:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites, Loveland

Music by Interstate Cowboy

Western attire encouraged!

Reserve your ticket by calling Cheri at (970) 593-6038

*100% of proceeds benefit the Stepping Stones Adult Day Program at McKee.*

**Stepping Stones Adult Day Program:** This program provides participants an opportunity to socialize, build friendships, and enjoy stimulating activities in a safe, caring environment. By tailoring activities to meet individual's specific needs, Stepping Stones becomes a place where dignity, confidence, security and independence are assured, giving participants new levels of freedom and enhancing their quality of life.



Banner Health  
McKee Medical Center  
Foundation

Early Registration Now Open for the Loveland Turkey Trot on November 25, 2010!  
Visit [McKeeFoundation.com](http://McKeeFoundation.com) for more information.



## Host Home Program



The Matthews House is seeking families to open their hearts and their homes to temporarily house youth, ages 16 to 21, working towards independence. Interested applicants must be 21 years old, have available room in their home and possess a desire to help others succeed. Training, 24/7 assistance and professional support provided.

Contact Gwen Koenig, LCSW at #970.217.7273 or [Gkoenig@themathewshouse.org](mailto:Gkoenig@themathewshouse.org)



Mirasol Senior Community an independent, adult retirement community in beautiful Loveland Colorado, offers options for affordable home ownership as well as market rate homes. With help from city fee waivers and additional subsidies by the owners Mirasol is able to offer a market rate home that sells for \$254,000 at a price of 199,900 to income qualified adults age 55 or older. A single person can earn no more than \$36,750 or a family of 2 no more than \$42,000 to be able to qualify for this program. Initially Mirasol sold out of its affordable units the very first year they were open, Mirasol now has a unit that has become available.

***If you would like more information on the community and how you might qualify for this opportunity please contact Amy Irwin at 970-635-5931.***



Project Self-Sufficiency has been selected as Charity of the Month for November at **Odell Brewing Company**

A percentage of proceeds from Taster Trays throughout November will be donated to PS-S. Join us on November 2nd for "First Tuesday":

PS-S receives a percentage of proceeds from all sales on that day

Taproom open from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Live music from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**For more information contact: PS-S at 970.635.5912 or 970.407.0305**



## Loveland Youth Gardeners

Green Adventures Sessions: Fall 2010 9:00-11:30am ages 7-12

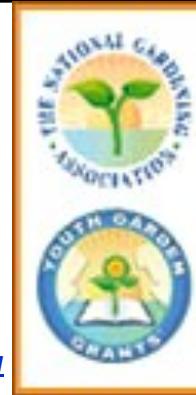
**Cost: \$15/class \$40 for the series scholarships available**

**Location: High Plains Environmental Center 1854 Piney River Dr, Loveland**

**Advance registration is required. See website for registration form:**

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

**Questions: contact Joanna Rago 669.7182 or [joanna@lovelandyouthgardeners.org](mailto:joanna@lovelandyouthgardeners.org)**



**November 13:** Thank you, Planet Earth

In celebration of Thanksgiving, we will create a three-dimensional poem with re-used and recycled materials!

**Registration deadline November 11**



**December 11:** "Green" Gifts

We will make gifts for special people in our lives using natural and recycled objects!

**Registration deadline December 9**

**Safe Kids Larimer County and partners are pleased to offer two classes per month for families in need of a car seat/booster seat for their child.**

