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CURRENT YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED WAY VOLUNTEER CENTER

October 30, 2008

Your United Way contribution goes to work bringing lasting change, right where you live. You can help in three ways: **Give. Advocate. Volunteer.** It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future. **LIVE UNITED.** For volunteer opportunities please contact the United Way Volunteer Center by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting www.uwaylc.org and clicking on **GIVE HELP.**

THANK YOU!

for

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Hunger Banquet

Are you a high school student?

Would you like to learn more about hunger issues that affect people both locally and globally?

The Student Community Involvement Team (a program of United Way of Larimer County) invites you to participate in a Hunger Banquet. This event will take place on **Saturday, November 15** from 12:30pm-2:00pm at Poudre High School. Participants will learn about hunger and how they can take action as well as receive a free meal. You must register in advance.

Please contact Julie Phillips at (970) 407-7054 or jphillips@uwaylc.org to register or for more information.

EVENTS THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS

***CARE Housing, Inc** needs volunteers on October 31 for the School's Out event, a full day of activities for children who have the day off of school. Volunteers will assist with preparation, activities and supervision. Youth volunteers 15+, unsupervised. Contact Betsy Emond, 970.282.7522 x16 or bemond@carehousing.org

***FIRST LEGO League Robotics Tournament** needs volunteers for either short shifts or all day shifts the evening of November 14th and all day Saturday, November 15th. Friday evening, teens 16-18 are needed to set up Poudre High School for the event. Saturday, volunteers 16-18 may volunteer as table referees from 8 – 3 pm. Volunteers ages 13 – 18 are needed for either short shifts to help with check-in in the morning or 8-3 pm shifts to serve as judge assistants, score runners, score data entry, photographer assistants, etc. From 3-5 pm on Sat., teens 16-18 are needed to help put away tables and clean up. No parental supervision required, but Parental Release forms available beforehand must be signed. Contact: Marylou, 970-217-7666 or robotics@teamnash.org.

***Dance Express** needs volunteers on December 1 & 2 for the Angel Dances & The Shepards' Play. Volunteers will perform, help with rehearsal, costuming, make-up, promotions and ticket sales. Youth volunteers ages 15-16 supervised and ages 17 and older unsupervised. Contact Mary Elizabeth Lenahan at 493.2113 or danceespress@juno.com.

Visit our online calendar for all upcoming volunteer events by [clicking here!](#)

ORGANIZATIONS THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS

***Northside Aztlan Community Center** needs volunteers to assist with the new After-School Enrichment Program for K-6th graders. Volunteers will assist with art, music, games, sports, tutoring and more. Youth volunteers ages 17 and older. Bi-lingual volunteers strongly encouraged. Contact Kristie Blackmon at 416-2443 or kblackmon@fcgov.com.

***Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network** needs volunteers to measure rainfall at their own homes. The data reported will be analyzed and applied to daily situations ranging

from water resource analysis and severe storm warnings to neighbors comparing how much rain fell in their backyards. Youth welcome. Visit www.cocorahs.org for more information and to register.

***Kids at Heart** is seeking volunteers to assist in their respite care events, Fundangos!, for children so parents can enjoy a much deserved break. Volunteers will chaperone and interact with children by playing games, creating craft projects and having a fun time! Ages 11-15 supervised, 16+ unsupervised. Contact Mary Beth Freeman at 484-2047 or mbfreem@earthlink.net.

***Loveland Habitat for Humanity** needs volunteers to help sort and process donated items at the Habitat Thrift Store. Youth volunteers ages 16+, unsupervised. Contact Cathy Glaser at 669-7343 or cathy@lovelandhabitatforhumanity.org

***House of Neighborly Service** in Loveland needs volunteers for food pantry and clothing room donation sorting and helping clients in both areas. Youth volunteers age 14 and older. Contact Glorie Magrum at 667-4939 or honservice@qwest.net.

***Hearts and Horses** needs volunteer horse leaders and sidewalkers for their therapy sessions in Loveland. Several times and days are available during the week and on weekends. Volunteers must be over 16 years old. Several other volunteer opportunities on the ranch also available. Contact Abigail Wood at 663-4200 or handhvolunteers@frii.com.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

***Loveland Youth Gardeners** – Presents Green Adventures - Educational Experiences to Grow a Healthy Body & World! Classes for 8-12 year olds. Saturdays: 9:00-11:30am. Cost: \$15/class, \$40 for all three. These classes focus on developing stewardship and healthy living skills for children ages 8-12, through a variety of activities, including: gardening, science, art, creative writing and nutrition. To register please call Loveland Youth Gardeners at 669-7182.

November 22 - Thank you, Planet Earth!

In celebration of Thanksgiving, we will create a three-dimensional poem using re-used and recycled materials, and we will plant spring bulbs.

December 13 - "Green" Gifts

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

Fort Collins Bookstore Offers Free and/or Cheap Fun - Reader's Cove, a locally owned bookstore located at Harmony Rd. and Lemay Ave. in Fort Collins, has a lot of free or cheap things to do:

* Gift Card Amnesty: Trade in an unwanted gift card for one good at the Cove.

