



Governor's Commission on Community Service

Office of Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien

The 11th Annual

COLORADO CARES DAY



A little Bit of Time Makes a BIG Difference!

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Colorado Cares Day

2009 Annual Event Report

"Building a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in Colorado."

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About the Commission

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The Governor’s Commission on Community Service, under the Office of Lieutenant Governor Barbara O’Brien, promotes the ethic of service and volunteerism throughout Colorado, and carries out initiatives in the areas of mentoring and literacy.

The Commission supports and promotes volunteer service to all citizens as an effective means to address community needs and foster a collective commitment to lifelong community service.

As administrators of the AmeriCorps*State Programs in Colorado, the Commission builds on the dedication and expertise of individual citizens and public and private systems to expand civic participation and engagement in solving challenges faced by Colorado communities.

Mission

The Commission serves as a catalyst for the promotion and expansion of community service and volunteerism to all Colorado residents as an effective means to address civic and social issues and improve the overall well being of communities throughout the state.

Goals

- To advocate for service and volunteerism as essential components in sustaining healthy Colorado communities.
- To create mechanisms which facilitate greater cooperation, communication and partnerships among agencies working in the service and volunteerism fields.
- To promote service and volunteerism as an integral component of education at all levels and as a lifelong responsibility.
- To increase public awareness, appreciation, support and participation in service and volunteerism.
- To increase financial support for volunteer initiatives from a broad range of public and private sources.

In addition to its national and community service charge, the Commission works to promote and expand volunteerism and civic participation through initiatives such as *September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance* and *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service*, national days of service.



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Governor of Colorado

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Barbara O'Brien
Lt. Governor of Colorado

Dear Volunteers and Community Partners,

Thank you to all of the organizations and individuals who contributed to the 11th Annual Colorado Cares Day on July 25, 2009.

Colorado Cares Day is a statewide day of service in honor of Colorado's statehood. In celebrating Colorado's statehood with a day of service, residents are encouraged to give back to their communities. This year, despite difficult economic times, Colorado volunteerism showed a great increase, and nearly 10,000 volunteers participated in over 80 service projects that took place across our state; representing a 50-project increase from 2008. Through these projects, tens of thousands of hours were devoted to youth development, education, environment, health, and economic recovery.

In times such as now, it is also important to continue to develop and use job skills. One of the best ways to do this is through volunteerism. I commend each and every person who, despite any hardships, continues to support and give back to their neighbors, communities, and their state.

We hope that you will continue to help make Colorado a better place to live, and thank you again for your great work!

With sincere appreciation,

Barbara O'Brien
Lieutenant Governor
State of Colorado



Christine Benero
Chair of the Governor's
Commission on Community
Service

Dear Partners in Service,

On behalf of the Governor's Commission on Community Service, I am pleased to express our gratitude to the thousands of volunteers who helped make this year's Colorado Cares Day an enormous success.

Coloradoans across the state participated in food, clothing, and school supply drives. Parents and children joined together to help restore our parks and active trails. Gardeners worked together to gather fresh produce for local food banks. To see children, young adults, parents, and seniors come together for the sake of Colorado proves that volunteerism and civic engagement are instilled in our culture. Your service helps makes this state a great place to live.

To everyone who worked so hard to give back to Colorado on this day of service, the Governor's Commission on Community Service again thanks you. As President Obama calls us to continue to serve, we encourage you to stay involved and continue all the great work you do to support children, families, and community.

