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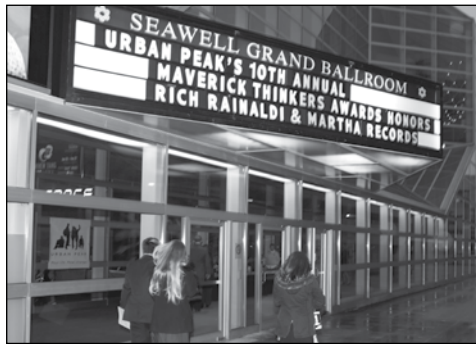
Urban Peak helps homeless youth and youth at risk of becoming homeless overcome real life challenges by providing essential services and a supportive community, empowering them to become self-sufficient adults.

MAVERICK THINKERS 2010: TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER!

Our 10th Anniversary Maverick Thinker event was our most successful ever! We welcomed more than 600 guests, many new to Urban Peak, and raised nearly \$260,000!!

We were proud to honor Martha Records and Rich Rainaldi, two incredible community leaders, as well as our Youth Maverick Thinkers Lynzi Cunningham and Jason Marquez. State Senator Michael Johnston was a fantastic guest emcee. Our event chair Dave Ryan, an amazing committee, and our board helped to raise funds by bringing in many wonderful sponsors and friends. Thank you to all who made this event possible!

Clockwise: (r to l) UP Board Chair Brooke Brown, The 2010 Maverick Thinker Honorees: Martha Records and Rich Rainaldi, and State Senator Michael Johnston; The 2010 Youth Maverick Thinkers: Jason Marquez and Lynzi Cunningham; Event marquee for the largest Maverick Thinkers yet; Guest Speaker Mayor John Hickenlooper.

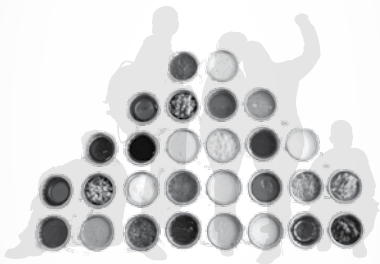


Photos by Brian Gadbery.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for the 7th presentation of

PLATES FOR THE PEAK
A DELICIOUS FUNDRAISER
BENEFITING THE YOUTH AND
PROGRAMS OF URBAN PEAK



@ VESTA DIPPING GRILL
1822 Blake Street in Denver

JUNE 7, 2010

Featuring: Unique Small Plates from Denver's
Top Chefs, Specialty Cocktails, Youth Art,
A Silent Auction, Music and More!

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING MAVERICK THINKERS SPONSORS!

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WORKING TOGETHER

Urban Peak Housing Program Provides a Big Step Forward to Exiting the Streets

In 2009, Urban Peak provided housing for 160 youth.

Urban Peak operates three housing units and offers other housing options for homeless youth. Each option has different qualifications and services to meet the specific needs of the individual young person.

Rocky Mountain Youth Housing

The Rocky Mountain Youth Housing program is a collaboration between Urban Peak and the Denver Department of Human Services (DDHS) to provide transitional housing and case management services to homeless youth and youth who are aging out of the custody of DDHS.

The goal of the program is to teach young people to sustain housing and to improve their independent living skills in a stable, supportive environment. Rocky Mountain houses up to 35 young people, ages 16-23, in a single apartment complex. The length of the program is 18 months. Most youth are working or in school full time (or part time in both) and most exit the program into their own apartments in the community.



Youth at Rocky Mountain Youth Housing.

STAR Housing

The STAR (Starting Transition and Recovery) Apartments provide 12 units of permanent housing to youth with substance addictions or dual-diagnosis of substance addiction and mental health issues. Services are provided in conjunction with The Council on Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Services include

personalized case management, intensive outpatient treatment for addiction recovery and mental illnesses, education and employment training, and health care as needed.

Rowan Gardens Housing

Rowan Gardens Apartments provide 18 units of permanent housing to homeless youth with disabilities, including physical disabilities and mental illnesses ranging from depression to schizophrenia.

Urban Peak provides personalized case management, education and employment training, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and health care are services through the Rowan Gardens program.

Family Unification Program

Our Family Unification Program (FUP) was created for young people who were in the custody of the Department of Human Services at age 16 or older and who are currently between 18 and 22 years old. It is designed to assist youth with a supportive transitional housing program that bridges the gap between social services and independent living.



Outside Rowan Gardens Apartments.

Partners in the Process

We have many incredible partners as we seek to find appropriate, safe housing options for the youth at Urban Peak and new opportunities within our community. Some of the organizations we work with include Volunteers of America, Denver Department of Human Services, Denver's Road Home, Housing & Urban Development, Mile High United Way's Bridging the Gap, Family Tree, and Third Way Center.

Last year, 78% of youth exited from Urban Peak housing programs into safe and stable housing.



