

Have YOU Heard?



BLACKTIE-COLORADO

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Spring is near...

Spring is just around the corner, and some of the biggest Colorado fundraising events will take place in the next several months. In spite of the economy, Colorado nonprofit donors continue to give generously to support the many worthy charitable organizations in our community. We have found that Blacktie-Colorado readers lead the pack with their generosity. Thank you for opening your hearts to helping others in need.

We're wishing community leader **Evi Makovsky** a "Speedy Recovery!"

Our condolences go to **Lisa Taussig** (member of the **Kempe Foundation** Board) whose mother recently passed away.

We were sorry to hear that **Cancer League of Colorado** member, **Michelle Marsh's** mother, **Diane Marsh**, just passed away from cancer.

Have You Met - **Ellen Beller**, was honored on Thursday, February 11th with the prestigious "**Cultural Achievement Award**" presented to

her by the **Mizel Arts & Culture Center** at the opening night event of the "**Denver Jewish Film Festival**."

Dr. Paul Maroni, assistant professor of urology, won the "**Pioneer Award**" and **Dr. Shandra Wilson** received the "**Partners in Care Award**" at last week's **University of Colorado Hospital Medical Staff Awards Dinner**. Both are part of **University Colorado Cancer Care's** GU cancer program.

Also, **Dr. Fred Grover**, professor and chair of surgery, received the **Society of Thoracic Surgeons Distinguished Service Award** for modernizing and improving the Society's database. The group has given the award only two dozen times in the past 40 years.

The Junior Symphony Guild

Have You Met - **Arlene Mohler Johnson** conducted with **Maestro Tom Jensen** and his Orchestra at **Boettcher Hall** on February 8th for the **Junior Symphony Guild's** performance of "The Elephant" from **Carnival of the Animals**. There were 700 kids and parents sitting on the stage surrounded by a 32-piece orchestra during the performance. 80% of these kids cannot afford the requested \$5 donation and are paid for through fundraising done by the **Junior Symphony Guild** so they



Community Leaders: Essie Perlmutter with "Cultural Achievement Award" winner - Ellen Beller, Sandy Vinnik and Hedy Mandel.

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can attend. The Junior Symphony Guild loves to introduce the kids to the orchestra and create little future patrons of the Arts! For more information, contact: www.jrsg.org



Arlene Mohler Johnson conducting with Maestro Tom Jensen at Boettcher Hall at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts Complex.

Have You Met - Cleo Parker Robinson and the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble just returned from a tour to Milledgeville, GA for a three-day residency last week. The Ensemble worked in communities teaching classes for youth of all ages. At the end of the week, the Ensemble performed before a full house.

Have You Met - Betsy Wiersma, the founder of "Camp Experience," a nonprofit that sponsors an annual, educational retreat for amazing women hosted in Copper Mt. each September, and now in its 5th year, has announced that registration is open for a full-day marketing workshop: **"A Day of Power, Purpose and Profit"** which will take place on Friday, February 26th at the **Cielo at Castle Pines Event Center in Castle Pines**. Roll up your sleeves and get ready for the fast track to abundance and success. The full-day event is guaranteed to give you the tools, skills and strategies to empower your focus, lower your marketing costs and grow your business or career despite ANY economy. Only \$47 for the entire day, the workshop features three well-known presenters: **Five-time Emmy Award winner - Shawne Duperon; Inspirational Speaker - Elisabeth Fayt; and Certified Speaking Professional - Ruby Newell-Legner.** Proceeds benefit Camp Experience. To register go to:

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perience.com/2010/events

Colorado Help for Haiti: Eight loads of medical and hygiene supplies have been delivered - and more coming - from **Project C.U.R.E. community members in Colorado such as Newmont Mining Corp, MillerCoors and Cameco.** Also instrumental in helping to make this happen was **American Airlines.** The supplies first went to Florida, where they were repacked into a private charter plane provided by **Rock-It Cargo**, delivered to Haiti, and distributed to the people in Haiti.

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is kicking off its new Science Lounge event series this week, and it promises to expand your mind with guest speakers, live entertainment, and a cash bar on the third Thursday of every month. For the opening, the DMNS welcomes astrobiologist **David Grinspoon, Ph.D.** and space scientist **Ka Chun Yu, Ph.D.,** who will help answer the question "What is life, really?" by taking you on a wild ride through space and time to search for clues to your being. Tickets: \$8 (members), \$10 (non-members), Ages 21+, Thursday, February 18th, 6:30 9:30 p.m.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303.322.7009 dmns.org/sciencelounge

Winter Fun for a Good Cause!

The 35th Annual Wells Fargo Ski Cup benefiting the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) will be held in **Winter Park, Colorado** on Feb 19 – 21. Everyone is invited to help raise money to support the programs of the NSCD and win great prizes. Fundraising efforts help to provide life changing, therapeutic programs for people with all disabilities. For only \$100, your donation will include: A one day lift ticket, lunch, and a ski gift for your contribution. Considering a normal one day lift ticket price of \$92.00, your contribution goes a long way and helps to provide outstanding support for the NSCD. Having attended this event several times, your "Have You Heard" editor highly recommends this event. For more info, go to: www.NSCD.org.

Haochen Zhang Performs Prokofiev at the Colorado Symphony Orchestra Masterworks Feb 19-21 Scott O'Neil, will be the associate conductor features Haochen Zhang, on piano.

See Haochen Zhang, the Gold Medal Winner of the

2009 Van Cliburn Piano Competition, the competition known for catapulting several of today's most renowned pianists into the international spotlight. For his debut with the CSO, Zhang performs **Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3**. The program opens with **Tchiakovsky's Francesca da Rimini** and **Associate Conductor Scott O'Neil** leads the orchestra in **Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky/Ravel**.

Join Colorado Youth at Risk

The Creating Promise Tour is March 2nd, 15th and 30th at the East Montclair Community Center, Mile High Youth Corps Building 6740 E. Colfax Avenue (between Niagara and Newport), Denver.

Make a Difference & MENTOR with this Unique Program: Have you ever thought of helping at-risk youth visualize the possibilities of their future? Would you like to be a part of a unique community of adults and teenagers who inspire and challenge each other to achieve more? Mentoring is one of the most effective ways to help at-risk students realize their potential.

Reasons Why You Should Mentor with Colorado Youth at Risk: You Can Make a Difference, Change Alarming Statistics, Be a Part of the Community, Transform Yourself. Just becoming an interested adult in a youth's life and providing them with a sense of self can make a huge difference.

This is the only mentoring organization in Denver that has the freshman year as the entry point for the youth in the program. This means that youth that have fallen through the cracks still have a chance to live their dreams and have someone in their life who believes in them. Mentoring a high school-aged youth is extremely rewarding as they have perceptive insights and this is a time of great development. The program also starts with an amazing, life changing 4-day free trip to the mountains. Furthermore, in every step you take, you are supported by numerous people so you are sure to have an incredible year.

Check this program out by attending a 1-hour orientation. Hear from a mentor-mentee pair so you can envision what mentoring can look like for you.

Please RSVP and direct all questions to Casey at 303-623-9140 Casey@ColoradoYouthatRisk.org

Colorado Youth at Risk's website is www.coyar.org

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