



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INSIDER

Sep/Oct 2010

## The Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits

Darcy McClure, Administrator of the City of Loveland's Community Partnership Office and Marija Weeden-Osborn, Pathways Past Poverty Coordinator for the United Way of Larimer County, have initiated monthly meetings for the Loveland Alliance of Non-Profits. Almost fifty agencies' representatives attended the first meeting on August 5th. Loveland's non-profit agencies will network, share information and work together to better serve the needs of the community. Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month for an hour.

The next two meetings will begin at 9:00am, with coffee and networking at 8:30am, in the Loveland City Council Chambers at 500 East Third Street.

**September 8:** Panel Discussion-2010 November Ballot Issues - How will Amendments 60 & 61 and Proposition 101 affect non-profits?

**October 13:** Panel Discussion-Homelessness in Loveland—Services, Needs, Action

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## Looking for an exciting way to make a difference in our community this fall?

Crossroads Safehouse welcomes your kind assistance! We will conduct a new round of Volunteer Training from September 20 to October 9. Crossroads Safehouse provides services and safehousing to adults and children affected by intimate partner abuse. Direct service volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, being a "SafePal" to children and teens, learning how to assist with legal advocacy, and offering crisis intervention. Non-direct service volunteer opportunities include helping at the front desk, gardening, facilities up-keep, music education for our children, fundraising and more.

Information about the Crossroads Safehouse volunteer program can be found at [www.crossroadssafehouse.org](http://www.crossroadssafehouse.org), or by contacting Laura Williams at 970.530.2353.



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*Bask  
in  
the  
glow  
of  
giving  
hope  
to  
a  
child...*

# Save the Date



*give hope*  
September 17, 2010

*A benefit for children struggling with  
the effects of abuse and neglect*

*at Osborn Farm*  
1230 S. Boise Avenue, Loveland

**Tickets: \$45 per person**

**From 6:00 - 10:00pm • Country Market Auction 6:30 - 9:30pm**  
**Performance by Kenny Cordova • Country Casual Attire**

Leave your suit and high heels at home and join us for an unforgettable evening under the stars at Osborn Farm. Liquor Max will feature wine tasting of over 100 wines from local and national vineyards and High Country Beverage will offer beer sampling of the beers they distribute in Colorado. Kick up your boots to live entertainment and be sure to keep a competitive eye on your favorite auction items at our new Country Market!

*Please  
Join  
Us...*

*For an  
evening  
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to helping  
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## Project Self-Sufficiency Has Openings for Eligible Candidates

Project Self-Sufficiency (PS-S) in Loveland currently has openings for single parents in southern Larimer County. The program offers a comprehensive approach to assisting participants in completing education or training that will lead to living wage employment. Services include one-on-one advisement, career exploration, and enrichment classes as well as resources to address barriers such as child care, transportation, computer issues, and learning needs.

Advisors are looking for applicants who are open to direction, evidence readiness to pursue education or training, and have demonstrated positive relationships and compliance with other community agencies. The best candidates will have stabilized any mental health concerns and recent crises prior to their entry into PS-S so that they are able to focus on career related goals while in the program. Other eligibility requirements are: 1) the parent has a child age 13 or younger living in her/his home more than 50% of the time; 2) the parent resides in Larimer County; 3) the family meets income guidelines.

**To apply or learn more about Project Self-Sufficiency, please visit us at [www.ps-s.org](http://www.ps-s.org) and click on "How to Apply" or call 970.635.5912.**



**Introducing Youth Cares** – A “one-stop-shop” of resources, information, and local contacts to help you with youth volunteer engagement programs at your school or agency. Benefits of Youth Cares include:

***Youth Cares Membership Guide***

***Quarterly Learn & Share Meetings***

***Quarterly Newsletter***

**Dozens of additional resources from our [Volunteer Center](#).**

In addition to Youth Cares, we have a multitude of services to help connect youth & families with volunteer opportunities year-round, including:

\* Weekly Volunteer Opportunities email, updated with the latest volunteer opportunities around Larimer County. To sign up, visit [www.uwaylc.org](http://www.uwaylc.org) and enter your email address on the left sidebar.