LOOKING TO HIRE ENTRY LEVEL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE "JOB READY"?

Consider Young People from Urban Peak's
JOB READINESS TRAINING

Job Readiness Training (JRT) at Urban Peak is a 28-day process which provides support and guidance to help participants build upon their skills and develop new abilities through:

**Career Exploration • Communication Skills
Time Management • Computer Skills
Conflict Resolution • Goal Setting**

JRT emphasizes

**Punctuality, Attentiveness, and
Quality of Work**

Completion of JRT provides employers with the reassurance that potential employees from Urban Peak have developed skills that empower them to be

JOB READY!

Plus, Urban Peak staff provides ongoing support and job coaching for those who are hired!

For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact:
Chris Venable, Urban Peak Job Developer
303-974-2953 or chris.venable@urbanpeak.org

"I get a quality employee while helping out my community"— Scott Bauer, Foreman, Snooze Eatery

"The Associates we employed from Urban Peak were eager, anxious to work and prove themselves delighting our clients!"

*— David York
Branch Manager,
Manpower Downtown Denver*



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BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH!

We truly value our volunteers at Urban Peak. From meal service, to large group clean up projects, to workshops and classes, to one-on-one GED tutoring, to direct care service each volunteer makes such a difference in the lives of our young people. Each volunteer gives their precious time and talent to help change the lives of runaway and homeless youth.

Urban Peak volunteers donate an average 1,000 hours per month, and many of our programs would not function nearly as well without these amazing people.

So, to all our volunteers, and volunteers throughout the community working with our many partners:

THANK YOU!

If you are interested in volunteering for Urban Peak, please contact Karen at 303-974-2909 or karen.motley-smith@urbanpeak.org for information and opportunities.

ROOM & BOARD:

Truly Giving Time, Talent, and Treasure

For the past two years, **Room & Board** has supported Urban Peak. What's special is that Room & Board is involved in every area of giving, from time, to talent, to treasure.

To date, they have:

- Made financial contributions
- Promoted UP event ticket sales at their store
- Donated furniture, painted and cleaned apartments for Housing
- Served Community Breakfast monthly at the Shelter
- Held mock interviews for youth in Education & Employment



Volunteers from Room & Board serve Community Breakfast at the Shelter.

And they continue to seek more ways to give! We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of this outstanding group of people. Thank you, Room & Board!

CONCERTS FOR KIDS COMMUNITY DAY @ UP

Each year, the Concerts For Kids' Community Day brings 800 volunteers together to complete over 4,800 hours of work in one, six-hour day. On May 22, 30 volunteers will be working at Urban Peak's Shelter helping repair and paint the dorms. Urban Peak also partners with Concerts For Kids through the Tiri's Garden urban gardening project.

CONCERTS, COOKBOOKS, POSTERS & RUNNERS - MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT URBAN PEAK THIS SPRING!

SUPPORT "TEAM UP"!



Urban Peak has three Team UP relay teams, plus three other friends of UP teams, running in the Colorado Colfax Marathon and raising money to support our youth and programs. The event is May 16, and racers have been training hard (some for the first time) all for the cause of helping homeless young people.

You can help us meet our fundraising goal of \$15,000 by going to www.active.com/donate/urbanpeak and making a donation to our runners. OR if you're running already and don't have a charity partner, let us know. Go Team UP!

M.I.A "BIG" SHOW @ HERMAN'S HIDEAWAY

MUSICIANS IN ACTION, a group which mobilizes the underutilized (musicians) to aid the underprivileged (Colorado's homeless) is holding their BIG Show concert at Herman's Hideaway to benefit Urban Peak!

Friday, May 7 • 7pm - 11:55pm
1578 South Broadway • Denver
Tickets \$10

Purchase at the door or call Robert at 303.974.2947

Featuring

Wendy Woo with Melanie Susuras
7even Days Till Sunrise
Talk Radio

PLUS...WE NEED SOCKS!

Bring a PACKAGE OF NEW ADULT SOCKS to the show and receive a ticket to another MIA show! Visit musiciansinaction.org for more!



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SCREENPRINTED MUSIC POSTER AUCTION

INK LOUNGE, a local screenprint studio is auctioning off music posters donated by American Poster Institute artists to create a summer screenprinting program for youth at Urban Peak.

Saturday, April 17 • 7pm - close
Hi-Dive • 7 South Broadway • Denver

Admission: free until 10pm, \$3 after

Part of *Mix and Assemble*, the final event of the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs' CREATE DENVER WEEK.

For more info, visit inkloungecreative.com and click on "exhibits."



"TASTEFUL TREASURES" COOKBOOK



The **ROCKY MOUNTAIN SURGERY CENTER** has created a cookbook titled "Tasteful Treasures" which contains favorite family recipes from the members of RMSC. Cost is \$10 per book and a percentage of total sales will go to Urban Peak!

To order your copy call Debbie Teetzel at
303-789-4000



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