

January 2011

Discovering Our Voice: Explore Northern Colorado's Future

Join us on Jan 20 at The Ranch in Loveland

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[Embrace Northern Colorado](#) invites you to attend "Discovering Our Voice", where you will explore Northern Colorado's future with guest speakers Robert Grow and Elizabeth "Boo" Thomas. They will share experiences related to rapid growth in Utah and the devastation in Louisiana --- challenges that brought diverse groups of people together and harnessed the power of regional thinking, action and collaboration for the benefit of the communities and their citizens. The event will take place on Jan. 20 in the North Ballroom of the 1st National Bank Exhibition Hall. Registration is required for this free event, and doors open at 6:30 p.m. To learn more or to register, contact John Daggett at 219-5818 or [click here](#).

The Poudre Runs Through It: Water forum slated for Feb 3 at Larimer County Courthouse Hearing Room



The public is invited to join UniverCity Connections, Colorado State University, and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado in creating a better informed and engaged community regarding the complex topic of water in Northern Colorado. [The Poudre Runs Through It: Northern Colorado's Water Future](#) is a three-part series that begins with a public forum on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. The gathering will highlight the river and its social, environmental and economic impacts --- past, present and future. The forum will take place at the Larimer County Courthouse Office Building (200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins). [Click here to RSVP](#).

Homeward 2020 Moves Forward



A tremendous outpouring of community support is helping Homeward 2020 move closer toward its goal of ending homelessness in Fort Collins by the year 2020. This initiative of the Community Foundation is organizing a leadership team comprised of representatives from service agencies and community groups; the team will meet on Feb. 8 to begin implementing the first stage of the initiatives' ten year plan, which will focus on providing housing for the chronically homeless and preventing chronic homelessness in the future. To learn more, contact Homeward 2020 Director [Bryce Hach](#), a member of the Community Foundation staff, at (970) 412-1290. [Read on...](#)

Leadership Northern Colorado Regional Event



Leadership Northern Colorado is a six-month program designed to "build human capacity and to identify, define and address the issues facing the Northern Colorado region." You are invited to meet the 2011 [Leadership Northern Colorado](#) class, including Phil Farley, the Community Foundation's Director of Loveland Relations, at a special event on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Best Western Crossroads Inn & Conference Center, located at the intersection of I-25 and Highway 34. This event will focus on regionalism and the ways it is becoming a central issue for our communities. The featured speaker at this event will be Ted Abernathy of the Southern Growth Policies Board; a reception will follow his comments. There is no charge to attend. RSVP by visiting www.FortCollinsChamber.com or 482-3746.

Nonprofit Management Courses Being offered at Front Range Community College



Front Range Community College is now offering Nonprofit Management courses through its Continuing Education division. Current course topics include Grant Writing Basics and Finding the Right Funder; Introduction to Nonprofit Management (includes instruction on establishing a nonprofit organization); Fundraising for Nonprofits; Human Resource Management for Nonprofits; and Marketing and Public Relations for Nonprofits. Each month-long course costs \$49 and includes all materials (with the exception of the Grant Writing Basics course that has an additional subscription fee of \$19 to access online grant search engines.) Those wishing to earn a certificate in Nonprofit Management will complete six of the monthly courses (16 hours each.) For more information, call Lori Juszak 214-6667. [Read on...](#)

Nonprofits Are A Job Creation Engine



Carlos Slim, the richest person in the world, recently commented on the billionaires "Giving Pledge" by stating that charity does not solve anything and that increasing the number of jobs in the economy is the only path to ending poverty. Sean Stannard-Stockton, a regular columnist for The Chronicle of Philanthropy, responded by pointing out the many ways that nonprofit agencies grow our economy. [Read on...](#)

Canadian Couple Gives Away \$11.2 Million Lottery Win



Violet and Allen Large won \$11.2 million from the Lottery in July of 2010. The Canadian couple realized they had no need for the money and have already given nearly all of it away to family and charitable organizations. Violet, a cancer survivor, has made donations to the local hospitals that treated her cancer and other organizations that fight cancer. They have also made gives to their local fire department, churches, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Read the full article at MSNBC.com.

IRA Rollover Benefit Extended Transfer IRA assets to charity through January 31



The recently enacted 2010 Tax Relief Act extended the direct IRA transfer to charity rules through the end of 2011 for taxpayers who are age 70 ½ or older. Even better, a special provision of the law allows taxpayers who are 70 ½ or older to make such a transfer in January 2011 and elect to treat it as if it was made in December 2010. Donors can transfer IRA assets of up to \$100,000 per tax year directly to charitable organizations, including Designated or Unrestricted funds managed by the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. (Direct transfers to Donor Advised funds, however, are not permitted under this legislation.) The direct contribution from the IRA can be made with zero tax consequences and is counted toward the donor's required minimum distribution. To learn more on how to take advantage of

this benefit, contact [Ray Caraway](#) at 488-1980.

Ideas for Giving: Local Programs, Local Impact

The Community Foundation stays in close communication with charitable agencies in our region to strategically connect donors with the causes they care about most. These giving opportunities recently came to our attention:



[Girl Scouts of Colorado](#) invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, Jan. 15 to discover, connect and help revitalize Girl Scouting in the Fort Collins area. Learn about the girls scouts and meet CEO Megan Ferland. The event will be held at the home of Michelle Bellows, board member, from 9:30 a.m. - noon. RSVP to Pene Harrison at 303-607-4864 by Jan. 10.

[Education & Life Training Center](#) recognizes the need for alternative training and education opportunities for community members who have not been successful in a traditional learning environment. ELTC is hosting a fundraising event on Feb. 3 at the Bas Bleu Theater to support adult literacy and job skills training programs. The event will host many performances of inspirational literary passages, songs and readings. Speakers include Jane Sullivan, Sister Mary Alice, Andy Galwadon and a surprise guest. To learn



more or sponsor this event, call the Education and Life Training Center at 970-482-4357.



ChildSafe, an organization that fights sexual abuse and provides victims with therapy, is celebrating its 25th anniversary and is excited to be moving to a new location. The new building, located at 1148 E. Elizabeth, will include therapy play rooms, private offices for all full-time therapists, and separate waiting rooms for child and adult survivors. To learn more about ChildSafe [click here](#).

In an effort to make our donors and friends aware of these types of funding needs and program announcements, our website features news submissions from area nonprofit agencies. [Click here](#) to review this month's submissions, and [click here](#) if you would like to have your nonprofit agency featured on our website.

Join The Discussion



"Phil Anthropy", the Community Foundation's Facebook identity, posts updates several times each week. Share your comments on the issues that are impacting our region. [Join the discussion on our Facebook page.](#)

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