



Center for Nonprofit Excellence

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Dear Reader,

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence has as part of its mission to advocate on behalf of its members. To accomplish this mission, we work closely with other organizations such as the Colorado Nonprofit Association, the Legislative Watch Council of the Greater Chamber of Colorado Springs, and Independent Sector in Washington, D.C. A recent issue of note is federal legislation regarding the charitable deduction. On your behalf, CNE has signed a letter endorsing efforts to preserve the charitable deduction and protect the services so many of you provide.

Sincerely,

Dave Somers

Executive Director of Center for Nonprofit Excellence

Free Development Seminar Presented by University of the Rockies

Topic: Deep Change: Moving from Success to Significance

When: Wednesday, July 20th

Time: 11:30-1:00 PM

Where: Harvey House Auditorium at University of the Rockies, 555 East Pikes Peak

Click [here](#) for more information.

Please RSVP to admissions@rockies.edu, space is limited.

CELEBRAZIONE! Presented by the Fine Arts Center

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's Youth Repertory Theatre program, featuring local aspiring theatre arts students, present **Celebrazione!**, a lollapalooza of scenes and songs, at the SaGāJi Theatre July 21-24.

Click [here](#), for details.

Leadership Pikes Peak, Request for Projects

Leadership Pikes Peak (LPP) offers a variety of community leadership development programs that challenge community residents to recognize and take personal responsibility for improving our community. Two of our leadership programs are now accepting community project ideas and will select projects early this fall.

Click [here](#) for details.

Community Calendar

Please visit our website for all calendar information

July 20: Development Seminar

July 21-24: CELEBRAZIONE!

August 3: HR Networking

August 4: Development Networking

August 6: Curiosity Never Retires

August 26: AFP Summit on Philanthropy

August 31: Intro to Standards

September 11: Community Commemoration

Member of the Month

Designated Driver

Mission: Designated Driver provides free rides to impaired drivers. Our goal is to eliminate as much as possible the reasons why people make poor choices, not only do we get people home safely, we drive them home in their own cars.

New Member of the Month

Southern Colorado Aids Project (S-CAP)

Mission: The Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP) is committed to meeting the evolving needs of those persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families as well as providing education and prevention programs to the S-CAP service area that will help eliminate new infections.

HR Networking

Topic: Inclusion Policies

Speaker: Shirley Martinez and Kim Neuhaus of Colorado Springs Utilities

When: Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Time: 8:00-9:00 AM

Where: PPUW/CNE, 518 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs

Development Networking

Topic: Case Statements

Speaker: Brinah Vincent

When: Thursday, August 4, 2011

Time: 8:00-9:00 AM

Where: PPUW/CNE, 518 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs

Curiosity Never Retires

Colorado Governor John W. Hickenlooper has proclaimed the week of August 1st to August 6th as Lifelong Learning Week in Colorado. Pillar Institute for Lifelong Learning, Pikes Peak Library District, UCCS Academy for Lifelong Learning, Colorado Springs Senior Center, Fine Arts Center and Theaterworks are planning special free events all week to get the word out on the kind of lifelong learning opportunities that are available year round in our region.

A calendar of events is available through the PILLAR website (www.visitpillar.org, click on Calendar of Events). You can register for these free classes by calling PILLAR at 633-4991.

Save the Date & Call for Nominations Partners in Philanthropy

The 12th annual Partners in Philanthropy awards will be presented by the Pikes Peak Funders Forum, Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Pikes Peak United Way and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

Speaker: Sheila Leddy, The Fledgling Fund

Where: The Broadmoor

When: Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Nominations Categories:

- Outstanding Individual Donor
- Outstanding Grant Making Organization
- Outstanding Business Philanthropic Program (Large and Small)
- Outstanding Fundraising Campaign Volunteer
- Outstanding Youth/Youth Group (Must be 18 or younger)

Click [here](#) for nomination form.

*Nomination deadline is August 8th by 5:00 PM

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Southern Colorado Chapter invites you to join them at the **5th Annual Summit on Philanthropy** on Friday, August 26 at the Penrose House in Colorado Springs from 8:30am to 3:30pm. The Summit is the largest gathering of fundraising professionals in Southern Colorado each year and is an opportunity to educate, challenge and encourage ourselves to better create sustainable funding for our nonprofit community.

This year AFP is proud to feature renowned author, researcher and mentor, Penelope Burk. Penelope Burk is celebrated for introducing the concept of Donor-Centered Fundraising, which has transformed the way nonprofit organizations communicate with donors. Penelope will discuss topics such as: how the recession has motivated donors, which fundraising methods work best, donor-centered fundraising and more.

Registration for AFP members is \$85, nonmembers \$115; prices increase \$30 for registrations received after July 29.

For more information or to register, please visit: www.afpsoco.org or call 719.313.0167

Standards for Excellence

Where does your organization need to improve? Through eight principles and 55 standards of operation, Standards for Excellence helps you establish a framework within which you are able to improve your organization's effectiveness, develop staff, and promote public confidence.

August 31 we will host an introduction to the Standards for Excellence. This session is ideal for anyone who wants a broad overview of the concepts or who is considering the full clinic series. Attendees will receive a checklist to assess their organizational effectiveness in a number of key areas. The full clinic series begins on September 28 and meets for four, four-hour sessions.

Come and learn how this program works!

Introduction to the Standards for Excellence

Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Pikes Peak United Way, Community Room
518 North Nevada Avenue, COS 80903

To register please contact the CNE office at 719-575-4341 or info@cncoloradosprings.org.

2012 El Paso County Community Development Block Grant applications available

The application and instructions for completing the application are attached; however, it is also encourage you to visit the website for additional information on the program. Applications are due September 1st, 2011.

[Click here for the 2012 application.](#)

<http://adm.elpasoco.com/cdbg>

Community 9/11 Commemoration

Colorado Springs played a critical role during the attacks 10 years ago on Sept. 11, and the community is invited to a special commemoration at 7 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2011 at America the Beautiful Park. Visit www.cosremembers911.org for details.

Nominations Open for Rotary's Joe Henjum Award

The Downtown Rotary Club welcomes nominations from Pikes Peak area nonprofits for an "unsung hero," someone who has been volunteering for years but hasn't received the recognition he or she deserves. The Joe Henjum award gives the winner a chance to donate \$1,000 to the charity of his or her choice. Complete details and a nomination form may be found at <http://www.coloradospringsrotary.org/JoeHenjumAward.cfm>. Nominations are open until Sept. 15.

Reinstating Tax-Exempt Status

The IRS is offering steps for existing organizations to apply for reinstatement, if needed.

Please check out the following article from our friends at BKD, LLP:

<http://www.bkd.com/media/articles/insights/npg/2011/2011-07insightsNPG-1.htm>.

2012 Nonprofit Directory

The Pikes Peak Regional Nonprofit Directory is published annually as a joint project of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and the Colorado Springs Business Journal, and last year's directory contained about 600 listings. Last year's directory can be found online at our [website](#).

Click [here](#) to register your organization.

***Submission deadline is October 31st; please only one submission per organization.**



Volunteer Photos Welcome

Increase recognition of your volunteers and volunteer events by sending us your photos. CNE will display them at Volunteer Day. Please include captions or brief descriptions that tell us the date of the event, the nonprofit that benefitted, who volunteered, and what was accomplished. Please tell us you have permission from folks for us to post their photos and include your contact information.

Please send photos to info@cncoloradosprings.org. We look forward to showcasing your volunteer events!

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