



OUR News

Outreach United Resource Center, Inc.

OUR Center client leads Getting Ahead group

Bridges Out of Poverty is an initiative sponsored by Boulder County Community Services to improve the lives of people in poverty and to help make communities in which everyone can do well.

As a participant in the initiative, the OUR Center is sponsoring *Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World*, a seminar in which clients explore the impact poverty has had on them, investigate economic realities, complete a self assessment of their own resources, make plans to build their own resources and develop a mental model of community prosperity.

Helping to make the *Getting Ahead* seminars at the OUR Center successful in supporting clients out of poverty is the facili-

tator, Robert Topping, who was himself a client. For the past seven years Robert, a construction worker, has weathered the storms of personal challenges and the economy. At one point Robert was homeless and living in his car.

With the OUR Center's help, he obtained transitional shelter and housing, glasses, dentures and as he puts it, "Confidence".

Now, he is giving back to the community through his work co-facilitating the *Getting Ahead* seminars, supporting and encouraging others to work their way out of poverty. He says of his contacts with the OUR Center, "Everything that the staff at the OUR Center asked me to do is leading me to self-sufficiency. There are no

handouts or freebies, but true substantial support and referrals that lead somewhere." To learn more about *Bridges Out of Poverty* and *Getting Ahead*, phone Kitty Sargent, Outreach Coordinator, at 303-772-5529.



Robert Topping awards certificate to Getting Ahead graduate

Save money on taxes and do good

Looking for a simple way to s-t-r-e-t-c-h your money further?

Reduce the amount of your Colorado state tax bill by giving to OUR Child Care Center. This credit, good through 12/31/10, allows you the charitable contribution deduction **and** a tax credit.

OUR Child Care Center provides loving, structured day care and developmental activities for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. Fees are based on parent income. *For more information, call your tax advisor or our office at 303-772-5529, or look up form "FYI Income 35" at www.taxcolorado.com.*

Contribution Amount	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
Federal benefit	\$28.00	\$140.00	\$280.00	\$1,400.00
State benefit	\$4.63	\$23.15	\$46.30	\$231.50
Colorado 50% credit	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$2,500.00
Total benefit	\$82.63	\$413.15	\$826.30	\$4,131.50
Net cost to taxpayer	\$17.37	\$86.85	\$173.70	\$868.50

Examples are based on 28% federal and 4.63% state tax brackets.

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Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support of the OUR Center. Without **your** generous help we could not provide the services we do.



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President's Message

As many of you know, there's never a dull moment at the OUR Center! Did you know that we set a new record for volunteer hours this past fiscal year – up 35% over last year's record level! And while the number of *new* clients seeking interviews has leveled off recently, we have reached a new steady state of demand that is -40%-60% *higher* than what it was two years ago.

In response to this demand, we will be making improvements to the Intake and Warming Centers to ease congestion for our clients and staff in the coming months. First, the west portion of the Warming Center will be upgraded to double as a conference room during the day-time hours. Then, the east side of the Intake Center will be converted into the main entrance and reception area,

and the current entrance and reception area will be converted into more offices. Meanwhile, the OUR Center's Board and staff are continuing to work hard on a long-term facility solution.

But the real fun is just beginning. We're putting the finishing touches on a major upgrade to our website, with new features to make it easier to donate and keep up on happenings at the OUR Center. And speaking of happenings, two of our major fundraising events are coming up: the *Longmont Ford Charity Golf Classic* at Ute Creek on August 19, and *An Evening Under OUR Stars* benefit dinner/dance on September 25. Right now, we're soliciting sponsorships, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in supporting these two great events, please let us know.

Our Hair for Hunger campaign (www.hair4hunger.com) has gotten off to a good start - many people have commented on how much fun it's been to go virtually bald. But keep those virtual haircut donations coming, because the real fun will be when we reach our goal of \$10,000 in donations and see Jim Lytton get his hair shaved off at the Longmont Ford Charity Golf Classic! In addition, we'll be at Heaven Fest July 30 and 31, the Millennium Harvest House concert August 6 and Festival on Main Street August 27.

I am continuously amazed and grateful at the generosity of our community, and its unwavering support of the OUR Center. I hope to see you at the Golf Classic or Dinner/Dance and personally thank you for your support!

