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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Anyone interested in receiving our annual report can call, email or write us and request one. They are now available!
- Check out the new Crossroads video on the web!
www.crossroadsoftherockies.org

As the summer began at Crossroads, we were grateful for the past five months of elevating the poor and saving the lost. We experienced many great moments of significance in several people's lives. Not only had physical needs been met, more importantly many deeper spiritual and emotional needs were met. People have searched their hearts and discovered the meaning of life and their place in this world. Each program at Crossroads has a spiritual dimension to it, with opportunities to explore our greatest need—that of a personal relationship with our Creator.

Nevertheless, for all the great moments and events of the winter and spring, we knew this summer was already shaping up to be quite a season. Last year, we had 195 young

people come to Crossroads for up to a week at a time to live and serve at Crossroads and in the community. This summer we had 330 young people sign up to live and serve at Crossroads in the month of June alone!

Two large groups from Alabama and Texas were youth choirs who not only served and lived here, but also sang all around the city. The Alabama choir (Spring Hill Singers) sang at the Sunday morning protestant service of the Air Force Academy Chapel! In addition to serving at Crossroads, teams help our clients in their yards and homes. They also serve many of our partner ministries, such as, Feeding Many, Vital Food Farms, Art for the Nations, Bud's Warehouse, Loving Hands, etc. They help manage our community gar-

dens from which we have already received produce that has gone into our food bank and our summer lunch program. They help us run the summer lunch program, and our exercise and GROW program. This year we expanded our summer lunch program to provide a hot, nutritious lunch to the participants of the Zocalo Day Camp program of New Life in Christ Church. This day camp runs five days a week for five weeks in June and July. They have about 150 kids registered for each week!

We are a Kingdom compassion center that seeks to elevate the poor and save the lost. We empower the people of the Kingdom to come and serve by sharing a slice of their lives with the 'have-nots' of our community. God has enabled us to facilitate Kingdom ministry for over 1,000 volunteers! Are you one? If not, why not? Join us.

Discover the difference volunteering makes! Call us—303-922-8772

COLLABORATION IS COMING!

In April, we joined with three other Christian food banks on the west side of Denver in a collaborative effort to secure a grant from the Denver Foundation. Our partners are Community Ministry Southwest, His Hands, and Inner City Parish. To meet the goals of the proposal, we proposed the acquisition of a warehouse close to us where we can store food and

better serve our clientele. In the last week of June, we learned The Denver Foundation granted our request! We have now begun the 18-month granting period where we will remodel the warehouse with both freezer and refrigerator space and also work together to develop a set of best practices that other food banks in Denver can benefit from. We plan to

meet regularly to expand our services to seven days a week and to learn from each other. Each partner has strengths and weaknesses and together we will be stronger and more efficient. We are excited! This collaboration will allow us to better serve our clients! We will also be able to receive all the food that comes our way now that we have ample storage.

We are on the Web!

www.crossroadsoftherockies.org

Check out our latest video on the website!

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Crossroads is going green! While we are still willing to send a hard copy of our newsletter to those who specifically ask for it, we want to transition many of our faithful supporters to the internet. Therefore, each newsletter along with a host of other information about Crossroads can be found at our website. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please send us your email address or call us and let us know. It is faster, cheaper, and more effective!

BBQ and Backpack give-away is coming!

8.5.11

Crossroads is now a member of the

givingfirst.org website. Give online!



A program of Community First Foundation



The 2011 Cheerleading Team

Summer Schedule:

ZUMBA Classes: M-F 10:45-11:45am & M, W, F 4-5pm

Food, Clothing, Household Items and Furniture: T & Th 9-11:30am

Parenting Classes: W 9-11:30am

Immunizations: 3rd T & Th each month 9am-12pm

Kids "Funercize": M-F 11-12pm

FREE Summer Lunch: M-F 12pm -1pm

Kids GROW Program: M-Th 1-2:30pm

Cheer/Tumble: M, W 4-6pm, T 4-5pm

Boy's Basketball: T 6-8pm

ELEVATING THE POOR AND SAVING THE LOST

The 1st Annual 1-By-Youth event, sponsored by Crossroads, Extreme Community Makeover, and GROUP Publishing happened, on April 30th. It was a great day! 400 young people and adults gathered to make a visible difference in the Westwood neighborhood! Check out the video of it on our website.

Don't forget to go online and nominate Crossroads to be the recipient of the \$1,000 community grant that Applewood Plumbing and Heating awards each month. You can nominate CRR at any time, just go online to www.applewoodfixit.com and then click on the "Community Giveaway" on the right hand side of the home page (down a ways).

SEASONAL EVENTS

Summer Kick-Off Carnival

Saturday, June 4th was the date of our carnival. We had a great turnout and were able to provide information regarding our summer programs.

Summer Basketball

This year, our Holy Hoops program (drop-in basketball) sponsored two teams in the summer Gold Crown Tournament. Games were in June and our teams did a great job!

Summer Urban Camp

In June, during two different weeks we had 20 of our urban program youth attend summer camp. This year it was at Deer Creek Christian Camp and was a blast. Most of these kids



OUR NEW CHAMPIONS!

5th Grade Students and Parents at Cherry Hills Christian School

We value greatly our champions who make it all possible!



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ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2010 reports are available. If you are interested in one, please contact us by phone (303) 922-8772, email — jimbowatt@q.com or snail mail.