Sincerely,

Christine Benero
Chair
Governor's Commission on Community Service

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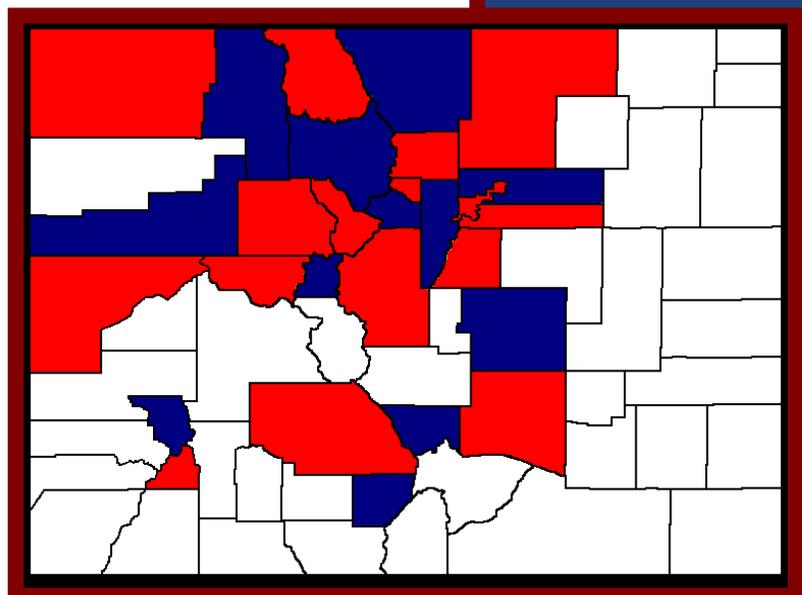
Day of Service Overview

In honor of Colorado's Statehood, Colorado dedicates the last Saturday in July to giving back to its communities through statewide service projects. Coloradoans volunteer their time to various service projects around the state. This year's service projects ranged from:

- Animals
- Beautification/Clean Up
- Children & Youth
- Collections (Food, Clothing)
- Disaster Training Preparedness
- Education/Tech
- Health
- Poverty Fighting
- Public Safety
- Arts & Culture
- Building
- Civic Engagement
- Disaster Relief/ Recovery
- Distribution (Food/Clothing)
- Food Preparation
- Human Services
- Painting
- Tutoring

This year's Colorado Cares Day saw over 80 separate statewide projects that took place in 27 Colorado Counties.

- Adams County
- Alamosa County
- Arapahoe County
- Boulder County
- Clear Creek County
- Custer County
- Denver County
- Douglas County
- Eagle County
- El Paso County
- Garfield County
- Gilpin County
- Grand County
- Jackson County
- Jefferson County
- Lake County
- Larimer County
- Mesa County
- Moffat County
- Ouray County
- Park County
- Pitkin County
- Pueblo County
- Routt County
- Saguache County
- San Juan County
- Summit County
- Weld County





Colorado Cares Day...

Bluff Lake Nature Center

Governor Bill Ritter teamed with Mile High Youth Corps at the Bluff Lake Nature Center in Denver. There, the AmeriCorps members and staff worked to improve the habitat, prevent erosion, and enhance the experience of visitors to the Nature Center. Governor Ritter spoke to the members about the importance of their contributions to the state and encouraged them to continue to serve their communities.

Bluff Lake Nature Center is a nonprofit agency that owns and manages a unique urban wildlife refuge and outdoor classroom in east Denver. The center is an outdoor classroom for thousands of kindergarten through fifth grade students each year. It is their goal to encourage childrens' and adults' interest in natural science and stewardship through curiosity, observation, activity and a sense of wonder.





Above: Governor Ritter speaks to Mile High Youth Corps and Bluff Lake volunteers about the importance of community service.

Mile High Youth Corps members volunteered to help restore the Bluff Lake Nature Center.

Mile High Youth Corps provides young adults with comprehensive services to help them develop technical job skills, prepare for the workforce, and achieve their educational goals.



Above: MHYC members plant a new tree at Bluff Lake.
Below: Members dig a ditch to improve water irrigation.



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Above: AmeriCorps members and Alums traveled to Breckenridge to help construct part of Turk's Trail.

Colorado Cares Day...

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Members spread across Colorado to assist in various projects for Colorado Cares Day.

Members helped to restore nature centers, construct new trails, clean up neighborhoods, and assisted with sports events.

