

Community Partnership Insider

Commission Opportunities

The Community Partnership Office supports the **Affordable Housing Commission** and the **Human Services Com-**

mission. We have openings for new commissioners with two year terms that begin in June.

You may apply online at:

www.ci.loveland.co.us/council/board

For more information contact: Darcy McClure at 962.2517 or mcclud@ci.loveland.co.us

Community and Economic Development Partnership

Written by: Joe Rowan, Executive Director, Funding Partners featured in the March/April Official Journal of the Colorado Bankers Association

As we emerge from recession, how will the banking industry develop an effective campaign to fend off political accusation and public distrust that might otherwise impede a financial recovery? Are banks ideally positioned to expand the marketplace for financial services to support a broader economic base?

Known to some, but overlooked by many, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) represent an effective vehicle through which both challenges might be addressed.

CDFIs, in general, are unregulated non-profit organizations certified by the U.S. Treasury as a means to expand access to capital and credit to populations and geographic markets underserved by the mainstream financial services industry. These organizations develop and deliver

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products and services that seek to fill market needs while complimenting the offerings of regulated institutions. For instance, CDFIs are able to operate effectively at smaller scale to establish viability of products or services at larger scale or in conjunction with products offered through a bank partner.

A CDFI may be set up as a community development bank or credit union, a revolving loan fund, or a venture capital pool, though all are market-driven, locally controlled, private-sector organizations. Customers may include consumers, businesses, other non-profit entities, public authorities, or any combination of each. Whether set up as a non-profit or for-profit entity, a CDFI must primarily serve low and moderate income populations or communities.

As the vast majority of CDFIs hold capital of less than \$50 million, there is



little capacity for such organizations to compete directly with banks. Rather, CDFIs are compelled to devote a substantial portion of their services towards capacity building and technical assistance to the individuals and communities they serve. The key phrase is 'creating more bankable customers'.

Here in Colorado, several CDFIs are delivering tangible benefits to the banking industry through micro-finance, small business lending, housing development and home purchase finance; all targeting low and moderate-income populations. As customers are introduced to the discipline of managing credit and building wealth, they are encouraged to 'graduate' into the mainstream, allowing CDFI capital to go back to work for the next client.

To support this activity, CDFIs derive capital through multiple sources, most significantly banks,

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though also includes local and federal government, foundations, corporations and other socially-motivated investors.

The CDFI industry in Colorado is well positioned to re-establish a responsible and responsive financial services continuum across our state. We recognize the value proposition inherent to a vibrant economy for all Coloradans and the critical role of a strong banking sector.

Suicide Awareness Walk

Suicide Awareness Walk Fundraiser and Candlelight Vigil

Gather a team to walk in honor of those warriors who struggle with Depression, Bipolar Disorder, or have lost their lives to suicide. We're walking to raise awareness and prevent suicide through education and provide support to those who struggle with mood disorders.

Sunday, June 6th, 2010

Registration/Sign-in 6:00pm
Walk Begins at 7:00pm

Old Town Square
Fort Collins

For more information and to register for the Walk go to www.SuicideResourceCenter.org or call the Suicide Resource Center at (970)635-9301

Taking Strides To Save Lives

Colorado's suicide rate is one of

the highest in the nation. Most people who die from suicide are suffering from a mental illness, most commonly depression or bipolar disorder.

These illnesses are treatable! If you are feeling suicidal or know someone who is,

call **1-800-273-TALK** (1-800-273-8255), **911** or go to your nearest hospital emergency room.

It's okay to ask for help!



Healthier Communities Coalition

New Website Makes Data and Information About Larimer County's Kids a Click Away

A new website, (<http://www.healthylarimer.org/snapshot>)



HCC Snapshot: The State of Children and Youth in Larimer County

which contains data and statistics in a variety of categories about the health and well-being of Larimer County's residents, birth to 18 years of age, was launched today by the Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC).

"This is a fabulous new resource for our community," said Lise Youngblade, Colorado State University Department of Human Development and Family Studies department head and

HCC president. "Policymakers, educators and other professionals who work with kids and families now have a broad array of easily accessible data to guide and support their work that's only a click away."



