



URBAN PEAK  
COLORADO SPRINGS

John McIlwee, *Executive Director*

Urban Peak helps young people overcome homelessness and other real life challenges by providing safety, respect, essential services and a supportive community, empowering them to become self-reliant adults.

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And we will include your address our database!

For more UPCS information, event updates and opportunities, you can also visit [urbanpeak.org](http://urbanpeak.org) or contact Angela Graham, Development Manager, at 630-3223 ext. 20.

*Save the Date!*

November is

## **National Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month**

Join our Open House Kick off Event  
**Monday, Nov 2 from 4pm to 6pm**  
at THE Place - 423 E. Cucharras St, CO Springs  
Details at [urbanpeak.org](http://urbanpeak.org)!

# UP TO DATE

an urban peak colorado springs newsletter

## **NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOMELESS AND RUNAWAY YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH**

For the third year, organizations which provide services for the homeless and runaway youth throughout Colorado are gathering together for this year's National Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month (NHRYAM) in November. Last year, Colorado agencies won the National Runaway Prevention Month Community Contest for their awareness efforts.

The goals of NHRYAM is to increase awareness of the issues facing homeless and runaway youth and to educate the public about the solutions and the role they can play in preventing and ending youth homelessness.

The month will begin with several kick-off events held simultaneously across the state on November 2, from 4pm to 6pm. Colorado Springs' kick off event will be an open house held at Urban Peak's THE Place, 423 E. Cucharras Street in Downtown Colorado Springs. The event will feature information on what is happening in the area for homeless youth, plus tours of the Urban Peak facility, and much more. The public is invited to attend all the events happening across Colorado .

Other events happening in the month will include The Green Light Project, a statewide summit on mentoring our most vulnerable homeless youth, a Youth Creative Project - featuring experiences of youth homelessness in art form, proclamations by local and state government, PSA and media campaigns, the Homeless and Runaway Youth Provider Summit, and a myriad of other local events. The month also falls in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference taking place in Denver in mid-November. To find out more, visit [www.urbanpeak.org](http://www.urbanpeak.org).

## **MONTHS OF EVENTS - AND INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY GENEROSITY!**

**"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME" COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

We kicked off three months of events on July 29 with our first "There's No Place Like Home" Community Breakfast, which was an incredible success! We welcomed more than 150 guests to THE Place before 9 am! With the efforts of our board, volunteers, staff, table captains, event committee and wonderful youth, combined with the amazing generosity of the community, we exceeded our goals. We would like to thank everyone for their commitment to our youth and programs and look forward to next year's event!

Thank you to Tayco Printing, Starbucks, Panera Bread, Jean Marie Designs, Blue Fox Photography and Sinton Dairy for their generosity.

And THANK YOU to our sponsors:



*On a beautiful summer morning, staff, volunteers and youth helped serve breakfast for more than 150 guests at our first "There's No Place Like Home" Community Breakfast!  
Photo by Blue Fox Photography.*

## GOLF CHALLENGE

Now in its fourth year, the Urban Peak Colorado Springs Golf Challenge raises money through pledges garnered by golfers primarily based on the amount of golf they play. On September 14, golfers had a beautiful day on the links of Woodmoor Pines playing 30-plus holes for Urban Peak.

## BUILDING FUTURES, BUILDING LIVES

We wrapped up the months of events on September 30 with the ninth annual Building Futures, Building Lives. This year's event featured our Pathmaker's Honoree Mike Miles, our youth honorees Jessi and Jolene, a video produced by Urban Peak youth, entertainment by Colorado Springs Conservatory, the Urban Challenge when guests learned what it's like to be homeless youth looking for services, great food, a silent auction and a gift certificate "marketplace." We exceeded our fundraising goals and spent an amazing evening with our many Urban Peak friends, old and new!

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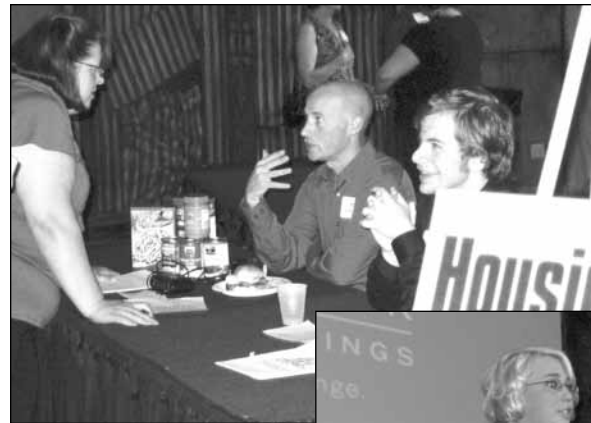


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*Golfers at the UPCS Annual Golf Challenge pose before heading out to play 30-plus holes to raise money for our youth and programs.*



*UPCS staff member Daniel Byrd and youth Alex take a guest through the Urban Challenge, which gives a closer look at what it's like to be a homeless youth. Youth Honoree Jessi accepts her award as UPCS case manager Tara Quisenberry proudly looks on.*



**Get more info & donate online at [urbanpeak.org](http://urbanpeak.org) (go to UP Colorado Springs)!**

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