The AmeriCorps programs that participated in Colorado Cares Day were:

- AmeriCorps*State
- AmeriCorps*National
- AmeriCorps*NCCC
- AmeriCorps*VISTA
- AmeriCorps Alums



Above: AmeriCorps members worked hard to clean up the Five-Points neighborhood.



Left: AmeriCorps members gathered at Bluff Lake to help weed and repair parts of the Nature Center.



Left & Below: NCCC members helped clean up Barr Lake State Park for their last service project before graduation.



Above: AmeriCorps members help serve food at the 8th Annual King Trimble Tea and Roses Senior Social.

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Above: The Environmental Club at the Odyssey School recycled unwanted items from a neighborhood garage sale.

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Colorado Kids

Many of the projects for Colorado Cares Day 2009 focused around children. The Church of Latter Day Saints held school supply drives, as did Kaiser Permanente, and ACS Community L.I.F.T.

The Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, and the Policy and Legal Office at the State Capitol participated in ACS Community L.I.F.T's school supply drive, "Stuff-A-Backpack."

Children at the Odyssey school's Environmental Club showed the neighborhood the importance of recycling after a community garage sale left unwanted items.

There were also many outdoor projects that children were encouraged to participate in. More than 500 volunteers worked at KidSpree in Aurora, helping children with activities. At the Sulphur Gulch Trail, many children participated with their parents to help clean the trail.



Left: A Girl Scout troop saved the money they raised from cookie sales and bought school supplies with it instead of having a party they were supposed to have. These school supplies were donated to Arapahoe House.



Right: School supply drives collected backpacks and supplies for underprivileged children.



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Above: Volunteers at KidSpree in Aurora finger-painted with the kids.



Right: Parents, and children helped out at the Sulphur Gulch Trail Clean Up.

Colorado Kids Outdoors: Bill of Rights

Before they grow up ALL Colorado kids should have the opportunity to:

1. Camp out under the stars.
2. Follow a trail, ride it or walk it, and be respectful of everyone's right to use the trail.
3. Play in a creek or river: fish, wade, paddle, or skip a stone.
4. Experience the wonders of Colorado's four seasons: wildflowers, abundant sunshine, the changing aspen leaves, and fresh powder snow.
5. Visit a working farm or ranch.
6. Enjoy the view from the top of a mountain.
7. Identify Colorado's official state wildlife and plants in their natural habitat.
8. Explore one of the dozens of local, state, and national parks in Colorado.
9. Play in the dirt and learn about the world from the ground up.
10. Plant a seed for other Colorado kids to enjoy in the future.



Above: Kids enjoyed racing each other at the 1st Parker Family 5k run.



Above: ELK holds posters to help identify the Bill of Rights.



Above: On July 15th, Lt. Gov. Barbara O'Brien released the Colorado Outdoor Bill of Rights, ten activities Colorado kids told her they believe everyone in the state should have an opportunity to experience before they grow up. Environmental Learning for Kids helped to relay the ten activities.

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Barr Lake State Park



Barr Lake State Park celebrated Lake Appreciation Day this year with a community clean up of the shoreline. Barr Lake's staff, volunteers from the community, Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), and AmeriCorps NCCC members helped collect trash and debris along the Lake's shoreline.

Throughout 2009, Colorado State Parks are celebrating their 50th anniversary as a leader in providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, protecting the state's favorite landscapes, teaching generations about nature, and partnering with communities.



Left and Above: NCCC members weed and collect trash in the park.



Volunteers weeded, picked up trash, and helped plant new trees at Barr Lake State Park.



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8th Annual King Trimble Tea and Roses Senior Social

Councilwoman Carla Madison invited senior constituents of District 8 to the Eighth Annual King M. Trimble Tea & Roses Senior Social at City Park in Denver. The event celebrated the life and legacy of former State Legislator and City Councilman King M. Trimble, Esq., and his service to the city of Denver.