***Distribution is limited to one (1) seat per family, per year.***

**Classes are offered in both English and Spanish.**

**Se habla español.**

**Call 970.495.7508**

***Registration is REQUIRED!***

**Please call to register at least 48 hours prior to class date/time**

**A \$20 donation is requested to support Safe Kids.**

**When & Where:**

**Tuesday, November 9th**

**4:30pm—5:30pm and 5:30pm—6:30pm**

**(parents-to-be ONLY)**

**Loveland Fire Station #6**

**4325 McWhinney Blvd., Loveland Conference Room**

**Friday, November 12th 9:00am—10:00am**

**(SPANISH only)**

**The Family Center/La Familia**

**309 Hickory St., Fort Collins Media Room**

**Tuesday, December 14th**

**4:30pm—5:30pm and 5:30pm—6:30pm**

**(parents-to-be ONLY)**

**Salud Family Health Center**

**1635 Blue Spruce Dr., Fort Collins Upstairs Conference Room**

**Friday, December 17th 9:00am—10:00am**

**(SPANISH only)**

**The Family Center/La Familia**

**309 Hickory St., Fort Collins Media Room**





Loveland  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

**Loveland Habitat for Humanity** has opened the application period for our affordable homeownership program beginning December 1, 2010 and closing January 15, 2011. We have discovered the number one factor for the successful acceptance into our program is a person who encourages and supports the family to apply. Low income families are so used to hearing "no" that the possibility of acceptance for a beautiful, new home seems impossible. Please take a minute to look over our qualifications and if you know of someone who could benefit from a Habitat home, tell them about it. Encourage them to apply. Encourage them again. You could change their life!

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### Applicants must meet the following basic requirements:

Have lived or worked in Loveland for at least one year.  
Have a need for adequate housing. (For example: current living conditions overcrowded or unsafe, rent is 40% or more of income, subsidized housing) or can't qualify for conventional loan.  
Willing to partner with Habitat by working 250 volunteer hours (sweat equity) per adult applicant.  
Earn between 30-60% area median income (see chart below) are a US citizen or legal permanent resident and have: No bankruptcy within last 2 years, No current non-medical collections, no judgments or liens. Current history of paying bills on time, debt to income ratio of 40% or less WITH a Habitat house payment.

#### Minimum-Maximum Income Guidelines (hourly amounts based on 40 hours per week)

Maximum	\$31,500	\$36,000	\$40,500	\$44,940	\$48,540	\$52,140	\$55,740	\$59,340
Minimum	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,250	\$22,450	\$24,250	\$26,050	\$27,850	\$29,650
Hourly max	\$15.14	\$17.31	\$19.47	\$21.61	\$23.34	\$25.07	\$26.80	\$28.53
Hourly min	\$8.65	\$8.65	\$9.74	\$10.79	\$11.66	\$12.52	\$13.39	\$14.25

There are 4 ways to get an application:

COME.... .....to an informational meeting

CALL..... .....970.669.9769

EMAIL..... .....[susan@lovelandhabitatforhumanity.org](mailto:susan@lovelandhabitatforhumanity.org)

DOWNLOAD... an application request from [www.LovelandHabitatForHumanity.org](http://www.LovelandHabitatForHumanity.org)



House of  
Neighborly  
Service

"Help for today... Hope for tomorrow"  
Loveland's Resource Center

**House of Neighborly Service** asks community members, business and groups to begin planning for the Adopt-A-Family Food Basket Program. Can you provide one or more Holiday Food Baskets for someone in need? Please contact HNS at 667.4939 today, if you are interested in helping with the Holiday Program. Holiday recipients will be carefully screened for eligibility and need beginning November 1.



### Homeless Veterans Stand Down

November 10, 2010

9am—1pm

*The Mission, 460 Linden Center Drive, Fort Collins*

Larimer County and The Mission will host the Homeless Veterans Stand Down, a gathering of homeless veterans and those at risk of becoming homeless, the event is being co-ordinated by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment—Veterans Workforce Investment Program Grant. *A shuttle will be available coming and going to Greeley.*

The event will include:

- Breakfast and a Turkey Dinner at noon
- A give away of cold weather gear
- Agencies available to discuss issues
- Flu shots, Oral cancer screening, Housing, Vet legal aid, Employment and a volunteer will be providing hair cuts.
- County services for **Child Support, Food stamps**, and applying for financial benefits such as **Old Age Pension** and **Social Security Disability**.

