



URBAN PEAK
COLORADO SPRINGS

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Fall UP!

CELEBRATING

10
YEARS
OF IMPACT
2000-2010

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an urban peak colorado springs newsletter

TWO EVENTS DEMONSTRATE COMMUNITY KINDNESS

Urban Peak Colorado Springs recently hosted two fundraising events to support our programs and the homeless youth of our community.

The Second Annual “There’s No Place Like Home” Community Breakfast welcomed 250 guests to THE Place to hear insightful guest speakers and touching testimonials and learn more about Urban Peak Colorado Springs and how they can get involved. The Breakfast raised much-needed funds and engaged new people with our organization. Special thanks to our volunteers who cooked an amazing breakfast, guest speakers, youth volunteers and performers, and our incredible TABLE CAPTAINS!

Thank you to our Breakfast matching sponsor



We continued to celebrate our ten year anniversary with **The 10th Annual Building Futures, Building Lives**. Guests were treated to a performance which included Colorado Springs Conservatory students along with youth and staff of Urban Peak Colorado Springs. The 200 attendees also heard incredible testimonies from youth who have experienced homelessness and utilized Urban Peak services. They also enjoyed a silent auction and gift card marketplace, and food provided by Picnic Basket, Summit Catering, and Food Designers.

Linda Weise, Founding Executive Director of the Colorado Springs Conservatory, received the Pathmaker Award for her longtime commitment to Urban Peak and dedication to helping youth succeed. Special thanks to our youth speakers, individual table sponsors, and volunteers from Colorado Springs Utilities.

Thank you to our Building Futures, Building Lives sponsors:

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MIRACLE METERS SUPPORT HOMELESS YOUTH

Ownership of the Miracles Meters program been transferred from Homeward Pikes Peak to Urban Peak Colorado Springs. The program features 100 parking meters placed throughout the city which have been creatively decorated by clubs, companies, artists, and others, and which the community can fill with money now benefitting the homeless youth of Urban Peak Colorado Springs.



Youth at UPCS next to one of the Miracle Meters.

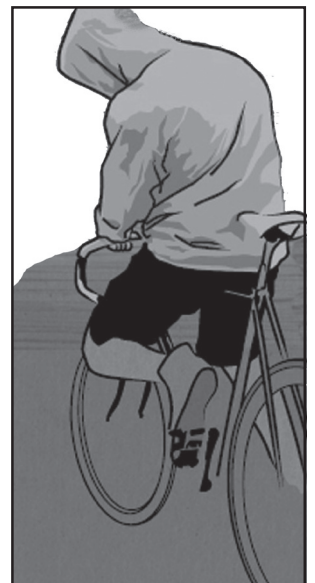
PARTNERSHIP EMPOWERS YOUTH WITH BIKES

KIDS ON BIKES is an organization that gives new bikes to youth through programs that inspire a healthy lifestyle, independence, and achievement. They are joining forces with Urban Peak to provide homeless youth with bikes to give them freedom and confidence and a feeling of responsibility and ownership. These bikes will also help youth at Urban Peak have the means of transportation for employment, school, socializing, and just for fun.

In addition, this year’s LEADERSHIP PIKES PEAK, local group of young professionals and Kids on Bikes is helping Urban Peak start up a Bike Program. The goals of the program include helping to collect bikes so all youth who want/need a bike may have one, creating monthly bike rides to raise awareness of the program and youth homelessness, and much more. SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY’S is also hosting the First Annual “Fill the Shed” event in November to help benefit the Program. To top it off, GE JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION is donating a metal storage shed to keep the bikes safe at Urban Peak.

The partnership encourages the community to help by donating bikes and bike equipment to Urban Peak Colorado Springs. We are very grateful for all the support for our programs and the youth we serve!

If you would like to find out more about the UPCS Bike Program, please contact either Marc Benning or Daniel Byrd at 719-630-3223.



The First Annual FILL THE SHED event at Southside Johnny’s on November 16.

Check out our
Wish List
for the Holidays
@urbanpeak.org!

GET SOME CENTS OF COMMUNITY!

Urban Peak Colorado Springs is a proud participant in the Cents of Community Neighborhood Discount card fundraising program! Each card is packed full of savings and special promotions only available to cardholders. Much more than restaurants and entertainment... you can also save on home improvement, dental, chiropractic, retail, jewelry, cosmetics, online shopping, home furnishings and design, fitness, auto repair, health products... and so much more!

You can use your Cents of Community card with any of the over 60 business sponsors over and over again. New sponsors are being added all over Colorado Springs! Check back often for even more on going savings just for you!

Your annual membership is just \$15! Go to www.centsofcommunitycard.com.

Please select Urban Peak ID # 1219 as your beneficiary. \$5 will go to provide much needed services to the homeless and runaway youth in Colorado Springs through Urban Peak.

Get your membership card today and enjoy the savings!

NOVEMBER IS HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

November is a month we all get set for the holidays, make sure we get our expense reports in before the end of the year, and think about the delicious meal we'll have at Thanksgiving. It's also a time to be thankful for what we have and find ways we can give back to those less fortunate.

Now in its fourth year, Colorado Homeless & Runaway Youth Awareness Month is part of a national effort to raise awareness of the issue of youth homelessness and how the community can get involved with the cause. Urban Peak, the Colorado Department of Human Services/ Division of Supportive Housing & Homeless Programs, and other youth service providers statewide are working on this effort through several initiatives. These include a kick-off event in conjunction with the Statewide Homeless Youth Summit, proclamations by Governor Ritter and other public officials, public service announcements, and a youth photo project on display at various locations in Colorado.

Details on Awareness Month happenings can be found at www.coloradohomelessyouth.org.



"Running in the Shadows" is the theme of the 2010 Awareness Month. Design by Dawn Hurlburt.



WENDY'S COMMUNITY NIGHT BENEFITS UPCS

On October 19th, Wendy's on South Nevada in Colorado Springs hosted a fundraising event for Urban Peak Colorado Springs. During the dinner hours, Wendy's donated 10% of their receipts to the mission of UPCS. "Wendy" herself stood curbside waving to folks driving by, inviting them to "Eat at Wendy's!" in support of homeless youth. Belen Buck, the very gracious Wendy's Event Coordinator, and UPCS Board of Directors member, Jessica Kyle Muzzio worked over several weeks to coordinate the event. Board of Directors members Trish Nixon, Todd Karl, Pete Frech, Pam Osterhouse, and their families were on hand to flag down folks and offer them flyers which, when presented to the Wendy's associates, yielded that 10% of each person's sales. A worthy event for a worthy cause, we are excited to partner again with Wendy's in the near future!

Get more info & donate online at urbanpeak.org (go to UP Colorado Springs)!

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