King M. Trimble was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1977, and to the Denver City Council in 1980. During his terms as a Legislator and Councilman, he sponsored many important bills and amendments. While on Council, he sponsored a charter amendment, which dealt with the succession process for replacing the Mayor in case of a special election.

Members of YouthBiz helped with the set-up and preparation for the event. They also helped to serve food to seniors. YouthBiz's mission is to advance the social and economic empowerment of youth through a focus on business, academics, and leadership.



Mayor Hickenlooper and Councilwoman Carla Madison pose with an award recipient at this year's King Trimble Senior Social.



Left: Mayor Hickenlooper thanks YouthBiz and speaks with the kids about the importance of giving back to their communities.



Above: Seniors enjoy the catered lunch served by YouthBiz and AmeriCorps.



Above: YouthBiz set up tables and chairs, and helped serve food to seniors at the event.

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Broomfield Cares

On Saturday, July 25th, over 200 volunteers, from senior citizens to toddlers, cleaned several miles of trails in the Westlake Village and Broomfield County Commons, picking up trash and cleaning up bordering areas. The project was organized by the Westminster Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and city representatives, under the direction of Kristan Pritz, Broomfield City and County Director of Trails and Open Spaces.

The event began with an opening from Broomfield Mayor Patrick Quinn, who thanked the group for volunteering their time on the project. Participants then dispersed to various locations to pick up trash. Trash pick up ranged from cigarette butts to a discarded recliner and concrete blocks. Staff from the City of Broomfield provided excellent support of the project by collecting trash bags and picking up the larger items.



Above: Broomfield Mayor Pat Quinn and Westminister LDS Stake President Larry Hickman teamed up to start the activity.



Above: Volunteers enjoy a filling breakfast thanks to donations from the Omni Hotel, Mimi's, Chic-Fil-A, and McDonald's.



Above: A collage of pictures from the clean up was put together by Brian Carlson.

Right: Broomfield City Council member Linda Reynolds assigns a volunteer couple to a trail section.



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Food Drives

In the spirit of community and Colorado Cares Day, communities throughout Colorado held food drives. Volunteers helped count, sort, and organize the thousands of donated food items.

One food drive was held for the Kremmling Food Bank in Grand County. The Food Bank is a collaboration of Kremmling Community Church, West Grand School District, and Mountain Family Center. Mountain Family Center is a community-based, nonprofit organization working to improve the quality of life in Grand County by providing services, information, and education that strengthens families and promotes self-sufficiency.

A food drive in Fort Collins collected 7,373 cans of food for the Food Bank of Larimer County. This was a month-long service project involving eight congregations, and although many of the cans were collected going door-to-door, youth and children worked to earn the money to pay for the canned goods, or exchanged doing service in order to get cans.



Above: A young boy helps sort food.

Volunteers help load boxes of food onto a truck to be taken to the local food bank.



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Tom Rapp, Senior Hub Program Director and GCCS Commissioner, headed the Adams County community garden project for Colorado Cares Day.

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Community Gardens

Adams County Community Garden Clean Up saw over 50 volunteers help pick up and sort food from nine community gardens. The harvest during Colorado Cares Day week from the Stonehocker Garden, which was given to north-area food banks, totaled 320 servings.

Senior Hub, specifically the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), is a major sponsor of the Adams County Community Gardens Project, which seeks to develop community gardens throughout the county. This program provides not only the gardeners with produce, but also local food banks, food fairs and farmers markets. Excess food is provided free or at minimal cost to help those on low and/or fixed incomes to stretch their family food budgets.



Above: Food collected from the gardens went to the local food bank.



Colorado Cares Day...

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Each year for Colorado Cares Day, stakes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints throughout Colorado contribute hundreds of hours to their communities. The types of projects completed this year by the LDS Church included food drives, school supply drives, neighborhood and park clean ups, and helping out at various shelters.

The Littleton Stake, along with Saint Thomas More Catholic Church and another Ward from the LDS Denver Stake participated in a food and school supply drive. At least 1,300 bags of food and 200 bags of school supplies were donated to Inter-Faith Community Services, Arapahoe House and the Salvation Army.