Agencies attending are: **Colorado Legal Services**, **Northern Colorado AIDS Project**, **Suicide Prevention**, In addition to the local agency's there will be representatives from the **Veterans Administration** or other Veterans Services offices.



**BEYOND THE MIRROR** Counseling & Wellness is facilitating a FUN, interactive class for youth!

#### Media-Smart Youth: Eat, Think, and Be Active!

This interactive program is designed to help young people become critical, creative thinkers. Youth will learn to analyze, evaluate, and create media messages--skills that can help them make smart and positive choices about nutrition and physical activity every day.

*Classes will meet every Friday after school (4-5:30pm) and Saturday Mornings (10:30-noon). The series will run for 5 weeks and a snack will be offered during each class.*

**Age:** boys & girls 11-13

**Dates:** January 14-February 12

**Cost:** \$50.00 for ALL 10 SESSIONS!

**Location:** Northside Aztlan Center

Class is listed in the Recreator

**Web Address for Online Registration:** <http://fcgov.com/webtrac>

**Phone Registration:** Northside Aztlan Community Center: 970-221-6655 or Senior Center: 970-221-6644 or EPIC: 970-221-6683

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





## Launch of a New Website for Pathways

[www.p3larimer.org](http://www.p3larimer.org)

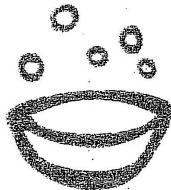
A huge thank you to our volunteers Tim Schwartz and Maria Montano, and United Way staff member Megan Larson who made this happen!

### 2 things not to miss on your first trip to the website:

- The box that says "sign up for email updates" - please sign up if you want to continue receiving P3 updates as we'll be changing systems!
- The candidate forums – as you get your ballot and prepare to vote, take a few minutes to hear how the candidates your voting on responded to our questions

## The Community Kitchen Fundraising Event

### *Paint A Plate to Fill A Plate*



**October 24th - November 13th**

Need a gift idea for the holidays? Paint a plate for a loved one, friend or teacher and help the Community Kitchen fill plates with food this winter.



Two local ceramic shops are offering dinner plates for \$15.00, which includes the plate, the paint and the firing. For each plate purchased, \$5 will go to the Community Kitchen.

During three weeks, October 24th through November 13th, paint a plate at these two locations (see websites for winter hours):



**Artisan You 341 E. 4th Street and  
Fire It Up Ceramics 257A E. 29th Street**

There will also be a silent auction to purchase a plate, painted by local leaders, artists, and celebrities, through a silent auction which will be held December 8th at 6:00pm. The location where the plates will be displayed and auctioned will be announced at a future time.



***For more information contact: Doreen MacDonald at 970.669.2672***

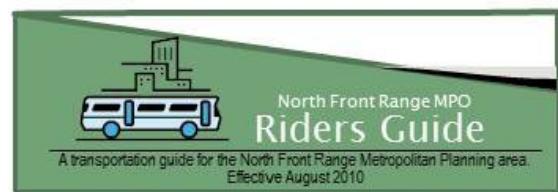
### New this Fall: A Transit Riders Guide for the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Area.

The guide was created to assist people with their transportation needs and to further the mobility coordination goals of the Larimer and Weld Mobility Councils.

The guide features listings, general service details and contact information for each service. The guide will be available on buses and at various locations around the region including libraries, recreation facilities and senior centers. The Riders Guide will also be online at [www.nfrmopo.org](http://www.nfrmopo.org)

The Larimer and Weld County Mobility Councils are groups made up of representatives from transit and human service providers in each county that meet monthly to work on transportation coordination between agencies. The mobility councils believe that the need for mobility is universal, yet is a daily challenge for many who are low income, disabled, and elderly.