\* Volunteer Resource Guide – updated annually with information about hundreds of nonprofits (including contact information and “youth-friendly” icons). To see an e-book version, visit <http://coloradoan.digi-page.net/?id=Volunteer>.

***To attend an orientation to learn more about Youth Cares, please visit***

***<http://www.firstcall211.org/volunteer/schoolGroupResources.html> where you can view the materials and sign up for an orientation.***



## COLORADO CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERISM

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2010**

The Colorado Conference on Volunteerism will welcome 300-400 volunteerism professionals from throughout Colorado and neighboring communities to learn how we could be *Growing Communities Through Volunteerism*. This two day conference will feature workshops, presentations, off-site field experiences, three nationally renowned keynote speakers and more that will showcase how to establish, cultivate and enhance volunteerism.

Fort Collins Marriott

350 East Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins

Fee: \$100 Early Bird; \$125 Visit [www.ccov2010.org](http://www.ccov2010.org) for more information and to register.



## United Way of Larimer County's Volunteer Resource Guide

The 2010-2011 edition of the Northern Colorado Volunteer Resource Guide is now available. The Guide includes information about over 200 nonprofit organizations in Larimer County that have a need for volunteers, as well as additional information for those seeking to get out into the community to volunteer.

Visit <http://www.firstcall211.org/volunteer/toolsResources.html> for more information and to view the Guide online. Contact Jami McMannes at 970.407.7055 to request copies.



## Make A Difference Day

**Registration Begins:  
September 8**

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others. **Everyone can participate.** Make A Difference Day is an annual event that will take place during the week of **October 18-24, 2010**. Thousands of volunteers will band together to serve at projects throughout the community and prove that we can do more together. Projects range from raking leaves, painting fences, decorating cookies with the elderly and more.

***To find out how you can get involved in this year's Make A Difference Day, visit***

***[www.uwaylc.org](http://www.uwaylc.org) and click on "VOLUNTEER" for more information.***

**crossroads**  
safehouse



## Crossroads Safehouse will host the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Crossroads Half Marathon and 5K, sponsored by Foot of the Rockies

September 19, 2010

All proceeds go to benefit Crossroads Safehouse, which provides comprehensive direct service for victims of domestic violence in Larimer County. The Half Marathon route follows the beautiful Cache La Poudre River and Spring Creek trails and finishes in historic Old Town Fort Collins. The 5K is a fast, flat run along Fort Collins bike trails concluding at charming Buckingham Park. The Half Marathon is the last race in the Colorado Runner Race Series for 2010.

*For more information about Crossroads Safehouse, to register on line, or to volunteer please go to [www.crossroadssafehouse.org](http://www.crossroadssafehouse.org) and click on "news and events" or contact Laura Williams at 970.530.2353.*

### Loveland Youth Gardeners: Stewardship Series

*These classes are open to anyone age 15 and older.*

#### Preparing the Garden for Winter: Monday, September 27, 2010

Learn how putting your garden "to bed" properly in the fall will increase the potential for a glorious "awakening" in the spring! Topics will include vegetable gardens, perennial and annual flowers, shrubs and trees.

**Presenter:** Harry Love, Colorado Master Gardener  
**Time:** 6:30-8:00pm  
**Location:** High Plains Environmental Center

**Cost:** \$10

*To register: please call 669-7182 by September 23*

## Beyond the Mirror is Offering the Media Smart Youth Program Starting SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

***Media-Smart Youth: Eat, Think, and Be Active!*** is an interactive after-school education program for young people ages 11 to 13. It is designed to help teach them about the complex media world around them, and how it can affect their health--especially in the areas of nutrition and physical activity.

The 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.

September 17th	WELCOME
September 18th	THINKING ABOUT THE MEDIA
September 24th	ASKING QUESTIONS
September 25th	NUTRITION KNOW HOW
October 1st	MOTION COMMOTION WHAT IS BEING ACTIVE?
October 2nd	VISITING A GROCERY STORE
October 8th	THE POWER OF ADVERTISING
October 9th	SUPER SNACKS & BETTER BONES
October 15th	MAKING SMART CHOICES FUN & EASY
October 16th	GETTING INTO THE PRODUCTION MODE



*To register for this program contact Jen Amaral-Kunze 970.402.8543 or email [beyondthemirrorcounseling@yahoo.com](mailto:beyondthemirrorcounseling@yahoo.com)*

*You can find more information about this program and Beyond the Mirror Counseling at: [www.beyondthemirror.org](http://www.beyondthemirror.org)*



## Suicide Resource Center of Larimer County Annual Breakfast

The Suicide Resource Center will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Life Saver's Breakfast on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Drake Centre in Fort Collins at 7:30 am. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about their services and the impact they've had on the community. In other news, they've expanded their Depression/Bipolar Support Group from two times a month to four times a month. "We are very proud to give people who are struggling the support they need."

