

## Wells Fargo gave \$4 million to Colorado nonprofits

**W**ells Fargo & Company donated \$4 million to 1,000 nonprofits in Colorado in 2010. In addition, employees contributed more than \$933,000 and volunteered nearly 30,000 hours to charitable works. Among the many beneficiaries are the **National Sports Center for the Disabled**, **Gold Crown Foundation**, **Latin American Education Foundation**, **The Children's Hospital Foundation**, **Denver Rescue Mission** and **Alzheimer's Association Colorado**.

**INTERNATIONAL HELP:** The Englewood-based **Western Union Foundation** made a \$1.1 million grant and is teaming with the **United Nations Development Programme** to help Filipino and Moroccan migrants living abroad to give to sustainable local development in their home countries. The foundation's donation also will help three United Nations agencies meet their Millennium Development Goals, which aim to reduce poverty, hunger, disease, and maternal and child deaths by 2015.

**TRANSPLANT CENTER:** The **Fourth Annual Hearts of All Ages** event raised about \$300,000 for the **University of Colorado Hospital** on Valentine's Day. The money will go to the UCH Transplant Center. The University of Colorado Hospital Foundation produced the event, which drew more than 1,100 people.

**PUT ON YOUR PJS:** Sage Hospitality's **Residence Inn by Marriott Denver City Center** donated more than \$60,000 as part of the Sixth Annual PJ Party that

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benefited **Denver's Road Home**. The facility underwrote all of the costs for the 500-plus-person party, plus 100 percent of guest-room revenue from that evening. Other Sage Hospitality entities — **Second Home Kitchen + Bar**, **The Corner Office Restaurant and Martini Bar**, **the Oxford Hotel** and the **Courtyard by Marriott Denver Downtown** — combined to donate more than \$25,000 to the event as well.

**ZONTA'S GRANTS:** The **Zonta Club of Denver** gave 2011 grants to the **Mental Health Center of Denver**, \$14,000 to support the vocational part of Growth and Recovery Opportunities for Women; the **Women's Bean Project**, \$10,000 to expand the vocational training program in the design, production and sale of jewelry; and the **Empowerment Program**, \$6,500 to buy medications for its Mental Health Specialty Clinic.

**HELP FOR VOA:** **Applebee's** donated \$10,000 to buy a new industrial stove for **Volunteer of America's** Brandon Center. In addition, about 150 Applebee's volunteers worked on several renovation projects Feb. 24 for **Brandon Center** as well as the VOA's **Theodora House** and **Family Motel**.



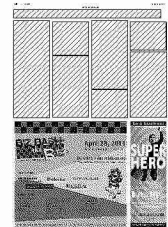
The facilities are for homeless families, female veterans and families escaping domestic violence.

**RADIOTHON:** **Eide Bailly CPAs and Business Advisors** gave a \$10,000 check to the **Alice 105.9** radiothon to benefit **The Children's Hospital**. In addition, Eide Bailly had 17 employee volunteers who staffed the phones and took pledges during the event.

- The **HealthCare Initiative** in Centennial donated \$1,650 to the radiothon. President **Sean Milius** challenged his employees, offering \$50 for every sendout his team booked plus \$50 for every hour they recorded on the phone for a specific day. The company also has donated \$1,000 to the **St. Jude's Hospital Foundation**.

**DANCE FOR A GOOD CAUSE:** **Ballet Nouveau Colorado** raised \$5,279.50 for **SAME Café** through its Community Sundays program. The cafe, at 2023 E. Colfax Ave. in Denver, has no set prices and relies on the donations of patrons. Customers pay what they feel the meal was worth, or pay a little more to help those less fortunate.

**INCUBATOR HELP:** **Wells Fargo Bank** gave a \$5,000 donation to the **Boulder Innovation Center**, an incubator that helps busi-



ness entrepreneurs.

**FIGHTING OBESITY:** UnitedHealthcare of Colorado gave \$2,000 — split among the YMCA of Pueblo, Athletics and Beyond (Aurora), The Youth Foundation's (Edwards) KidSTRONG program, and the Boys and Girls Club of Chaffee County — to be used to develop programs to fight childhood obesity.

**BASEBALL DIPLOMACY:** Drew Sauer, treasury management coordinator at Summit Bank & Trust in Superior, and Jim Cederburg, an attorney at the Cederburg Law Firm in Boulder, raised money to collect baseball equipment — then delivered it to children in schools and orphanages in two remote villages near Nairobi, Kenya.

Sauer and Cederburg formed a non-profit organization called **42-22: "Humanity through Baseball"** ([www.42-22.org](http://www.42-22.org)) in 2010. They've made a combined six trips to take baseball equipment to Africa. Summit Bank & Trust held two fundraisers to support the trip and covered some other costs.

**GOING CRACKERS:** Denver-based **34 Degrees** will donate 1 percent of its 2011 production to the **Food Bank of the Rockies**, and began Feb. 9 by delivering two pallets of its Whole Grain Crispbread crackers, which amounted to more than 300,000 crackers.

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