*To receive a copy of the riders guide or to learn more about the Larimer and Weld Mobility Councils or mobility coordination in the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Area visit [www.nfrmopo.org](http://www.nfrmopo.org) or call Mary Warring at 970-416-2023.*



### Home Sweet Home Bazaar

December 4th 2010 will mark the first year for the Loveland Habitat for Humanity Home Sweet Home Holiday Extravaganza. Many thanks to all our sponsors, supporters, Embassy Suites and Keller Williams, that will make this event a huge success this year and well into the future.

Make your holidays even more special as you shop for unique gifts items from all over the globe at the [Home Sweet Home Bazaar](#). Local vendors will feature items indigenous to the Northern Colorado area, while the Loveland Habitat for Humanity booth will offer one-of-a-kind items from all over the globe.

***For more information about the Home Sweet Home Holiday Bazaar, please call 970.669.9769 or go to [www.lovelandhabitatforhumanity.org](http://www.lovelandhabitatforhumanity.org)***

Vendors include:



Loveland Colorado

*Ridge  
Valley  
Alpaca  
Ranch*





## The Food Bank for Larimer County announces campaign for new pantry in Loveland.

Since opening in November 2006, the Food Bank for Larimer County's Loveland Food Share, 245 S. Madison, has experienced a 200% increase in demand for services at the fresh food pantry. With over 215 people visiting Food Share each day in Loveland, our staff and volunteers serve clients in an overcrowded space with an estimated ten parking spaces and no warehouse storage. Frequently, staff is unloading food at the same time clients are shopping.

The Food Bank is proud to announce plans to expand food assistance and outreach in southern Larimer County. The non-profit plans to purchase and re-locate Loveland Food Share to 2600 N. Lincoln – the former Ferrero Auto and Collision Repair Center by spring 2011. This new building boasts many benefits for the Loveland community and our clients including:

- 5x the size of our current facility; 16,000 square feet of new space, which will include a larger shopping floor, separate warehouse space for food storage, and ample space for refrigerators/freezers.
- Occupy and re-purpose an existing building that has sat vacant for over a year.
- Estimated to accommodate 20,000 clients annually and 5 million pounds of food.
- Over 100 parking spaces.
- Community food drive storage space - which has never been available in Loveland.

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Located on a main thoroughfare with bus access & three acres of land for future expansion. The capital campaign for the new Loveland Food Share is Larimer Shares - Growing to Feed the Need. The \$2.15 million dollar fundraising campaign has secured \$1.54 million from foundations and other private donors. **Our work is not done.** A remaining \$610,000 still needs to be raised and the Food Bank urges those of you who believe hunger is unacceptable in our community to give what you can. Donate securely at [www.foodbanklarimer.org](http://www.foodbanklarimer.org), call us at 970.493.4477, or walk-in to our office on Blue Spruce Drive.

For 26 years, the Food Bank for Larimer County has been providing food to all in need through hunger relief programs and community partnerships. Larimer Shares will propel us into the future with room to grow and meet the needs of a growing community and changing economic times.



### FOOD BANK EVENTS

#### Empty Bowls Loveland – November 4

Join the Food Bank for Larimer County and fight hunger locally at Empty Bowls Loveland on Thursday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway. This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event offers a delicious dinner and art auction that helps fill bowls and hope in Larimer County. The unique signature soups are provided by local restaurants while the pottery bowls have been crafted by Thompson School District students and local artists. Live jazz and a silent auction round out the festivities. Cost is \$25 per person. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank for Larimer County. To reserve your tickets, visit our Signature Events on [www.foodbanklarimer.org](http://www.foodbanklarimer.org) or call 970.493.4477.

#### 9Cares Colorado Shares Food Drive – November 13

Can you imagine Thanksgiving without the feast? Help those that are struggling with hunger by donating food at the 9Cares Colorado Shares Food Drive at the King Soopers on JFK Parkway in Fort Collins and 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Loveland. Items most needed include canned dinners and meat, peanut butter, canned tomatoes and fruit, low-sugar cereals, and toiletries. For more info, visit [www.foodbanklarimer.org](http://www.foodbanklarimer.org).

