





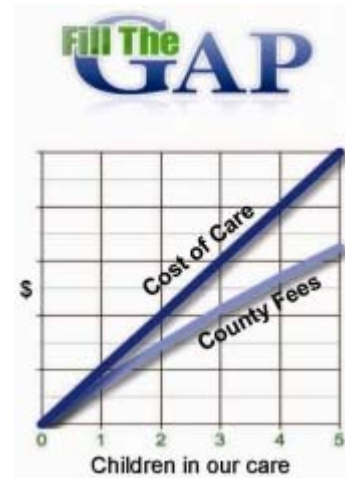
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We need your help to FILL the GAP

\$46.92 Fills the GAP between the county funding we receive and the actual cost of care for ONE CHILD for ONE DAY at our Children's Treatment Center. Together the Reece and Reiff families have generously offered to match up to \$10,000 of donations received before May 31st. Donations qualify for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Credit. To donate online, please visit www.FamiliesFirstColorado.org.



June Campaign!

Double your Dollars for Families First!

You can turn a \$5 donation into \$10 when you stop by your local Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage anytime in June. Since 2007, Natural Grocers has highlighted Families First in a month-long customer donation campaign matched dollar for dollar by their corporate office. Last year we raised \$28,000. Giving back to the community has been an important part of Natural Grocers mission since it was founded by the Isley family in 1955. Make Natural Grocers your place to shop in June! Visit www.vitamincottage.com to find the store closest to you.

2010 Awards - Outstanding!

Each year Families First presents its **Outstanding Corporate Support Award** to a business that has shown its commitment to community involvement by supporting the work of Families First. We are happy to announce that the 2010 award was given to **Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage**. Director of Marketing, Nancy Flynn, accepted the award. *Pictured: Mary Hencmann, Executive Director-Nancy Flynn-Karen Koop, Community Outreach Coordinator.*



Sharon Bair was recognized as the **2010 Outstanding Program Volunteer**. She has volunteered as a Staff Aide at the Children's Treatment Center every week for the past 18 years. **Pat Trujillo and Joe Archuletta**, the founding members of the **Spanish Advisory Council** were recognized as

the **2010 Outstanding Community Volunteers.**

Our honorees received pots of spring flowers hand-decorated and potted by the children living at the Children's Treatment Center with the note - "Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children and families."

Would you like to help the children at our Children's Treatment Center? We are currently in need of gift certificates to museums/zoo/restaurants, art supplies, snack food items and a TV/DVD. [Click here to see our complete Wish List.](#)

Families First Summer Events!

June 18 to July 5 - Pigs on Pedestals, Park Meadows Mall
July 18 - Country Fair, The Wildlife Experience
Aug 30 - "Fore" Families First Golf Tournament, The Ridge at Castle Pines North

DENVER DAY of ROCK sponsored by CONCERTS For KIDS

May 29 Family Fun on the 16th Street Mall

For the past three years, Families First has been a beneficiary of Concerts For Kids, a Denver based not-for-profit foundation focused on raising funds for and awareness of children's charities through annual events and community service projects. They have painted, repaired carpet, and fixed the fence at the Children's Treatment Center. This year 20 volunteers will be painting stairs and fences, replenishing the ground cover and doing general yard clean-up. We are grateful for the support and commitment of Concerts For Kids!

On **May 29**, Concerts For Kids will be sponsoring 4 stages of LIVE music on the 16th Street Mall at the 2nd Annual "**Denver Day of Rock.**" This FREE event is from 2:30 to 9:30pm. More information on entertainment line-up, parking and activities can be found at www.denverdayofrock.com.

Concerts For Kids is looking for Event Day Volunteers. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Eat, Drink and Dance like a Greek!

June 18-20

Every year the profits from the Greek Festival are used to support organizations that are truly making a difference in our community. We are thrilled that **Families First was chosen as a 2010 Charity Partner along with The Gathering Place and Joshua's Station.** You've always

wanted to go! Bring your whole family and friends for a day of fun! Be sure that you stop by the Families First table to say hi!

Did you know that the Greek Festival features "tastes of Greece" with homemade items such as *tiropites*, *pastistio*, *dolmathes*, *meatballs* and *spanakoptia*, as well as desserts including *baklava*, *koulouria* and *sweet bread* and traditional *frappes* and made-to-order Greek coffee! There will be hourly tours of the Cathedral which has been called the "Sistine Chapel of the West." Shoppers will love the Greek Boutique with Greek jewelry, clothing and art. Of course there will be Greek music and dancing throughout the festival. Can you think of a better way to enjoy a Summer evening! For more information, visit the festival website at www.thegreekfestival.com.

The Katelynn Stinnett National Memorial Ride

June 19 Celebrate Summer on a motorcycle!

Join Families First Executive Director Mary Hencmann at this June 19 event! It begins at 9:30am at Roosters Roadhouse in Thornton with a poker run (cash prizes!) and will end at the Platte River Bar & Grill in Littleton with an evening of live music hosted by Peter Boyles. Don't ride a motorcycle? Join us at the Platte River for the party! It's all for a good cause - Families First!



We are grateful for all the hard work the planning committee has done to raise awareness of child abuse prevention and to raise money for Families First through this event...and all the events you've hosted this Spring leading up to "The Ride!" For more information, go to www.ksruncentralco.com.

To register, go to www.FamiliesFirstColorado.org. News/Events...Sponsored Events
\$20 Single Rider/ \$25 Two Riders/ \$10 Concert Only.
First 100 pre-registrants will receive a FREE Run T-Shirt!

SPONSORED FUNDRAISERS

We would like to thank the many businesses who did fundraisers for us in April.

The **Primrose School of Lone Tree** hosted a school-wide, month-long piggy bank fundraiser. Each classroom named its pig, gave it a home and wrote a story about its adventures. Thanks to the students, parents and staff who made this a very successful event!

The Denver area **Monkey Biznesses** (Centennial, Westminster, Denver, Parker, Lone Tree) raised money for Families First and awareness of Child Abuse Prevention with "Families First Days" and selling blue and silver pinwheels as "Pinwheels for Prevention."

Julie's Hallmark, Highlands Ranch, sponsored a "Girl's Night Out" on April 24. **Comfort Suites Denver South** presented Families First with a check for the first quarter of water bottle sales.

We also received a first quarter check from **Colorado Kids 1st License Plates**. Families First receives \$30 for every plate listing us as the "referring agency." Colorado Kids 1st wants to have 3000 plates on the road by the end of 2010. [Click here to read "insider tips" on getting your license plates this Summer.](#)

GRANTS and FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Families First received \$35,000 through the 2010 Denver Post **SEASON to SHARE**, a McCormick Foundation Fund to support the children in our Children's Treatment Center. A record-breaking \$2,532,000 was distributed to 74 Denver-area nonprofit agencies through this year's campaign. Funds are raised through reader, community and corporate donations. Each dollar donated is matched at 50 cents by the McCormick Foundation.

We also received \$12,000 in General Operating support from the Adolph Coors Foundation.

IN-KIND DONATIONS *We'd like to acknowledge the generosity of individuals and companies that have provided us with in-kind donations in March and April 2010.*

Bev McAdam, Ventzislav Karaivanov, Diane Heller, Lillian Kaestner, Marlynn Silver, Toni Tucker, Bob Omer, Mary Lester, Joyce Goedeker, Debbie Korbelik

Big Monkey Bizness Staff, Primrose School of Lone Tree and Castle Rock, Zephr Graf-X

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SPECIAL GIVING RECOGNITION

IN MEMORY OF:

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