

Down syndrome walk ranks among top three in nation

The Mile High Down Syndrome Association raised \$224,000 at its annual Step Up for Down Syndrome walk, making it among the top three walk fundraisers for Down syndrome nationwide. Sponsors included Macy's, NelNet and Melting Pot.

CHEFS COOK FOR A CAUSE: The March of Dimes raised \$145,000 at its annual Signature Chefs Auction, held at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. The auction also launched a fall campaign that aims for a total net of nearly \$400,000, with more events scheduled for Boulder, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction. It drew about 350 people, who sampled small plates prepared by 18 of Denver's top chefs. Sponsors included Cigna, Jackson National Life Insurance Co., Frederic Printing, Colorado Expression, FirstBank and Lockton Cos.

COLLABORATION AWARD: The Colorado Nonprofit Association gave its inaugural Colorado Collaboration Award, which includes a \$50,000 grant, to the Northwest Colorado Community Health Partnership. It was honored for developing a regional network of care for the underinsured and uninsured in Routt, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Jackson counties.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Puksta Foundation made \$203,000 in grants for its Puksta Scholar program, backing 42 scholarships for the 2011-12 school year at the University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Denver and Colorado State University. The four-year renewable scholarships are based on financial need and commitment to civic engagement.

GOOD WORKS

relief for Joplin, Mo. Agents involved included Lisa Webster, Eloy Martinez, Jim Passarelli, Kelly Burns and Joel Kruschwitz.

FOR NSCD: The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation made a \$5,000 grant to the National Sports Center for the Disabled. The grant will support the Sponsor An Athlete program.

BONUS BUCKS: EKS&H and JPMorgan Chase & Co. each donated \$3,000 to the Community First Foundation's Bonus Bucks program that will be part of Colo-

rado Gives Day on Dec. 6.

HAPPY 25TH: Coet2 PC CPAs, in honor of its 25 years in business, donated \$2,500 to the City of Westminster's Youth Scholarship Assistance Program. The money helps cover tuition for programs offered by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

FOR ACS: Infiniti of Denver raised \$1,215 for the American Cancer Society, giving free car washes and lunch rain checks. Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q donated food for the day.

RAMP IT UP: The Home Builders Foundation built ramps at seven homes in the Denver area Oct. 6-8 — two in Aurora,

two in Denver and one each in Lakewood, Thornton and Brighton — worth a combined total of \$35,000. ProBuild, Aspen Basement Co., Bella Villa Builders, Alpine Lumber, Van Dyk Construction and CG Gardner contributed labor. TimberTech, OrePac and Van Dyk Construction donated the decking. Denver Lumber, Strait Lumber and Builders Enterprise gave lumber, and BlueLynx was another donor. Godden Sudik Architects, Ryan Homes, Saddleback Design and the Praise Church Mens Group also sent volunteers.

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