



# CROSSROADS OF THE ROCKIES

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- Join the team of youth mentors—call Mark today 303-512-3848.
- Donate your prom dress—call Amanda 303-922-8772
- Check out the Tuesday programs at Crossroads 3:30-5:30!

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## An Annual Check-up

The older I get the more aware I become that an annual physical has its benefits! I know that often times we will hear and therefore we think, “no news is good news” when in fact no check-up really means not hearing the good news (if there is some) **and** not taking care of anything that needs our attention until it either becomes a crisis, or is in fact too late!

The benefits of an annual check-up are receiving affirmation of what is good and having some specific information on what needs our attention with some time and insight on how to address it. That is the reason why we are not only willing but eager to give Crossroads an annual check-up. What follows is a summary of that check-up, with both the good news and some things that need our attention.

The good news – There are a lot of programs, efforts and people that are doing very well at Crossroads. 2009 was a year we saw not only a 25% increase in our adult clients but we also saw a significant increase in our in-kind donations. This has

provided the food, clothing, furniture, household items and supplies that our clients need. We are also excited that our partnerships with 12 other organizations have deepened and grown in the past year as well as our relationships and support of at least a dozen suburban churches. We have had more volunteers than in any year in recent history at Crossroads. Over 570 people helped us ‘elevate the poor, and save the lost’. Our children’s and youth programs have also seen an increase in participants and we have several newer volunteers to help with these programs. Our youth S.A.Y.Yes program and our Tuesday programs of cheerleading and basketball have especially been strong and we have seen over 75 youth attend. 2009 was a year we have been able to do more, for more, with less. A small, but great staff have made that happen.

Some needs – We are grateful that we have a growing team of champions who share our values and vision for the poor and support our efforts, but we

acknowledge that especially in this economy, we need to grow our base and increase the sources from which our funding comes. This will be a priority this year. We are also focused on getting a youth mentoring program underway and will make it a priority to recruit a team of mentors. Maybe you can come and make a difference in one teen’s life! We also want to restore our parenting and ESL classes and strengthen our computer classes for both kids and adults. We want to broaden the scope of our summer lunch program and our outreach to the community through our GROW program. We are confident that as we seek to meet the felt needs of our clients, we will earn the right to help them also discover the answers and resources to the deepest needs we all have. Thanks for your part in our adventure. Thanks for your prayers and your continued support! Let’s strive to have a healthy, effective 2010!

**Jim Watters**  
Executive Director



## Youth Mentoring

In March about ten fantastic volunteers will be trained by Save Our Youth to become the inaugural class of mentors for the youth of Crossroads. You can join them! Call Mark today (303-512-3848) and let him know you are interested in making the difference in a teen’s life. Save our Youth conducts the background search and training and helps us pair up trained mentors with youth who want a mentor. It’s all about hanging with a teen once a week and being their friend. Day and time are flexible with your schedule and the schedule of your teen. We have the teens – will you join us?

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**Weekly Schedule  
Winter/Spring 2010:**

**S.A.Y. Yes! Grades 1-12**

Monday and Wednesday 3-6pm

**WHIZ Kids Grades 1-5**

Monday 6:30-8:00pm

Application Required

**WHIZ Kids II Grades 6-8**

Thursday 6:00-8:00pm

Application Required

**Kids Klub**

Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

**Food and Clothing Bank,**

**Screenings, Immunizations,**

**Job Search Assistance**

Tuesday & Thursday 9-11:30am

**Holy Hoops (youth)**

Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm

**Cheerleading**

Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm

**Computer Classes**

English Thursday 3-4:30pm

Spanish Saturday 8-10am

**ESL Class**

Wednesday 9:30-11am

**Parenting Class**

Thursday 9:30-12noon

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## Operation Prom

The Operation Prom Project was created in an effort to help teen girls attend their prom who would not be able to finance the experience on their own. Prom is a significant milestone in the life of a young woman and you can help create this priceless memory. With a focus on the Esther story we hope to encourage each girl that beauty is more than the

dress. Operation Prom gives teens the chance to gain confidence and create lifetime memories. Help us send these girls to prom with elegance, style, and character! Donate your formal attire, volunteer your time or make a financial contribution by March 19, 2010. We'll accept dresses and tuxedos in any size and any style, plus

shoes and jewelry until March 19, 2010. Please make sure the items have been dry cleaned or washed and are ready to wear. Questions? Call Amanda – 303-922-8772



## Tuesday Programs—Holy Hoops and Cheerleading

On Tuesdays at Crossroads we have a lot happening! Beyond all of the morning activities of food bank, clothing and furnishings distribution, devotions, counseling, immunizations and referrals we also have programs for the boys and girls after school. Originally begun by

Eddie Armijo last year, the Holy Hoops program is for boys to come and play basketball for a couple of hours and then have a talk and some food, usually pizza. We have almost 40 boys coming for drop-in ball now! For the girls, Amanda (our intern) has begun

cheerleading program. There are almost 30 girls who are coming to learn how to tumble and cheer! They practice for a couple of hours and then have a talk and some food. Stop by some Tuesday between 3:30 and 6pm and check it out!

## We Celebrate Champions in the CRR Ministry — Our Donors!

Every edition of our newsletter is an opportunity to thank our newest champions! Our champions are those who contribute in a financial way enabling us to share all that God has given to us with all that God sends to us! Thanks to this group of new champions! Dorie Anderson, Gary Armstrong, Amanda Dauzat, John Groman, Mary Stark Kendrick, Robert and Georgia Linblad, Lew and Lois Price, Gary and Betty Sokol

Please don't forget that **every** month you can go online and register Crossroads of the Rockies as the charity you would like to receive the \$1000 gift Applewood Plumbing gives away to a deserving non-profit every month. Just go to [www.applewoodfixit.com](http://www.applewoodfixit.com) and click on community giveaway. Fill in the blanks with Crossroads information and submit.

## COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY

**Our Mission:** To show people the love of God through compassionate ministry, that they may know Christ.

**Our Vision:** To transform lives by restoring hope, empowering people and creating community to impact our world.

## Opportunities at Crossroads

**Prayer:** Pray for the needs of our clients, staff and board.  
Pray for funds to staff our programs.

**Volunteer:** We need your help with children, youth or adults.  
Call Bonnie Mondragon at 303-922-8772 to get started!

**Give:** You can support Crossroads — by check, credit card or EFT online! Send checks directly to Crossroads or find us online at: [www.crossroadsoftherockies.org](http://www.crossroadsoftherockies.org)