#### Fort Collins Coloradoan Food Drive - December 1-12

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Coloradoan Food Drive is being held through December 1-12 to provide hunger relief for thousands of disadvantaged individuals and families in Larimer County. Non-perishable food or cash donations can be brought to the following Fort Collins locations only: Albertson's, King Soopers, Safeway, Sunflower Farmer's Market, Vitamin Cottage, Wal-Mart Supercenter, and Whole Foods Market. Items most needed include canned dinners and meat, peanut butter, canned tomatoes and fruit, low-sugar cereals, and toiletries. For more info, visit [www.foodbanklarimer.org](http://www.foodbanklarimer.org).

### Hoopla for Hope to benefit the Matthews House

November 11, 2010 6pm

Colorado State University, North Ballroom \$40

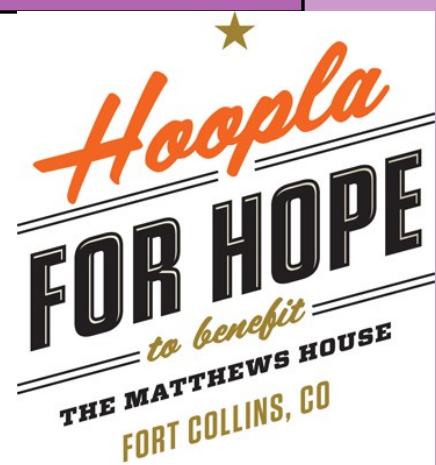
Join us in the high-energy, hopeful world of the 1940's. Come dressed in 40's costume or buy a few accessories at the event. Hosted by Nick Turner, owner of Nonesuch Theater and La-de-da Performing Arts School.

#### This fun evening will include:

\* gourmet food & desserts  
\* beer, wine, manhattans, whiskey  
sours and martinis available  
\* swing dance lessons

- \* music by WiseAcres Big Band
- \* dance performance by Jumpin' Jive Cats
- \* silent auction of high quality items
- \* special appeal paddle raise

EMPTY *bowls*



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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INSIDER



CASA  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

**CASA of Larimer County Invites you to the  
9th Annual Harmony House  
Artisan Sale  
Saturday, December 4th  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
3105 E. Harmony Rd., Fort Collins**



**Artisan Sale  
Wine & Cheese Reception  
Friday, December 3rd  
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Cost: \$10 donation to Harmony  
House**

**(Make your purchases early from the  
best selection!)**

**A benefit for the Loveland &  
Fort Collins Harmony Houses**



### United Way of Larimer County's Volunteer Center Hosting 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Volunteer Day

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 2:00pm two locations:  
CSU University Village Community Room, Building 34 (1600 W. Plum St., Fort Collins)  
Mandolin Café (210 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Loveland).**

This event is designed to demonstrate the benefit of volunteering together, as a family, to support those in need in our community. Volunteering as a family provides quality time together, strengthens communication and family bonds, and positively impacts local communities across the nation. Families who attend will participate in a hands-on volunteer project while learning about ways to continue serving others in the community.

Families will assemble and decorate "safety kits" for kids, which will be donated to Santa Cops of Larimer County to distribute to kids in need during the holiday season. Families will have access to child safety information from Santa Cops Officers as well as representatives from Safe Kids Larimer County. Families will also have an opportunity to have photos and fingerprints of their children taken to keep for their records, thanks to support from Fidelity Lodge #192, AF & AM.

Please bring a donation of new socks, gloves, scarves, hats, books, toilet tissue, diapers, toiletries, games or gift cards to donate to The Angel House (Loveland) and Catholic Charities (Fort Collins). Both adult and children's sizes are needed.

**For more information, please contact Andrea Bloomquist, Volunteer Center Specialist,  
at 970-407-7054 or [abloomquist@uwaylc.org](mailto:abloomquist@uwaylc.org).**



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