**For more information contact: Dana Lindsay 970.635.9301**

[dlindsay@suicideresourcecenter.org](mailto:dlindsay@suicideresourcecenter.org)

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



## Best Start for Babies

- ❖ Are you having a baby?
- ❖ Are you a new parent who wants to know more?

Prizes: diapers, bottles, and more!

Free Child Care & breakfast

If you are **pregnant** or have a **baby under 1 year old**, come learn more about parenting with other adults!

Come to Saturday morning classes starting in **October** and get **\$100!**

Please contact Melanie Kelsea at (970) 377-3388 ext. 212 or [mkelsea@ecclc.org](mailto:mkelsea@ecclc.org) to register or for more information

Joint Partnership of Larimer and Weld County's Early Childhood Councils  
Generous support provided by the El Pomar Foundation

**Promises for Children**  
Weld County's Early Childhood Council



**Best Start for Babies** – a new program being implemented by the Early Childhood Councils of Larimer and Weld counties – aims to promote positive child outcomes by providing parenting supports to families during the prenatal and critically important first year of a child's life.

This educational program begins in October and teaches parents about their baby's development, activities for bonding, and how to find helpful resources. The sessions will be held for 3 hours, 8am-11am, on Saturday mornings for 10 weeks.

Parents will learn about brain development, how to find quality child care, preventing and treating sicknesses, and more. Free child care and breakfast will be provided at each class. Also, parents will receive baby prizes, such as diapers or bottles, and \$100 at the completion of the course.

**If you are interested or have questions, please contact Melanie Kelsea 970.377.3388 ext. 212 or email [mkelsea@ecclc.org](mailto:mkelsea@ecclc.org).**

## Got News?

Send your submissions to  
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[@ci.loveland.co.us](mailto:@ci.loveland.co.us)

by Oct. 15th  
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McKee  
presents

## McKee Masters Golf Tournament

Friday, September 10, 2010

8 a.m. flight, 18-hole scramble

Marianna Butte Golf Course, Loveland

\$125 per golfer/\$500 per team

Includes: Green fees, cart, continental breakfast, snacks, drink tickets, lunch, golfer gift, hole-in-one prizes and door prizes!

**Contact Cheri at [cheri.lohnes@bannerhealth.com](mailto:cheri.lohnes@bannerhealth.com) or 970.593.6038 or download a registration form from our website – [McKeeMedicalCenterFoundation.com](http://McKeeMedicalCenterFoundation.com).**



## MCKEE FOUNDATION NEWS

### Senior Care Panel Discussion

Join local experts to identify the cautions and opportunities of current Medicare Funding and community support services for seniors. Each presenter will give an overview of their area of expertise, discuss pressing issues and then address questions from the audience.

**Presenters:** Phoebe Hawley, Director of Senior Services,  
McKee Medical Center

*General overview of Medicare Choice, Supplemental Insurance for the community living seniors*

Yvonne Myers, Health Systems Director, Columbine Health Systems – *Medicare and Supplemental Insurance Coverage for Independent Living, Assisted Living, Long Term Care, and HomeCare*

Laura Sutherlin, Long Term Care Resource Specialist, Larimer County Office on Aging – *Community Support Services for non Medical Home Care, Transportation, Food and other Services*

**Moderator:** Dixie Schmatz, PhD, Meeting Facilitator and Consultant

**When:** Thursday, September 9, 2010 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Friends Room, McKee Conference and Wellness Center,  
2000 Boise Ave. Loveland Colorado

Join us for this FREE presentation.

To Register: Call (970) 635-4001

No goods or services will be solicited in connection with this program.