From the Executive Director

What is "vision"?

Volunteer training transmits OUR Center's vision.

Vision is a word picture, a vivid mental image describing a scene or a circumstance. In the distant past only prophets had visions. Today each of us needs a vision, a road map for the mind. A vision is the target toward which all action is aimed.

Organizations are the same way. Without a vision of where they are going they can drift and flounder.

It is essential for an organization, from top to bottom, to have a vision of where it is

headed and how to get there. The organization's vision is the goal - what it is working toward becoming. The OUR Center's vision is:

We will be a recognized leader in transforming people's lives by joining them in reaching their personal potential.

Our vision is the description of our mission when it is accomplished. Our mission is:

We help people in the St. Vrain region move toward self-sufficiency by unifying community resources.

Each and every person at the OUR Center — staff and vol-

unteers alike — needs to be an effective leader in the process of moving towards the vision. One excellent way we have of transmitting the vision is volunteer training. If you have not yet participated in volunteer training, phone Volunteer Coordinator, Norma Grandchamp at 303-772-5529, x 235 today and sign up

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Great ways to have fun and support the OUR Center

Longmont Ford

14th Annual Charity Golf Classic
Thursday, August 19, 2010



Please join us at our annual golf tournament to be held at the Ute Creek Golf Course on August 19, 2010. Tee times are at

8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sponsorships and golf slots are available.

To learn how we can help promote your business contact Elaine Klotz at 303-772-5529 x224 or elaine@ourcenter.org.

An Evening Under OUR Stars
September 25, 2010
Radisson Ballroom, Longmont



Our annual dinner/dance will be held on September 25, 2010 at the Radisson Ballroom in Longmont. Join us for fine dining, auctions and great music by One on One with the Miles Apart Band. For information on sponsorship opportunities or tickets please contact Elaine Klotz at 303-772-5529 x224, elaine@ourcenter.org or www.ourcenter.org

Auction Preview

Safari Package for Two—6 days /6 nights at one of three Zulu Nyala Lodges on the east coastal area of South Africa.

Playa del Carmen Mexican Getaway—7 nights at the luxurious Porto Playa Condo Hotel.

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Jim Lytton together, with a bunch of his friends, is working to raise **\$10,000** for the OUR Center Food Bank. If they reach that goal, Jim will have his head shaved August 19 at the OUR Center's Golf Tournament.

1. Go virtually bald.

For a minimum \$25 donation the Hair 4

www.hair4hunger.com

Facebook: [tinyurl.com/hair4hunger](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/hair4hunger)

Twitter: Hair4hunger

Hunger team can make you a chrome dome. Visit the website for details and to see who is in the "Bald o' Fame".

2. Donate to the cause.

Donations are accepted online. No donation is too small or too large!

3. Spread the word.

Join H4H on Twitter and Facebook.

OUR wish list

Hospitality Center and Day Shelter

250 3rd Ave., Longmont
303-772-1342
8-5 M,W,Th,F,
8-6 Tue, 10-2 Sat. & Sun.

- Macaroni & cheese
- Coffee
- Flip-top canned fruits, vegetables & meat
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Canned vegetables
- Grocery store gift cards

Child Care needs

501 5th Ave., Longmont
303-772-4320

- Play-Doh
- Bubbles
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Dried beans, rice and corn

Volunteers

- Kitchen assistant
- Infant/toddler volunteers
- Pre-school volunteers
- Food pantry assistant
- Food pantry line assistant
- Food pantry drivers
- Hospitality host/hostess

More summer fun

"Guitar Hairo", August 5, 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. H4H fundraising party at CocoMichelle Salon and Spa

Millennium Harvest House free concert, August 6, 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Festival on Main, August 27, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Free treats for all—yum.



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Every day at OUR Center

- Up to **250** free hot meals served
- 680** items distributed from clothing bank
- 3500** lb. of groceries distributed
- 30** families helped with homelessness prevention
- 30** single homeless clients served
- 60** children provided with daycare

OUR Mission

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A big **thank you** goes to members of **Twin Peaks Rotary** and friends, who served lunch on June 13th.



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