Members of the Fort Collins Stake gathered 7,907 cans of food for the Food Bank of Larimer County. They exceeded their goal of collecting a "mile high" stack of cans!



Above: A young girl sits on the back of a truck holding donated food. She and her brothers asked for food to donate instead of asking for gifts for their joint birthday party.

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Habitat For Humanity



On Saturday, July 25, 2009, Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Denver members volunteered for the 19th Habitat for Humanity Women Build home. Construction on the Denver, Colorado Women Build home began in May and will be finished by end of July 2009.

The Women Build program has been a tradition for Habitat for Humanity since 1995. During Habitat Women Build, the home is planned and built under the leadership of women. The CREW Denver Community Outreach Committees successfully reached their goals as the Women Build Adopt-a-Day Sponsor and brought a group of volunteers to work on a Denver Habitat for Humanity home. CREW Denver donated \$2,500 for the construction materials used on the Women Build house and participated in the physical construction of the exterior landscaping, interior punch list items on the kitchen cabinets, interior doors, painting and blind installations.



Habitat for Humanity Denver was founded by volunteers in 1979, and has built over 370 homes in the Denver metro area, housing over 1,500 people. The homes are top-rated energy efficient homes and easy to maintain. Worldwide, Habitat for Humanity has more than 2,300 local affiliates, state support organizations and national organizations in nearly ninety countries. Completing a home somewhere in the world every ten minutes, Habitat builds nearly 26,000 homes per year around the world.



Colorado Cares Day...

Turk's Trail Construction

Volunteers, including AmeriCorps members and alums, Peace Corps alums, and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) helped to restore and improve half a mile of existing trail and construct one mile of new trail in Breckenridge, CO. The volunteers worked on the trail for two days, camping overnight.

The one and a half mile long construction of this portion of Turk's Trail will enhance skiing, mountain biking and hiking opportunities in the French Gulch area northeast of town.

VOC provides hands-on opportunities for Coloradoans to enhance, protect, and sustain our state's natural resources.



Above: Volunteers take a break from their hard work to snap a group photo.



Left: Volunteers help to construct and restore the trail.

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Colorado Cares Day...

8th Annual Colorado Eagle River Ride

The Dusty Boat Colorado-Eagle River Ride (CERR) is Snowboard Outreach Society's (SOS) largest fundraising event of the year. One hundred percent of event proceeds benefit SOS youth programs, which serve 5,000 underserved youth, nationally.

SOS Outreach is a nonprofit organization building character in underserved youth by enhancing decision-making for healthy life experiences.

The eighth annual River Ride took place on Saturday, July 25th. SOS had over 50 volunteers, many of whom were SOS students, volunteering with this year's event.



Above: Volunteers register riders for the 8th Annual Eagle River Ride.



Above: SOS student volunteers and riders at the event gather for a group photo.



Colorado Cares Day...

Five-Points Neighborhood Rejuvenation

AmeriCorps members, YouthBiz employees, and local volunteers helped to restore the beauty of the Five-Points Neighborhood for Colorado Cares Day. They mowed the grass, cut down dead trees, weeded, collected trash, and swept debris in the neighborhood. Community members came out and showed their appreciation to the volunteers by offering to help out with the rejuvenation.

Denver's Five-Points community, originating in the 1880s, is one of the oldest and most historic neighborhoods in Denver. Five-Points, for some, is considered the "Harlem of the West" due to its long jazz history. It was the first predominantly African American neighborhood in Denver.



Volunteers cut down dead trees across from YouthBiz.



Volunteers spent the day weeding, cleaning up trash, and restoring the Five-Points Neighborhood.



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GCCS Commissioner Richard Esquibel helped at the Saguache Pulling 4 Colorado event.