The site's content is taken from a report HCC released last July – *The State of Children and Youth in Larimer County*.

However, the online database includes features the report doesn't. In addition to having many ways to search for information and direct links to original data sources, the site highlights local agencies or groups that are addressing specific issues. Additionally, the database will be kept current and expanded to include new categories of information.

"Current local data can be very difficult to find and even more

difficult to know when it's been updated," said Ruth Lytle-Barnaby, executive director, Poudre Valley Health System Foundation. "This resource is one to which our community members can go at any time and find the most updated data that reflects our kids' health, saving them time and effort."

Kim Sharpe, HCC coordinator, added, "When we released our report last summer, we knew some of its data soon would be obsolete given how quickly statistics change. This new online version of the Snapshot is so exciting, because we can keep it up to date and add new data when it becomes available. We'll work with Snapshot users to make the site as useful to them as possible."

"HCC's Snapshot" data bank is so named because it's a point-in-time picture of how our kids our doing today.

Agency Briefs

The Center for Adult Learning in Loveland will be holding its annual graduation/recognition ceremony on May 12th. As always, the Ceremony will be at Bill Reed Middle School. The festivities start at 7:00 pm. Come join us in honoring our students for all of their hard work and achievement. Call 663-7111 for more details.



2010 COLORADO CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERISM JOIN A PLANNING COMMITTEE

2010 Colorado Conference on Volunteerism (CCOV) will take place mid-September 2010 in the Loveland/Fort Collins area. The CCOV Steering Committee is currently seeking planning committee members to help with preparation for the conference. Meetings are scheduled to begin February 2010. Subcommittee groups will include; Registration, Program, Logistics, Publicity & Materials, Hospitality and Volunteers/Vendors.

Interested parties should contact Adam Molzer at 407.7052 or amolzer@uwaylc.org for more information.

Thompson R2-J Summer Food Service Program

Free food for kids ages 18 mo. to 18 years



Adults eat for only \$3.00

Dates of service:

May 24 – July 30, 2010

11:30am – 12:30pm

(There will be no food service May 31, July 5 & 6)

BF Kitchen
915 Deborah Drive
Monroe
1500 N. Monroe Ave
Garfield
720 Colorado Ave
Sara Milner
743 Jocelyn Drive
Winona
201 S. Boise Avenue

3rd Annual Cultivate Hope Garden Party Benefit for the Matthews House

This garden-themed party focuses on life and the new growth that can happen when young people are given the resources and support they need to grow and blossom. This silent auction style event will feature a variety of innovative garden art, live plants and gar-

dening accessories as well as tasty hors d'oeuvres created from locally produced food and tasty local beverages. New this year will be a couple of mini drop-in, informal "garden chats" by local experts, including Tom Throgmorton, local celebrity gardener. Youth will also speak briefly during the event about their experience at the Matthews House. We hope you will join us!

Where: Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Ave, Fort Collins

When: Thursday, May 6th

Tickets: \$25 per person

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Joyce at 970-472-4293 or visit www.thematthewshouse.org



Garden Party at Fossil Creek Nursery!
5% goes to LYG!
May 6th at 6:00-8:00pm

Come have fun at a Fossil Creek tradition. Bring your containers or start with new ones. Wander around in the garden center after hours enjoy refreshments, music and fun. Bring a creative garden hat and win prizes in our best garden hat contest. We will help you

with all of the heavy lifting and selection. Treat yourself to a very special event. It is like having your own private nursery. Discounts on pottery and potting soil. 5 % of the total sales will be donated to LYG!

Register by May 3 by e-mail: joanna@lovelandyouthgardeners.org or call 669-7182



Competent Assistance for Nonprofits is sponsoring a Fundraising Fair. This event will connect businesses who offer fundraisers for nonprofits to nonprofit organizations seeking fundraising options.

Nonprofits will be charged \$5 to attend the fair.

DATE: Friday June 25

PLACE: Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W Prospect Ave., Fort Collins, CO

COST: \$5 per attendee

CONTACT: Linda Hughey, 720-320-7014

REGISTRATION: This will be done through Blacktie. I will be sending out more information soon. Please email your organization and your name to UCANetworking@gmail.com.