Space limited to 75

*Don't forget that the Foundation offers FREE, confidential, estate planning services with consultant Frank Stepp of Thompson and Associates every month. He is usually here on the fourth Tuesday and Wednesday of each month.*

***For more information call Judy Chapman at 635-4105. Don't miss this opportunity to make estate planning fun and easy!***



Early  
Registration  
Now Open for  
the Loveland  
Turkey Trot  
November 25,  
2010!  
Register by  
September 24<sup>th</sup>  
for \$20!

***Visit [McKeeMedicalCenterFoundation.com](http://McKeeMedicalCenterFoundation.com) for more information.***

## NEW LAW: Children Must Ride In A Restraint System Up To Age 8

**NEW Colorado Law:** Children 4-8 must continue to ride in a child restraint. This can be a five point harness child safety seat for younger children or a booster that uses the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt as kids get older and bigger.

**Safest Practice:** Children should be in a booster in the back seat until they are 57" tall and at least 8 years old. Studies have shown the use of booster seats can reduce the risk of injury by 59% compared to seat belts alone.

Keep your child in a booster until:

- she is 4'9" (57") tall; for many children this is after age 8, so height is the safest guideline
- the shoulder belt of the car's seat belt crosses her shoulder and chest (not her neck)
- the lap belt crosses her upper thighs (not her abdomen)

her knees bend at the edge of the back seat and her feet dangle down

*For more information, please visit:*

<http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/wellness/safety/carseatsafety/cps.aspx>

*Questions? Need a local source to find a booster seat for your child? Please contact Safe Kids Larimer County at 970.495.7504 or [www.safekidslcc.org](http://www.safekidslcc.org)*



**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, September 14th**

**4:30pm—5:30pm and**

**5:30pm—6:30pm (parents-to-be ONLY)**

Loveland Fire Station #6

4325 McWhinney Blvd., Loveland *Conference Room*

**Friday, September 24th 9:00am—10:00am**

(SPANISH only)

The Family Center/La Familia

309 Hickory St., Fort Collins *Media Room*

**Tuesday, October 12th**

**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 Rm*

**Friday, October 29th 9:00am—10:00am**

(SPANISH only)

The Family Center/La Familia

309 Hickory St., Fort Collins *Media Room*

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## Thompson Valley Preschool's "Wish List"

Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm at

Thompson Valley Preschool, Inc  
803 E 16th St  
Loveland

*For more information contact:*

*Gail Yant or  
Debbie Schleiger  
at 970.667.6552*

For thirty seven years, Thompson Valley Preschool, a non-profit organization, has built an outstanding community reputation for quality and affordability in early childhood education. From the very beginning, we have been focused on ensuring that all families have equal access to our preschool program, and we continue to engage our parents, families, supporters and community partners in order to sustain our principled approach to diversity and excellence in early childhood education.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, Thompson Valley Preschool is seeking donations to help reduce its expenses for everyday items, thereby using our dollars for supplies and equipment for the children.

Our greatest needs are for all of those consumable items:

### PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper Towels, Paper Cups 5 oz, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Napkins, White Paper plates (small and large)

### OFFICE PRODUCTS

White and colored Copier paper, #10 White envelopes, 6 X 9 White or brown envelopes, 9 X 12 White or brown envelopes, Ink cartridges HP 940 Black and Color, Scotch tape

### OTHER

Latex Free gloves, Medium 13 gal. Plastic Trash bags, Brown Single fold Paper towels (Sams), 33 gal. Black Trash bags

### SNACKS

Juice (Apple or blended)



**LUTHERAN  
FAMILY SERVICES**  
of Colorado

Nurturing Parenting a fourteen week class based on a wonderful, nationally acclaimed parent education program which provides gentle guidance and support for parents. AND, you may bring your child(ren) with you for their own group, facilitated by caring, trained professionals.

### ***The parent's group offers:***

- A supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere
- A time to share and meet other parents
- Self-awareness and positive parenting information

### ***The children's group offers:***

- Nurturing care
- Songs, games, crafts and fun
- Socialization
- A healthy snack is provided each week for parents and kids

***Participants earn a \$50 completion award for consistent participation!***

### **Next Group Offered**

September 8 – December 15, 2010

Wednesday's 9:30am – 12:00 noon  
in Fort Collins

(location to be announced @ pre-registration)

***TO ARRANGE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION, CALL LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES: 970.232.1163***



Sign up for  
the **FREE**  
Nurturing  
Parenting  
Class!