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Pulling 4 Colorado

Pulling For Colorado (P4C) is a statewide effort to educate Colorado about the impact noxious weeds are having on our natural, agricultural and recreational lands. Hundreds of volunteers throughout Colorado came together to identify and remove noxious weeds. Counties that participated in P4C were:

- Adams County
- Boulder County
- Clear Creek County
- Custer County
- Denver County
- Douglas County
- Garfield County
- Gilpin County
- Jefferson County
- Larimer County
- Moffat County
- Pitkin County
- Ouray County
- Summit County



Volunteers help out at the Saguache Pulling 4 Colorado work site on July 10th.



Above: Volunteers identify noxious weeds.



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United We Serve

June 22-September 11

“Economic recovery is as much about what you’re doing in your communities as what we’re doing in Washington -- and it’s going to take all of us, working together. I’m calling on all Americans to make volunteering and community service part of your daily life and the life of this nation.”

- President Barack Obama

The President and First Lady launched United We Serve in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service. United We Serve is a nationwide initiative, beginning this summer, to create a sustained, collaborative, and focused effort to meet community needs and make service a way of life for all Americans. The online home of United We Serve is Serve.gov.

Confident that ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things when given the proper tools, President Obama has called on Americans to both expand the impact of existing organizations by engaging new volunteers in their work and encourage volunteers to develop their own "do-it-yourself" projects.

PURPOSE

United We Serve will take traditional calls to service further by:

- Putting volunteers on a path to sustained service.
- Asking volunteers to become volunteer organizers by identifying unmet needs in their community, developing their own service projects, and engaging others who are interested in the same issue area.
- Providing easy-to-use tools on Serve.gov for volunteers to set outcome-oriented goals and track their community impact.
- Calling upon Americans to form new community partnerships and join together across historical barriers of religion, race, and ethnicity.

FOCUS

United We Serve will empower Americans to participate this summer by:

- Promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, and public land restoration.
- Supporting education and literacy for all Americans.
- Increasing health care access, public health awareness, and prevention.
- Providing community renewal to areas hardest hit by the economic crisis.
- Ensuring our communities are safe from disasters and our veterans and military families are supported.

The summer initiative will culminate on September 11, 2009, a National Day of Service and Remembrance, but United We Serve is ongoing. The National Day of Service and Remembrance will recognize the summer's accomplishments, honor those who died on September 11, 2001 by serving in their memory, and encourage Americans to make an ongoing commitment to service.



Barack Obama
President of the United States
of America

List of Projects

Opportunity/Project Name	County	Type of Opportunity
2009 Colorado Eagle River Ride	Eagle County	Tutoring/ Non-profit Fundraiser
2009 Sunrise Century Bike Ride	Boulder	Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Education / Tech; Faith-Based; Health; Human Services; Youth Sports
8 th Annual King Trimble Tea and Roses Senior Social	Denver	Civic & Community; Disability Friendly; Food Preparation; Seniors
9 th Annual School Supply Drive	Denver	Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, Etc.); Education/Tech
Adams County Community Gardens CO-OP Clean Up	Adams	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, Etc.); Food Preparation; Gardening
Arapahoe National Wildlife Refuge Boardwalk Construction	Denver	Beautification / Clean up; Building; Civic & Community; Education / Tech
2009 Bike MS	Westminster-Fort Collins	Civic & Community; Health; Human Services; Public Safety
Backcountry Forest Restoration	Boulder	Environmental
Bluff Lake Restoration	Denver	Animals; Beautification / Clean up
Boulder County Open Space-Trails, Fences, and Wildlife	Boulder	Beautification / Clean up; Building; Environmental
Brookvale Day	Clear Creek	Arts & Culture; Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Disaster Training Preparedness; Education/Tech; Health; Public Safety; Environmental
Broomfield Commons and Westlake Trails Cleaning	Adams	Beautification / Clean up; Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Faith-Based; Public Safety
Casseroles for Jeffco Action Center	Jefferson	Food Preparation
Cherry Creek Arts Festival	Denver	Arts & Culture; Children & Youth
Christmas in July Food Drive	Pueblo	Collections (Food)
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Colorado Cares for Pioneers	Adams	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Painting