* ARC Review Club: Sign up to get an advanced review copy of new books. The catch, you have to write a review of the book (50-to 100 word minimum - no max) before you can check out another book. This is a great way to read something outside your normal habit without having to buy it.

* Audio Lending Library: An open-to-the-public lending library of audio books. Take in an audio book to trade for one of the Cove's. If you don't have an audio to trade, \$5 will get you into the club to take a copy. And the Cove will order any audio book you may want to purchase for 25% off the retail price.

* Children's Story time: Every Monday and Saturday at 10:15am. Includes three stories and a craft.

* Free Bagel every Monday from 7-11 am with any coffee purchased in the Cove's coffee shop.

***Leadership Training for Kids** - KidLead, America's only leadership training program designed specifically for 10-13 year olds, is preparing to launch nationally this fall. KidLead began here in Larimer County, finishing spring programs at Benjamin-Eaton and Faith EV Free Church. There is opportunity for individuals and organizations to be certified to use the KidLead Curriculum in a weekend trainings. Scholarships are available for qualified applicants. KidLead is a non-profit, educational foundation. For more info or to register for this training, go to www.kidlead.com.

***Loveland Museum/Gallery** - Class registration for the Loveland Museum/Gallery Fall 2008 Session will begin on Friday, August 22 at 10 am. Workshops and classes offer a variety of different artistic mediums for all ages. All classes are held at the Loveland Museum/Gallery expansion "Sequel" building. Advance registration is required for all classes and payment is due at the time of registration. No refunds after registration deadline. Supplies are included with fees unless otherwise noted. To register, please call 970-962-2410 or stop into the Loveland Museum/Gallery at 503 N. Lincoln, Loveland, Colorado.

Fall 2008 Classes

- Georgia O'Keeffe's Bones in the Sky, grades 4-7, Nov. 5, 2:30-4:30pm, \$18
- Wonderful Watercolor Pets, grades 2-5, Nov. 6 & 13 (2-day class), 4:00-5:30pm, \$27
- Puff the Magic Dragon, grades K-3, Nov. 8, 1:00-3:00pm, \$18
- Cartooning, grades 4-8, Nov. 12, 2:30-4:30pm, \$18
- Watercolor Quilts, grades 2-5, Nov 19 from 2:30-4:30pm AND Nov. 20 from 4:00-5:30pm (2-day class), \$27
- Horse Sculptures, grades 2-5, Nov. 22, 1:00-3:00pm, \$18
- Mona Lisa Portraits, grades 4-8, Dec. 3, 2:30-4:30pm, \$18
- Paper Quilts, grades 3-5, Dec. 6 & 13 (2-day class), 10:30am-12:00pm, \$27
- Snowman Ornaments, grades 1-3, Dec. 11, 4:00-5:30pm, \$18

***Kids Nite Out** - Every Saturday at the Chilson Recreation Center in Loveland from 7-10:30pm. Kids in grades 2-8 can enjoy gym games (basketball, dodge ball, hockey, soccer, etc), dancing to a live DJ and much more; swimming available with licensed lifeguards from 7-9 pm. Program runs September-May and is offered every weekend. Kids must be signed in by an adult and escorted out of building by an adult. More info: www.kidsniteout.org to obtain registration form and look at monthly calendars for each location.

GRANTS, FUNDRAISERS, & RECOGNITIONS

Calling All Green Families - 2009 FamilyFun Volunteers Contest

Have you and your kids worked together on a project that helps the environment? We want to hear from you! Maybe your family started a recycling program in your school or turned a vacant lot into a community garden. Enter the 2009 FamilyFun Volunteers Contest: Green Edition and tell us all about it. Five families chosen by the editors and HandsOn Network will each win \$5,000 for the nonprofit of their choice, courtesy of The Walt Disney Company. We also want to hear about your family's best, most creative, and most successful Green Tips: simple ways you and your kids have changed your lives to reduce your impact on the planet, such as switching to reusable lunch containers or starting a "walking school bus" to get kids to school.

The 25 families whose green tips are chosen for publication will each receive \$100. Go to <http://FamilyFun.com/vhttp://FamilyFun.com/volunteers> for official rules and submission instructions. The deadline is November 30, 2008.

***Nestle Very Best in Youth Program: Honoring Young People for Academic and Community Service Achievements (Deadline: November 20)**

This program, sponsored by Nestle USA, honors young people ages 13 to 18, who excelled in school and have made their communities and the world a better place to live. Young people will be selected based upon nominations from parents, volunteers, and teachers as well as the information appearing on the nominating form. Winners will be honored at a black-tie ceremony in Los Angeles in July, 2009. For complete details visit: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/AboutVBINY.aspx>.

Did you know that the Volunteer Center has lots of other resources and opportunities for youth to get involved in volunteering?

[Click here to learn more and get involved!](#)



**United Way 2-1-1 is open Monday-Friday 8am-8pm,
Saturday from 9am-5pm**

*If you need help and don't know where to go or want to help and don't know where to look,
call 2-1-1.*