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Crop Walk

"Help Stop Hunger"

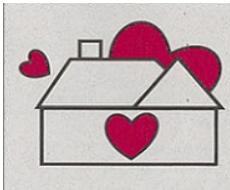
Saturday May 1, 2010

Registration at 8:30am

Walk begins at 9:00am

Start and Finish at King of Glory

2919 N. Wilson, Loveland, CO



CROP:

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

The Loveland Crop Walk is one of over 40 walks in the five state Rocky Mountain Region. For the past three years the Loveland/Berthoud walk has ranked 2nd in both number of walkers and money raised. 25% of the money raised stays right here, locally supporting the House of Neighborly Service.

How to get started...

There are approximately 20 churches and organizations in the Loveland/Berthoud area that participate in the local Crop Hunger Walk. Pick up a walkers envelope and get as many sponsors as you can. You may also register at House of Neighborly Service or just show up the day of the Walk, May 1st, at King of Glory Lutheran Church at 8:30 am.

What about...

Yes, your dog is welcome and so are your kids, great grandma and the neighbor who lives down the street.

Strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs only. No bikes, skateboards, or wheeled shoes.

Water and snacks will be provided.

The walk is 4 miles. A short walk is available for those unable to walk 4 miles.

For more information please contact:

Stan Taylor 970-635-1810 or

Barb Franke 970-203-0904

Katelynn Stinnett National Memorial Ride 2010.

This annual child abuse awareness Poker Run through beautiful northern Colorado will benefit children seeking help at Crossroads Safehouse. This national event happens Saturday, June 19th, 2010 and same-day registration for the event will start at 10:30 a.m. in Fort Collins. The run will end in Dacono at the Roadhouse.

There is no set end time; it will just go as long as



people want to stay and enjoy each other's company after the ride.

This poker run will stop at several destinations through the picturesque northern Colorado canyons. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a concert at the end of the Run.

What: Katelynn Stinnett National Memorial Ride 2010 to benefit Crossroads Safehouse.

When: Saturday, June 19, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

Where: The Poker Run begins in Fort Collins, CO (location of starting point TBA) and ends in Dacono, CO

Price: 20\$ single, 35\$ couple, 10\$ concert only

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Jennifer Jones at 970-530-2353 or go to **Crossroads Safehouse's** website:

www.crossroadssafehouse.org.

Elderhaus Community Restaurant Fundraiser

Maya's Cove
Sunday, May
30th
All day

15% of all sales that day will be donated to Elderhaus.

Join us and learn more about Elderhaus!

Mindset Sock Hop



Mindset Creative Community Resource
4825 South Lemay, Ave.
FT. Collins

Dust off your poodle skirts and saddle shoes we're going back to the fabulous fifties!

Friday, June 25th
from 5:30 to 8:30

In celebration of Mindset's 5 year anniversary
Free, all ages welcome
Soft sole shoes are a must, don't want scratches on the gym floor.



23rd Annual Community Classic Bike Tour

The 23rd Annual Community Classic Bike Tour (CCBT)

Sunday, May 16, 2010

This non-competitive, multi-distance bicycle tour travels through the beautiful foothills of Larimer County in Loveland and Fort Collins and is a great training ride preparing cyclists for the numerous summer rides available.

Entry fees through April 30 are \$50 for adults, \$25 for ages 13-17, and \$10 for children. The fee for all

tration fees and sponsorship contributions will benefit Stepping Stones Adult Day Care.



10-mile riders is \$10. Downloadable registration forms are available at McKeeFoundation.com. 100 percent of all regis-

The McKee Medical Center Foundation raises funds and friends for the health and wellness of the Loveland community.

land community. We exist to make a difference in people's lives through excellent patient care.