Opportunity/Project Name	County	Type of Opportunity
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Food Drive	Arapahoe	Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Faith-Based
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- Mineral Belt Trail	Lake County	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community
Clear Creek I	Lake County	Trail Building
Colorado Autism Commission	Jefferson	Reviewing Files
Colorado Cares About Bluff Lake	Denver	Habitat/ Trail Restoration
Colorado Dragon Boat Festival	Denver	Arts & Culture; Children & Youth; Civic & Community
Community Garden Clean Up and Fall Planting	Adams	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, Etc.); Disability Friendly; Education/Tech; Faith-Based; Food Preparation; Health; Human Services; Painting; Poverty Fighting
Cruise for a Cause and Deliver Meals	Denver	Health
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The Delores Project (CREW Denver)	Denver	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Human Services; Painting
Denver Health's Newborns in Need Campaign	Denver	Children & Youth; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.); Health; Human Services; Poverty Fighting
Dominican Sisters Convent Clean- Up	Denver	Beautification / Clean up
Douglas County Columbine Open Space Trail Clean Up	Douglas	Beautification / Clean up
Estes Park Weed Roundup	Larimer	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Education/Tech
Extreme Community Makeover	Denver	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community
Family Tree House of Hope	Arapahoe	Beautification / Clean up; Building; Collections (Food, Clothing, Etc.); Food Preparation; Poverty Fighting
Five-Points Neighborhood Rejuvenation	Denver	Beautification / Clean up; Children & Youth; Civic & Community;
Fairmont Heritage Foundation- Riverside Cemetery Beautification	Denver	Beautification / Clean up; Collections (Food, Clothing, Etc.); Education/Tech

Opportunity/Project Name	County	Type of Opportunity
Food Bank of the Rockies	Denver	Distribution (Food, Clothing, etc.)
Friends of the Eagles Nest Trail Maintenance	Summit	Beautification / Clean up; Outdoor Recreation
Great Sand Dunes Clean-up and Litter Patrol	Alamosa	Beautification / Clean up
Habitat For Humanity Build Day	Denver	Children & Youth; Civic & Community
Habitat for Humanity Women Build Adopt-A-Day 2009- CREW Denver Sponsors	Denver	Beautification / Clean up; Building; Civic & Community; Painting
Healing the Earth Through Soil Building	Douglas	Beautification / Clean up; Building; Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Education/Tech; Poverty Fighting
Highlands Ranch Community Food Drive	Douglas	Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.)
Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation	Grand	Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.)
Junior Ranger Service Day	Mesa	Beautification / Clean up; Public Safety
Kaiser Permanente Food Drive	Denver	Civic & Community; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.)
Kids Cure for Cancer- 5k Family Fun Run	Denver	Children & Youth; Human Services
KidSpree	Arapahoe	Arts & Culture; Children & Youth; Civic & Community
Lake Agnes Trail Maintenance	Jackson	Tutoring/ Trail Maintenance
Lake Appreciation Day at Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Beautification / Clean up; Children & Youth; Civic & Community
Loveland Colorado Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- Various Community Projects	Larimer	Arts & Culture; Beautification/ Clean up; Civic & Community; Painting
Majestic View Park Trail	Jefferson	Beautification / Clean up; Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Education / Tech; Public Safety
Mt. Boss 14er Trail Restoration	Park	Beautification / Clean up; Building; Education / Tech
Medicine Bow-Routt Native Seed Collections	Jackson	Beautification / Clean up; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Education/Tech; Environmental Restoration
Native Seed Collections	Boulder	Beautification / Clean up; Collections (Food, Clothing, etc.); Education / Tech; Environmental Conservation
Odyssey School Environmental Club Recycling Sale	Denver	Children & Youth; Education/Tech

