Good Works: Health care groups team up, give bikes to kids

UnitedHealthcare, Children’s Hospital Colorado, donate bicycles to Crawford Elementary

UnitedHealthcare and Children’s Hospital Colorado gave 20 students at Crawford Elementary School bicycles. Each child received a bike customized to their age, a helmet, a bicycle lock and a safety course. The donation was part of Children’s Hospital Colorado’s Bikes for Life program, which gives bicycles to those in un-walkable communities, so students can cycle to school. The program’s goal is to help children develop healthy lifestyle habits through cycling. Since 2011, United Healthcare says it has distributed 189 bicycles, helmets and safety education to students.

Mi Casa Resource Center accepts $485K grant

KeyBank in Colorado awarded a $485,000 grant to Mi Casa Resource Center. The grant is the largest given by KeyBank in the state, and will support Mi Casa Resource Center's small business development programs. Over three years, the grant will help launch a new mobile food business accelerator called La Receta.
grant will also contribute to efforts to strengthen construction-related businesses, connect low-income inventors to pro-bono legal services and create an online business directory. Mi Casa Resource Center supports underserved communities in creating economic sustainability. KeyBank has been a Mi Casa partner for seven years, providing funding, board participation and skill-based volunteers to teach financial literacy and career development.

**Boulder nonprofit serves 3 million meals**

Conscious Alliance, a hunger relief and youth empowerment nonprofit based in Boulder, announced that it has served 3 million meals since opening in 2002. In 2015, the organization reached the 2 million meals milestone in just over 13 years of operation. The organization facilitates hunger awareness programs through food drives at concerts and music events. Conscious Alliance added and expanded partnerships with natural and organic food companies such as Organic Valley, Justin’s and Plum Organics. The charity operates a food pantry on the Pine Ridge Reservation, feeding 50 families a week. Its “Bring Nutrition Home” backpack program at Loneman School feeds 250 students every weekend throughout the school year.

**ABC Program raises nearly $100K in education grants**

The ABC program raised $99,760 in grants to help support K-12 education in Colorado. The program, sponsored by Sunflower Bank and First National 1870 bank, raised more than $1.2 million for education since 2001. Cash was raised every time customers opened a “Spend & Sign & Save” account or swiped their debit card. Sunflower Bank and First National 1870 plan to bring the program back next year. Sunflower Bank, headquartered in Denver, has five locations in Colorado and a total of 56 locations in states like Missouri, Kansas and Arizona.

**RTA Architects to lead and design new Colorado Springs Ronald McDonald House**

RTA Architects was selected to lead the design of the new Southern Colorado Ronald McDonald House. The new location will be at North Union Boulevard and Royal Pine Drive in northern Colorado Springs, on the same campus as Children’s Hospital Colorado and University of Colorado Health. Construction is anticipated to start in July and be completed in the second quarter of 2019. The new location will be 25,000 square feet, with accommodations for 20 families and the ability to
expand to 30 families. Outdoor features include walking paths, a children’s play area, a half-basketball court and a patio with seating and barbecue grill. RTA Architects, based in Colorado Springs, specialize in education, healthcare, retail and commercial properties and has won more than 30 awards since 2007.

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