## RVNA to Hold Flu Clinics in Loveland

With the advent of cooler weather people begin thinking about the fall colors, sweaters, higher heating bills and flu. Just like birds going south, it's time for people to start flocking to flu clinics

The CDC recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone 6 months and older, an expansion of the previous recommendation to now include adults ages 19 to 49. For 2010, flu vaccines will have three virus strains - two Influenza A, including 2009 H1N1, and an Influenza B. Also this year, seniors will have a new weapon in the fight against influenza – Fluzone® High-Dose vaccine. This new vaccine, made up of inactivated influenza virus, is specifically tailored to adults 65 and over. It is designed to generate a more robust immune response for this age group than the standard dose of flu vaccine. As people grow older, research has shown that the immune system gets weaker. This weakening makes for higher susceptibility to infection and also less responsive to vaccination. Persons 65 and older suffer disproportionately from seasonal flu and associated complications than the younger population. While only making up 15% of the U.S.

population, this group accounts for 65% of the annual hospitalizations and 90% of the deaths due to seasonal influenza annually.

Rehabilitation and Visiting Nurse Association has acquired a supply of the Fluzone® High-Dose vaccine and it will be available at the many flu clinics RVNA conducts throughout Weld and Larimer Counties. The clinic schedule is being finalized and will soon be available on the RVNA website [rvnahomecare.com](http://rvnahomecare.com).

**For more information or to schedule a clinic, please call 970.330.5655 or 970.225.9399.**

Fluzone® is a registered trademark of Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccine division of the sanofi-aventis Group.



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## House of Neighborly Service Holiday Food Baskets

HNS asks community members, businesses 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 970.667.4939** starting October 1 if you are interested in helping with the Holiday Program. Holiday recipients will be carefully screened for eligibility and need beginning November 1.



**The Center for Adult Learning** in Loveland is beginning it's fall semester on September 7th. **Enrollment has already begun, so call 970.663.7111 for an appointment!** Get the help you need in reading, writing, math, computer, and more!



## Celebrate Kids!

**Exciting Activities \* Educational Exhibits \* Special Displays \* Lots of Fun & FREE Things To Do**

**10 AM - 4 PM • FRONT RANGE VILLAGE Off I-25 at Ziegler and Harmony Road, Fort Collins**

The Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids is a county-wide event to encourage parents and kids to spend meaningful time together.

Presented by:

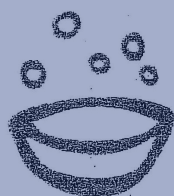


OtterBox is the Presenting Sponsor for the 2010 Day for Kids in Larimer County, which will take place on Saturday, September 25, from 10 to 4, at the Front Range Village shopping Center, located at Harmony and Ziegler Roads, just a mile west of the Harmony Road exit off I-25 in southeast Fort Collins.

This FREE event for kids and families will feature a Guitar Hero contest run by Ultimate Electronics in "Teen Alley", free face-painting by the Best Face Painter and a collaborative mural in "Everyone's An Artist Avenue", re-shirt screen printing (bring an old shirt and make it new again) in "Go Green Parkway", fun educational games in Brainiac Boulevard, and inflatables galore in "Get Moving/Get Healthy Speedway," including a giant slide, climbing wall, bouncy house, bungee trampoline, along with a Hockey Shoot game with the Colorado Eagles and Quick Start Tennis from First Serve. In addition, the Main Stage will feature dancers and young artists including Taylor Scott and the Youngbloods arranged by ToothZone, followed by a fashion show. We even have activities lined up for the youngest guests, to make this an event for all ages of kids.

***We still have booth and sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact: Maria Swall, Development Director at 970.223.1709, ext 104 or email [mswall@bgclarimer.org](mailto:mswall@bgclarimer.org)***

**Share a moment,  
create a memory  
and make a kid's day!**



## The Community Kitchen Fundraising Event

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

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 an opportunity to purchase a plate, painted by local leaders, artists, and celebrities, through a silent auction which will be held the first week of December. 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***

