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Tagawa Gardens
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Families First
Open House
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Denver Day of Rock
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Month of June



The Greek Festival
June 17, 18, 19

Pigs on Pedestals
Park Meadows
June 17-July 5

Country Fair
Four Mile House
July 17

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Celebrate Spring with Families First!

*Shop at Tagawa Gardens

[Click here for a flyer with Families First barcode](#)

*Families First Open House May 12 from 3 to 6pm

RSVP to Karen@FamiliesFirstColorado.org

*Enjoy Denver's 3rd Annual Day of Rock

www.denverdavofrock.com



Children's Center
Staff Aide
Brian Firooz
with Ann Afton

Thanks to Our Totally Awesome Volunteers!

On April 30 we celebrated all the volunteers who have been involved with us over the past 25 years at our "Totally Awesome 1980's Birthday Party."



Philoptochos Members
Klea and Joni Kappos,
Joanna Kabylafakas
with Alice Edwards

Children's Center Staff Aide **Brian Firooz** was recognized as the **2011 Outstanding Program Volunteer**. Children's Center Director Ann Afton told us "Brian makes a point to spend one-on-one time with each child and plans really fun activities. The children trust him and feel safe with him...they all adore him!"

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society and **The Greek Festival** received the **2011 Outstanding Volunteer Support** award for providing us with volunteers and meals for our Children's Center painting day, and with financial support and extraordinary opportunities to raise awareness about our family support services. We are proud to have been chosen again this year as one of the Greek Festival's charities.

For info on the Festival and the *new* Greek cookbook
www.festivalofgreekflavors.com
www.thegreekfestival.com

We were happy to award the **2011 Outstanding Corporate Support** to the **Primrose Schools of Lone Tree and Castle Rock**. For the past 2 years they have donated boxes of children's books and holiday gifts to us and have sponsored April Piggy Bank Fundraisers. Giving back to others and helping children understand generosity is central to the education preschool children receive at Primrose.



Primrose School
Sarah Nelson and
Jackie Schwasinger



Olga Salazar
Spanish Family
Support Service
Coordinator

Our very own Olga Salazar can be heard monthly on the radio program "**Hablando Hoy**" with **Rodolfo Jose Cardenas** (1150AM 6am-9am weekdays) which provides news and community information to the Latino community. Radio is a very effective way to connect with Latino families. Parents tune in looking for resources and help relating to their kids. Olga introduces our services and provides parenting tips and information on the stages of kids' development. We're happy to report

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that we've had an increase in calls to our Spanish support line as a result of this welcome opportunity.

We would like to thank **Meiklejohn Elementary School** in Arvada for giving us a \$1500 Penny Harvest Grant. Students collected a record 107 bags of pennies! We would also like to thank 7 year old **Parker Zieschang** for creating a video that introduced Families First to the Penny Harvest leadership team at his school. Great job Parker!



Young Philanthropist Parker Zieschang

Thank You to the mighty volunteers from the **University of Michigan Alumni and Michigan Law Alumni** who helped us with yard clean-up on April 30.

Concerts For Kids Community Day will be May 14, 2011. In one six hour day, teams of volunteers are dispersed to pre-selected Denver non-profits and put in a total of 5,000 hours of work in just one day. Families First is a beneficiary again this year! For more information please visit www.ConcertsForKids.org

IN-KIND DONATIONS

We'd like to acknowledge the generosity of individuals and companies who provided us with in-kind donations in Feb, March, April 2011.

Deb Sturm, Gail Doby, Glory Weisberg, Kim Schulz, Claire and Nora Poole, Marlynn Silver, Molly Lemmers, Cathrin Crampton, Georgeann Becker, Melissa Burkhart, Ron and Cathy Murtha, Meredith Abeldt, Amy Ascencio, Ashley Brown, Rocio Belmontes, Marlene Blesch, Larry Donovan, Melissa Jacob, Gary Ray, Joyce Goedecker, Sue Giovanini, Highline Community School, Wells Fargo

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Glory Weisberg by Dennis Chalus
Earl Bowick by Gene & Jodie Hohensee

In Memory Of:

Reta Ruma by Al and Karen Schmidt

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