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Dear Reader,

CNE's new website launched! Check out www.cncoloradosprings.org for a new look and the final step in CNE's rebranding effort. Our goal is to make CNE's website more useful and informative than ever before, but it must also serve your needs. We welcome your feedback and suggestions and how this site can be even more valuable to you.

Sincerely,
Dave Somers
Executive Director of Center for Nonprofit Excellence

P.S. CNE does not hold its monthly networking groups in July. See everyone in August!

Teller County Resource Meeting, July 13

CNE Executive Director Dave Somers will speak on "10 Keys to Running a Successful Nonprofit" on July 13 at the Teller County Resource Meeting. The meeting will be at 9 a.m. in the second floor conference room at the Aspen Mine Center, 166 E. Bennett Ave., in Cripple Creek. To RSVP, please call Aspen Mine Center at 689-3584 x 101. Space is limited

Regis University July Information Sessions

Discover the Regis advantage, click [here](#) for information.

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.

for Child Development

Mission: CPCD prepares young children for success in school and life by providing excellent, comprehensive early childhood services in partnership with diverse families and the community.

New Member of the Month

March of Dimes

Mission: We are dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. We carry out our mission through research, services, education and advocacy.

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@cnecoloradosprings.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.

Unemployment Tax

Biggs Kofford has sent out the following tax alert:

The IRS has announced that effective July 1, 2011, there will be a reduction in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) rate due to the expiration of the 0.2 percent FUTA surtax. This will decrease the overall rate from 6.2 to 6.0 percent on FUTA taxable wages paid after June 30, 2011. The annual FUTA taxable wage base of the first \$7,000 paid to each employee remains unchanged.

As the FUTA tax is strictly an employer-paid tax, there is no impact to your employees. Any impact resulting from this change will be reflected in your company's FUTA tax liability.



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!

Planning to Retire?

Cascade Investment Group, Inc. recently published an insightful article about sources of income for seniors and planning ahead in uncertain economic times.

Click [here](#) for details.

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.**

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strengthens Southern Colorado's nonprofit sector through leadership and resource development, advocacy and collaboration.

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