



# Center for Nonprofit Excellence

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## Member of the Month

### [Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association](#)

**Mission:** The Youth Symphony's mission is to provide for the artistic and educational development of young people within the Pikes

Dear Reader,

### Gift Acceptance Policies

One of the most important, pro-active steps a nonprofit can take is to adopt a gift acceptance policy. Not only does IRS Form 990 ask you if you have such a policy, but it can protect you when a donor presents your organization with an "opportunity" that it doesn't know how to handle or doesn't have the resources to manage. The May/June 2011 issue of *Advancing Philanthropy* offers several articles that discuss how to use a gift acceptance policy to protect your organization from liability.

In addition, CNE's Standards for Excellence program, beginning in September 2011, covers gift acceptance policies along with dozens of other best practices for nonprofits. For more information on Standards for Excellence, please go to [www.cncoloradosprings.org](http://www.cncoloradosprings.org) or call 575-4341.

Sincerely,

Dave Somers

Executive Director of Center for Nonprofit Excellence

### Member Brown Bag

#### Topic: **Funding Nonprofit Capital Projects: A Fresh Perspective**

**Speaker:** Jeff Seifried, Mile High Community Loan Funds

**Time:** 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

**Where:** Webster University, 5475 Tech Center Drive

**When:** Tuesday, June 28, 2011

RSVP to Danielle at 575-4341 or [danielle@cncoloradosprings.org](mailto:danielle@cncoloradosprings.org)

Jeff Seifried will be presenting along with Cherie Kirschbaum of City Projects, a real estate consulting and project management firm that specializes in helping nonprofits achieve social change through real estate.

Peak region by offering high quality and diverse musical experiences, which enrich the cultural environment of the community.

## New Member of the Month

### Gary Skinner Ministries

**Mission:** To encourage, equip, and empower men and women of all ages to embrace God's purpose for their lives.

## **Regis University**

### **Masters of Nonprofit Management Information Session**

#### **Join the Inaugural Class at the Colorado Springs Campus**

Regis University is now offering a Masters in Nonprofit Management at the Colorado Springs Campus. This program combines on-site classes with our global online program, giving students the opportunity to network locally and interact with students from around the world.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Regis University Colorado Springs Campus 7450 Campus Drive Suite 100

**When:** Thursday, June 30, 2011

Refreshments will be available and an opportunity to meet and speak with Professor Eugene Wilkerson, faculty MNM Lead for the Colorado Springs Campus.

Reserve your space today!

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### **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, International Hall

**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

## HR Training for Managers

Educating managers on HR best practices in the areas of effective interviewing skills, orientation and onboarding, and performance management skills can help managers be successful. Mountain States Employers Council is an affordable solution to area nonprofits because of a membership discount available through CNE. Its Organizational Development and Learning staff is available to discuss training needs, help you select and customize programs, and evaluate their usefulness to your organization.

For more information on Mountain States Employers Council and training options, call (719) 633-4414.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Southern Colorado Chapter invites you to join them at the **5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:info@cncoloradosprings.org).



### 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@cnecoloradosprings.org](mailto:info@cnecoloradosprings.org). We look forward to showcasing your volunteer events!

**FYI:** In the month of July, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence will not be holding any networking groups. All groups will be back on schedule in August.

**Office Closure:** The Center for Nonprofit Excellence will be closed, Monday July 4, 2011.

## The Center for Nonprofit Excellence

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

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