For more information on the four distances to choose from contact:

Dawn Paepke
Events Coordinator
McKee Medical Center
Foundation
(970) 203-2519
dawn.paepke@bannerhealth.com

Volunteers of America

Volunteers of America, Caring Companion Program

The caring companion provides companionship to homebound individuals and relief to family caregivers. The caring companion volunteer will spend time with a care receiver so a caregiver can get respite for two hours a week. Many volunteers play games, sit and read, talk, watch TV, and many other fun things to keep care receivers engaged. Caring companion volunteers do not provide any medical or restroom assistance they are there to be a friend. There are many

clients on a waiting list in the Loveland and Berthoud area so please sign up to volunteer today!

Available at least 2 hours each week:

- * Commit to at least 6 months of participation in the program
- * Good communication and listening skills
- * successful completion of a motor vehicle and background check, application and interview, orientation and two letters of reference.

Program Coordinator, voarespite@frii.com or 970-472-9630

www.voacolorado.org/northernColorado

Larimer County RSVP Program, sponsored by Volunteers of America Northern Colorado Services

Volunteers of America understands that volunteers are the backbone of our community. We are committed to support human service organizations by providing individualized consulting, valuable resources, volunteer benefits and recognition, staff and volunteer workshops, co-marketing, and volunteer recruitment assistance to help build capacity and sustainability for volunteer programs throughout the

Larimer County. Enhancing volunteer programs allows our partner organizations the ability to provide more efficient and effective services which benefit our entire community.

If your agency is interested in partnering with Volunteers of America please contact Kathleen Vasa, Volunteer Program Coordinator, voarsvp@frii.com or 970-472-9630 www.voacolorado.org/NorthernColorado



LYG Garden Tour 2010

**June 26th
8:30am—3:30pm**

This year's tour will feature ...

Garden's on Lake Loveland

A Sale of Art for the Garden by local and regional artists

Lakeside Luncheon: \$10, space limited to 150

Advance reservation recommended

email:

Joanna@lovelandyouth
gardeners.org

Boat Ride around Lake Loveland: suggested donation \$5

Tickets available June 1-25 at these locations

Fort Collins

Fort Collins Nursery,
Bath Garden Center & Nursery,
Fossil Creek Nursery,
Gulley Greenhouse

Loveland

Earle's Flowers,
Gateway Garden Center,
Loveland Garden
Center,
Rowe's Flowers &
Gifts,
Rabbit Shadow Farm

\$15 Admission

Children ages 10 and
under are Free

LovelandYouthGardeners.org

970-669-7182



Need a Car Seat?

Safe Kids Larimer County When & Where:

Tuesday, May 11th

4:30pm—5:30pm and
5:30pm—6:30pm
(parents-to-be ONLY)
Loveland Fire Station #6
4325 McWhinney Blvd.

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.**

Tuesday, June 15th

4:30pm—5:30pm and
5:30pm—6:30pm
(parents-to-be ONLY)
Salud Family Health Center
1635 Blue Spruce Dr.

Friday, June 18th

9:00am—10:00am
(SPANISH only)
The Family Center/La Familia
309 Hickory St.

Tee Off for a Good Cause

4th Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

**Mariana Butte Golf Course
Thursday, June 17th, 2010**

All proceeds benefit the
Housing Authority of the
City of Loveland
(HACOL) Scholarship
Fund.

The Scholarship Program
assists residents of the
Housing Authority of the
City of Loveland in
achieving their educa-

tional goals.

Each semester up to six
scholarships are awarded
with the maximum
amount of each award
being \$1500.

MANY WAYS TO HELP!

- Golfing in the Tournament—\$100 per player
- Hole-In-One Sponsor—\$2000—includes green fees for 4 golfers—your logo/signage will be at 4 par 3 holes
- Hole Sponsor—\$1200—includes green fees for 4
- Hole Sponsor—\$800—no golfers
- Driving Range—\$800—includes green fees for 4 golfers
- Signs and Banners Sponsor—\$800
- Golf Cart Sponsor—your logo/signage will be on each cart \$600
- Drink Tickets—\$600
- Donations of Door Prizes for raffle with >\$50 value
- Donation of a Raffle Prize with >\$200 value



If you are interested in donating your time or money toward this event, find out how by contacting Tracy Hoff at 970-635-5939.



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