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**Vote for our project to upgrade the furnishing
at the Children's Treatment Center!**
VOTE *every day* from July 1 – 31



COUNTRY FAIR Roams Wild at The Wildlife Experience!
Sunday July 18 6-10pm

Purchase tickets by July 12 on our website or by calling 303.745.0327
Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be mailed.
Admission: \$35 adult
\$15 child (10-12 years)
Children under 10 are FREE!

We've made it easier than ever for you to support Families First by bringing your whole family to the **Country Fair** this year. **Kids under 10 are FREE!** Adults can come for just \$35. Imagine enjoying an evening of Family Fun for a family of four - including a BBQ and museum admission - for just \$70. Tell your family and friends. The Wildlife Experience is offering us private access to the Globeology Exhibit and the National Geographic Critercam. We'll have live music, a silent auction and even more games and prizes for the kids than last year. If you have a piggy bank, bring it along to "weigh-in!"

Many Thanks to **THE CRAZY MERCHANT, Inc** for sponsoring The Country Fair for 18 years!
Visit the Littleton shop for jewelry, beads, gifts! www.thecrazymerchant.com

Pigs on Pedestals
Park Meadows Mall - June 18 to July 5

Cleverly embellished **Pigs on Pedestals** are on display outside of Macy's at the Park Meadows Shopping Center until July 5th. Stop by and vote for your favorite piggy bank and for a chance to win free tickets to the **Country Fair Roams Wild!** The **Pigs on Pedestals** project brings together the creative contributions of Denver-area artists with the sponsorship of regional businesses and individuals. A part of Families First's "Drive for Community \$Change\$," **Pigs on Pedestals** is a community wide art event focused on raising money and awareness for Families First.



"Pig in a Hat!" Artist: Lois Anderson

Thank you to our **Pigs on Pedestals** and **Country Fair** Sponsors!

The Crazy Merchant, Inc.
Jeff Baldwin, Debra Perry and the boys
Kaiser Permanente
The Pippin Family
DEX One

Aaron Bell, International
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Morton's,
Newberry
Park

Meadows

Denver's Picnic Company
Kiki MacMillan
Monkey Bizness
Edie and Mort Marks Family

PBJ Reece Family
Primrose School of Lone Tree
Shanahan's
The South Restaurant

Save the Date for Golf!

August 30

"Fore" Families First Golf Tournament The Ridge at Castle Pines North

Sponsor a hole! Contribute an auction item! Put together a foursome!
Tickets are now available. Contact jo@FamiliesFirstColorado.org

School's Out for Summer!

Kids are home for the summer - including the nine kids at our Children's Treatment Center (CTC). While they are having fun playing outside, CTC staff help them improve their social skills - carrying on two-sided conversations, playing games, taking turns and actively participating in groups. In the last school year all of our kids made measurable academic progress and two raised their reading level by one year. Four have progressed to the point that we are looking for adoptive homes and will begin a slow transition into those homes as soon as the children are matched with families. The Children's Treatment Center gives kids a safe and happy place to move forward!

Partners for Families First is sponsoring a **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** for our kids.
Deliver donations to the Families First Family Center by July 21.
Click [here](#) for the School Supply List.

Want to **VOLUNTEER**? Contact Rachel@FamiliesFirstColorado.org
We're looking for Support Line Workers and Children's Group Leaders.
Next training - June 29.

THANKS to the COMMUNITY....
It's an exciting summer for Families First



and the Children's Treatment Center!

We appreciate everyone who pitched in to help us with our spring yard clean up! Volunteers from **Concerts For Kids** hauled sand and spread wood chips. Volunteers from **4H, Calvary Baptist Church** and **National Charity League** raked leaves, planted flowers, trimmed bushes, and completed outdoor painting projects. Our Grounds Chair, Martha Donovan and her family, along with **Swingle Lawn, Tree & Landscape Care** ensure that the grounds are maintained all year round - from sprinkler repairs, fertilizer, watering, and weeding. A big thank you to EVERYONE for ensuring that Families First is warm

and welcoming to all who visit or call this home! Visit www.myswingle.com for all your outdoor lawn, tree and landscape care.

Thanks to Energy Outreach Colorado's - Nonprofit Energy Efficiency Program (NEEP), the Children's Treatment Center (CTC) is getting much needed updates! NEEP provides qualifying non-profit facilities energy audits and efficiency improvements to help offset increasing energy bills so that more of their operating budgets can go toward helping clients. Our updates include changing the lighting in the entire building; insulating the basement, crawl spaces and attic; installing new low-flow faucet aerators; replacing our stove with a new energy star rated range; adding baseboard heating in sections of the house not currently on boiler heat; adding solar tube lighting in the upper level; replacing thermostats with new programmable thermostats. In order to maximize the energy savings from the improvements, EOC will work with our staff to identify and implement new behaviors and policies that will help significantly reduce energy consumption. Once the plan is in place the estimated cost savings will be \$1,500 annually! For more information on Energy Outreach Colorado and the Nonprofit Energy Efficiency Program please visit www.energyoutreachcolorado.org.

The fabulous staff at **Lowe's in Aurora** have secured the donation of paint for the ENTIRE interior of the CTC. In early August Lowe's employees and Families First staff and volunteers will dedicate a Saturday to paint the inside of the Children's Treatment Center! If you love to paint and are interested in volunteering your time please contact Emily@FamiliesFirstColorado.org.

Later this Summer we will be replacing the CTC retaining wall thanks to a generous Community Development Block Grant CDBG grant awarded through Arapahoe County Housing & Community Development Services.

We're happy to announce that we are in the seventh year of partnering with **DEX One** to provide information and referrals to parents in Colorado! Find our Family Support Line number under "*Parenting*" in every DEX Yellow Pages in Colorado!



Many thanks to RUBIO's of Aurora (Buckley/Quincy), the KATELYNN STINNETT MEMORIAL RIDE and The GREEK FESTIVAL for including us in June events - raising funds for Families First and awareness of our services.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

We'd like to acknowledge the generosity of individuals and companies that have provided us with in-kind donations in May 2010.

Barb Reece, Douglas Rogers of Paq-Source and PEO members, Ellen Sterling and Ann Bjorklund.

Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care, Dex One, Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage,

On Target Mailing, Data USA, Environmental Pest Control, Comfort Suites Denver South, Monkey
Bizness, Colorado Kids 1st, Caprock Business Forms & Envelopes

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IN HONOR OF:

Jim Bailey by Leona Lazar

Larry and Martha Donovan by Lois Harrison

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