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Food Bank for Larimer County's Feinsein Challenge



The Food Bank for Larimer County invites Northern Colorado residents to be a part of the annual Feinsein Challenge. The Alan Feinsein Foundation will give a portion of a \$1 million grant to the Food Bank for Larimer County. The grant portion the organization receives will be based on donations made between March 1 and April 30.



Your donation will help the Food Bank move forward with its vision of a hunger-free Larimer County! [Click here to join the challenge and make a donation.](#)

Fort Collins Museum and Discovery Science Center Take a panoramic tour



[The Fort Collins Museum and Discovery Science Center's](#) new building is underway. The new museum will combine science with history and culture to nurture a deeper understanding of the world and our place in it. You can take an online tour of the new building, located on the corner of College Avenue and Cherry Street, by viewing these new [360-degree panoramic pictures](#). Simply click on the picture you'd like to see and drag your cursor, which allows you to view all angles and areas of the building. To learn more about the building project, [click here](#).

Tables Going Quickly: Reserve Yours Today!



As part of our ongoing effort to be the regional leader in building a more engaged, philanthropic, and visionary community, we host an annual event to recognize 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.

The 2011 Annual Celebration of Philanthropy is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at the Hilton Fort Collins, beginning with a 4:30 p.m. pre-event reception. The featured speaker will be David Krueger, author of 16 books and the CEO of MentorPath, who will encourage event attendees to think strategically and creatively about philanthropy and community engagement.

The generous support of sponsors makes this celebration possible. [Click here](#) to reserve your table, and contact [our team](#) at 488-1977 with any questions.

Northern Colorado Tackles Controversial Water Issues Community takes great interest in education sessions

The Poudre Runs Through It:

[Northern Colorado's Water Future](#)



"The Poudre Runs Through It" is a three-part series that began with a kick-off event in early February focusing on the future of water in Northern Colorado. Part two of the series, the public education sessions, will take place March 10 and March 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Larimer County Courthouse Office Building, 200 West Oak St. in Fort Collins. The first education session, which took place on Feb. 24, covered Colorado water law, sources and uses of local water, and how our water is managed and regulated. The second session will cover current and future water needs, as well as Poudre River stream flow and water quality. The third session will cover water supply basin wide planning and address the question, "Where Will Our Future Water Come From?" [Click here for the full course description](#). Learn more about the sessions and RSVP by [visiting the event web page](#).

Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures Exhibit featured Peace Corps artifacts

The Community Foundation is proud to highlight the new [Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures](#), located at 200 W. Mountain Ave. in Fort Collins. The museum recently showcased an exhibit of artifacts from around the world donated by Peace Corps volunteers of Northern Colorado. Watch for

Community Foundation Serves as Resource for Nonprofit Agencies Software savings has tremendous impact on local organizations



When the Community Foundation provided [SAINT Volunteer Transportation](#) with funding for upgraded computer systems, our staff gave the organization more than just a check: we made sure that Gary Thomas, SAINT's executive director, was aware of a nonprofit agency that serves as the charitable arm of Microsoft, Adobe and other well-known software companies.

[TechSoup](#) provides nonprofits and libraries with technology resources at dramatically discounted prices. Gary recently shared his thoughts with our staff.

"Thanks to your help in finding TechSoup, we were able to greatly improve all our software platforms for scheduling, bookkeeping and general office needs," Gary said. "The savings, compared to what we would have paid at retail, was literally in the thousands of dollars --- which is a big deal to a small agency. The partnership between SAINT and the Community Foundation goes back many years and we continue to benefit not only from grant funding, but also from the management of our endowment and timely advice like the lead to TechSoup."

Gates Foundation Backs Social Media App Technology tool aims to improve college completion rates



The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently gave \$2 million to help Ingral, an educational technology startup, get more colleges and universities to use its Schools App. The Nonprofit Quarterly reports that "the Gates' investment signals the foundation's belief that social media and the interactions and connections it creates can actually make a measurable improvement in the rate of students who complete college." [Read on...](#)

Ideas for Giving: Local Programs, Local Impact

The Community Foundation stays in close communication with charitable agencies in our region to strategically connect donors with the causes they care about most. These giving opportunities recently came to our attention:



[Thompson School District's Child Assault Protective Skills Program](#)

The Thompson School District serves students in Loveland, Berthoud and southern Fort Collins. Its mission is to empower to learn, challenge to achieve and inspire to excel. The Child Assault Protective Skills program is offered to second and fourth graders to help them identify and prevent physical and emotional abuse; bullying in person and online; and stranger safety. To learn more, contact [Jana Ramchander](#) or 613-6787. [Read on...](#)



LARIMERHUMANESOCIETY

[The Larimer Humane Society](#), founded in 1969, promotes and provides the responsible care and treatment of animals. It provides shelter and care to every animal in need, regardless of breed, sex, age, behavior or history. Through quality adoptions, veterinary care, education, WildKind, and Animal Protection and Control services, the organization provides shelter, medical attention, and care to nearly 12,000 domestic and wild animals yearly. Sponsorship opportunities for Larimer Humane Society's 21st Annual Fire Hydrant 5K Walk/Run and Pet Expo, [slated for Saturday, June](#)

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[Young Life of Northern Colorado](#) is a world-class organization for adolescents. Young Life staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them --- fun, adventure, friendship, and a sense of significance. In doing so, the staff and volunteers earn the privilege of talking to kids about something that Young Life thinks matters most of all --- the truth about God and His love for them. Young Life Northern Colorado works with many financially challenged students who wish to participate in the summer camp experience, and camp scholarship funding allows this to happen. The organization is also seeking general operational support. For more information, please contact [Bob Seale](#) or 218-6323. [Read on...](#)

In an effort to make our donors and friends aware of these types of funding needs and program announcements, our website features new 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.

Join The Discussion



"Phil Anthropy", the Community Foundation's Facebook identity, posts updates several times each week. Share your comments on the issues that are impacting our region. [Join the discussion on our Facebook page.](#)

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