Opportunity/Project Name	County	Type of Opportunity
Ouray County Pulls for Colorado	Ouray	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Education/Tech; Weed Awareness
Operation Beautification	Boulder	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community
Parents Visioning Circle	Denver	Arts & Culture; Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Disability Friendly; Education/Tech; Health
Parker Family 5k Run/Walk	Douglas	Children & Youth; Health
Pikes Peak Steam Restoration- Weekend 1	El Paso	Beautification / Clean up
Pikes Peak Steam Restoration- Weekend 2	El Paso	Beautification / Clean up
Pulling 4 Colorado Statewide Projects	Statewide	Civic & Community; Environmental
Pulling 4 Colorado Weed Warriors	Arapahoe	Environmental
Quincy Reservoir 5k Soft Surface Trail	Arapahoe	Beautification / Clean up; Children & Youth; Civic & Community
Rebuilding Together & KRG Capital Home Rehabilitation	Denver	Civic & Community
Sand Creek Regional Greenway Noxious Weed Removal	Denver, Adams County	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Environment
South St. Vrain Trail Project	Boulder	Beautification / Clean up; Building; Environmental Conservation
Stagecoach State Park Celebrates "Colorado Cares Day"	Routt	Beautification / Clean up
Stuff-A-Backpack	Denver	Children & Youth; Education
Sulphur Gulch Trail Clean up	Douglas	Beautification / Clean up
Thornton Relay for Life	Adams	Children & Youth; Civic & Community; Education / Tech; Health; Disability Friendly
Town of Lyons Service Project	Boulder	Beautification/ Clean up; Children & Youth; Faith-Based
Turk's Trail Construction	Summit	Environmental
Volunteer in High-Country at Caribou Ranch- Day 1	Boulder	Environmental
Volunteer in High-Country at Caribou Ranch- Day 2	Boulder	Environmental
Weeding and Deadheading Along Clear Creek	Jefferson	Beautification / Clean up; Civic & Community; Education/Tech

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Extreme Community Makeover adopted five blocks around Argo Park in the Globeville neighborhood. They partnered with the community to complete exterior home improvement projects, such as graffiti removal, landscaping, painting, and yard work.



Volunteers helped to make a path around the Quincy reservoir to establish a 5k running path for community use.



Newborns in Need Campaign, hosted by the CO Department of Labor & Employment. Through a series of baby showers, the Newborns in Need Campaign collected thousands of new baby items and cash and distributes them to those in need, so their babies get the healthy start they deserve.



Rebuilding Together Metro Denver works in partnership with the community to help low-income elderly and disabled people live independently in warm, safe and dry homes. On Colorado Cares Day they partnered with KRG Capital to rehabilitate and repair the home of an elderly woman. A team of 20 volunteers helped repair the home.



The "Healing the Earth Through Soil" project at the Woodbine Ecology Center accomplished their goal of starting four large compost piles mixed with straw, wood chips, chicken, duck and cow manure. The soil they are building will be used for a terrace garden for next spring.



The Dominican Sisters Home Health Agency of Denver (DSHHA) took part in the 11th Annual Colorado Cares Day with a two-day event. On Friday, volunteers worked at our patients' homes – weeding, trimming bushes, edging, pruning and spreading mulch. On Saturday, te sidewalk gardens and the overgrown rose garden were all cleaned up and are now ready to be enjoyed. The Grotto garden with its lovely stone bench serves as a place of prayer and peace for all who visit this lovely historic location.



The Inaugural Parker Family 5K Run/Walk had over 210 participants, 12 sponsors, over 30 volunteers, and raised over \$8,000 for the String of Pearls Foundation. Volunteers helped set up on race day, organize sponsor booths, helped with race day registration, collected donations for the String of Pearls Foundation, marked the trail clearly so runners would not get off track, manned the water stations, helped clean up, made snow cones, and helped pass out race day shirts.



An estimated 40,000 people enjoyed more than 50 hands-on activities and entertainers this year at the City of Aurora's KidSpree at Bicentennial Park. More than 500 volunteers worked at the festival.





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