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## Loveland Youth Gardeners Establishes Endowment Fund

[Loveland Youth Gardeners](#) established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation this past week. The organization cultivates skills and promotes stewardship and service in young people through sustainable gardening and healthy living practices. This nonprofit agency can now focus its valuable staff and board resources on marketing and solicitation efforts while the Community Foundation provides investment management and technical planned giving responsibilities. [Read on...](#)



## Goodwill Industries CEO Announces Retirement

After 37 years, the CEO of Goodwill Industries of Denver, Tim Welker, has announced his retirement. During his tenure, he provided stalwart leadership that contributed to the betterment of our community. Thanks to tremendous community and staff support during that time frame, Goodwill grew from a budget of \$1 million to \$40 million and from serving 600 people to 30,000. In 2007, Goodwill Industries of Denver was recognized as the Nonprofit Organization of the Year by the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce -- a direct reflection of Welker's passion. His achievements in the community and legacy will be honored at Goodwill's annual luncheon on **Friday, April 9**, which will also serve as his last day with the organization. For more information, [click here](#).



## Individual Tickets to Annual Celebration Now Available

We are pleased to announce that [tickets to our Annual Celebration of Philanthropy are now on sale](#). The Community Foundation provides a trusted, local platform that enables people to give more effectively and to think strategically and creatively about the future of our community. To further this mission, we host an annual event that celebrates the generosity of Northern Colorado citizens. **This event is not a fundraiser:** It is an informative celebration of giving and an opportunity to connect with community leaders, donors and volunteers. Please contact [Roxanne Fry](#) at 488-1989 with any questions.

**Tables:** \$35 per person ([Click here to purchase](#)) Ticket sales are open until April 30 unless sold out.

**Tables:** A limited number of tables ([Table and Event Sponsorships](#)) are still available.

**Event Details:** 4:30 p.m. Check-In and Reception; 5:00 p.m. Program; 6:15 p.m. Post-Event Reception

**Featured Speaker:** Timothy Wirth, former U.S. Senator, current president of the United Nations Foundation



## Donor Spotlight: Edwards Family Fund

Dave and Paula Edwards founded the Edwards Family Fund at the Community Foundation in 2003. Paula is chairwoman-elect for the Women's Foundation of Colorado and was recently named Philanthropist of the Year by WomenGive, an initiative of United Way of Larimer County. For six years, Dave Edwards played a key role on the Community Foundation's volunteer leadership team, and he continues to be involved in Foundation initiatives.

Paula and Dave use the Community Foundation's services because the Foundation "provides individuals and agencies the mechanism for productive civic engagement and investment in those areas of our community." [Read on...](#)



## Plant Sale to Benefit Kayla Marie Adsit Memorial Fund

Think Spring! The [Kayla Marie Adsit Memorial Fund](#) will host a plant sale on **Saturday, May 1** from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Rocky Mountain High School in the East parking lot. Beautiful geraniums, impatiens, petunias and marigolds from Gulley's Greenhouse will be available for purchase. The Kayla Marie Adsit Memorial Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation, supports music programs in the Poudre School District high schools. To learn more, [click here](#) or call 970-988-8398. To donate to the Kayla Marie Adsit Memorial Fund, [click here](#).



## Plan Fort Collins Seeks Community Input

Plan Fort Collins is a community-wide effort to update and refine the CityPlan and the Transportation Master Plan. Residents from throughout the region are encouraged to participate in the topical focus groups. [Click here](#) for more information about Plan Fort Collins, and [click here](#) to register for a focus group session.



## Whistle-Blower Policies Support Transparency

Form 990 must be filed annually by nonprofit organizations with gross receipts of more than \$25,000. The revised 990 requires nonprofit organizations to indicate whether their organization maintains a whistle-blower policy. A whistle-blower policy helps organizations require high standards of professional ethics and encourages employees to feel empowered in calling attention to concerns. The Community Foundation is currently in the process of developing its whistle-blower policy. [Click here](#) for a link to a helpful sample for any nonprofits interested in creating their own policy.



## New Website Provides Data on Regional Youth

[Healthier Communities Coalition](#) recently launched a [special website](#) to share data about the health and well-being of Larimer County's residents (birth to 18 years of age.) "This is a fabulous new resource for our community," said Lise Youngblade, HCC president and head of Colorado State University's Department of Human Development and Family Studies. "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."

## Ideas for Giving: Local Programs, Local Impact



The Community Foundation stays in close communication with charitable agencies in our region in an effort to strategically connect donors with the causes they care about most. **Here are three giving opportunities that have recently come to our attention:**

- **Crossroads Safehouse Capital Campaign:** In 2009 Crossroads Safehouse sheltered an average of 41 victims of domestic violence and their children per night, yet turned away 138 crisis callers due to lack of space. Crossroads hopes that by early 2011 it will no longer have to turn away families who are in imminent danger. Plans call for a new safehouse to open in early 2011. This will be the first "green" safehouse and the first safehouse in the United States that will have a statewide reach via a dedicated travel vehicle. This will open the doors of the facility to battered women and children from around the state who cannot access safe shelter where they live. To learn more, visit [www.CrossroadsSafehouse.org](http://www.CrossroadsSafehouse.org) or contact Executive Director [Vicki Lutz](#) at 970-530-2353.
- **CHAMP: CHaracter in Athletics --- Make it a Priority** estimates that, in just two years of actual program implementation, more than 4,000 youth athletes have been positively impacted by coaches involved in CHAMP who have chosen to integrate an intentional character development approach into their coaching style. To date, more than 800 coaches have been trained in effective character development strategies, and almost every school and sports club in town is participating in CHAMP at some level. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Project Self-Sufficiency** is a community-based organization that assists low-income, single parent families in becoming economically independent. Participants are assisted in building their personal capacity for living wage employment while also removing barriers to self-sufficiency. This spring, Project Self-Sufficiency is reviewing the scholarship applications of 49 single parents attending post-secondary classes. The organization currently has \$34,000 available in scholarship dollars to award to these applicants, but the goal for the 2010-11 academic year is \$55,000. [Click here](#) to learn more, or contact [Mary Carraher](#) at 970-635-5901.

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.

### facebook Be Our Friend: "Phil Anthropy" is on Facebook!

The Community Foundation uses Facebook to stay in touch with our friends, share news of our activities, and expand our reach throughout Northern Colorado. Our Facebook identity is "[Phil Anthropy](#)". We look forward to having you as our "friend"! You can also connect with [UniverCityConnections](#) on Facebook!

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