

Dreamer NEWS

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September 6th Luncheon to Honor *Daily Camera's* Colleen Conant



*Dream-maker Award Honoree,
Colleen Conant*

On September 6, at 11:30 a.m., IHAD will host its 5th Annual Award Luncheon at the University of Colorado-Boulder President's Residence. We are delighted that *Daily Camera* Publisher and Editor Colleen Conant will accept the 2002 *Dream-Maker Award* for her dedication to community service in Boulder County. The *Daily Camera* has been a loyal friend of the "I Have

A Dream"® Foundation for many years providing advertisement space for volunteer solicitations and fundraising events, equipping our six Learning Centers with curriculum through their "Newspapers in Education" program, and donating newspaper subscriptions to IHAD families.

Colleen has held her current position with the *Daily Camera* since April, 1998. She is active in our community and serves on the Board of Directors of several organizations including the Community Foundation, the Founda-

tion for Boulder Valley Schools, and the Boulder Chamber of Commerce. Colleen and her husband Terry have two sons.

In addition to comments from Colleen, this year's program will include welcoming remarks from CU President Elizabeth Hoffman, and the awarding of the first "Dakota Solomon Memorial Scholarship" to be presented to one of our Dreamers by CU football standout, Marcus Houston. This new scholarship is the result of a major contribution to our Endowment Fund made by Kristen and Ariel Solomon in memory of their young son, Dakota.

Nanette Schunk, Bolder Boulder and Nancy Botiller, Kaiser Permanente are co-chairs of the event. First National Bank of Colorado and Faegre & Benson are "Dreambuilder" underwriters, and Kaiser Permanente is a "Benefactor". The *Daily Camera* and Carrabba's Italian Grill are providing advertising and catering, respectively. Channel 4 will emcee the event. Individual tickets are \$50, and corporate tables are \$1,250.

For information about tickets and/or how you can support the "I Have a Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County as an event sponsor, please call 303-444-3636.

And the Results Are In...

In December of 2001, 133 Dreamers, 124 teachers, 95 parents, and 31 volunteers responded to an evaluation survey about IHAD program services. Grades, attendance records and graduation rates were also collected. Findings that emerged from the evaluation indicate that in virtually every area we are on the right track. The primary focus for the future is to refine the efficiency of our program and to obtain additional support so that we can do more.

?? **Improved Academic Performance:** Dreamer performance on key academic measures has been exceptional with 98% of Dreamers currently in school with a 2.8 average cumulative GPA; and teachers reporting that 71% of Dreamers had improved their academic progress since the beginning of the year. Ninety percent (90%) of the parents reported that IHAD had helped their child get better grades, and 88% of Dreamers said that IHAD has helped them improve their reading skills and complete homework.

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Director's Corner

As the old African proverb states, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," and in this issue of Dreamer News we are highlighting the "IHAD village" that is helping raise 370 successful Dreamers here in Boulder County. Without the support of the board, staff, parents, sponsors, AmeriCorps members, volunteers, donors and community partners, many of these Dreamers would not complete their education or have the opportunity to pursue higher education. We're also pleased to present the results of our 2001 Evaluation which were extremely positive and illustrate that all of us are making a difference in the lives of our Dreamers - one child at a time.

- Lori Canova, Executive Director

New Leadership

The "I Have a Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County's Board of Directors elected and approved the following slate of officers for 2002:

- ?? **President** – **Kim Felton**, *First National Bank of Colorado*
- ?? **Vice-President** – **Kaye Howe**, *NSDL/UCAR*
- ?? **Treasurer** – **Anita Mandelbaum**, *CPA*
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Kalmia Dreamer Headed to College

Those who know **Armando Avila** are not surprised to learn that he is fulfilling his dream of going to college this fall at Western State College in Gunnison. He has shown that hard work and dedication do pay off. Armando plans to study chemistry and would like to be a pharmacist. He has already gained experience in his field of interest through an internship at CU-Boulder's Institute for Behavioral Genetics. There he had the opportunity not only to learn about genetic structures in cells but he also performed the process to separate DNA from other organic matter; high tech! In addition to his talent in the field of science, Armando served as President of the Multi-Cultural Youth Council and for the last two years coached a little league baseball team, utilizing his leadership skills and sports ability. If you are looking for Armando on a sunny day he is most likely outside, possibly with his mentor and tutor, Tom Foderaro, a chemist for Roche Colorado who shares his love for the outdoors. Although much of Armando's inspiration seems to come from within, he has been fortunate to have the support of his caring family. Congratulations Armando!



Recent graduating Dreamer,
Armando Avila

Dreamer Highlights

Gisele Sandate, a third grader at Pioneer Elementary School has done extremely well this year in the Pioneer Dreamer program. She attends our literacy program three days a week and as a result, her reading skills and her confidence in her reading ability have increased. She is a quiet, sweet girl, who listens well and works hard. Her family is also involved in our program; her sister, Jasmin, attends some of our trips, and her parents, Elsa and Perfecto, are always willing to lend a helping hand. It is a pleasure to have Gisele as part of our Dreamer class.

If you need a translator for Spanish you can always hire **Jacqueline Juarez**. She is a second grader at Columbine Elementary. Whether she's translating, tutoring, or just plain smiling, she is usually helping someone. She is also a dedicated student, maintaining a 3.7 GPA with no absences. When she grows up, she wants to be a teacher and to travel to exotic places. "I love coming to Dreamers," she tells us. With her positive attitude, she has a good chance of making her dreams come true.



Columbine Class Dreamer,
Jacqueline Juarez

A Parent's Perspective



Sanchez Class parent,
Susan Maldonado

Parent involvement is an important facet of the IHAD program. Sanchez Class parent **Susan Maldonado**, mother of Sabrina, has shown exceptional enthusiasm and commitment to IHAD. Susan was initially attracted to the Dreamer program because it provided the financial means for allowing her daughter to attend college. As she learned more about the program she also realized the importance of long-term tutoring and mentoring and the sense of community it fosters. "IHAD is a way for my daughter to connect with other students and establish meaningful relationships with people of all ages." Susan and her husband Tony chaperone many of the field trips and participate in all of the parent meetings. Susan visits the after-school program to watch skits, assist with art projects, or just lend a helping hand. "IHAD provides a unique environment to relate with your child in a way you are not able to at home." Susan hopes to see the number of parents involved in IHAD grow over the years and said she views her responsibilities as a Dreamer parent as "getting in the mix, getting to know the tutors, sponsors, and Dreamers and just helping out in anyway I can." Susan recognizes the 'I Have a Dream' Program as a way to fulfill her own dream of seeing her daughter be given some of the educational and experiential opportunities she never had. Thanks Susan, and to all IHAD parents, for all your help!

Two New Classes of Dreamers Adopted

Sanchez Class

Last Fall, IHAD's seventh class of Dreamers was adopted at Sanchez Elementary School in Lafayette thanks to the generous sponsorship of Dee and Tom Perry & Mike and Wilma Ormsbee. Thirty-seven second grade students on the free or reduced lunch program were welcomed into the program by Veronica Benavidez, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education for the Boulder Valley School District at an adoption ceremony held in October.

"Mike, Wilma, Tom and I are long-term residents of Boulder County. We have been very fortunate ourselves and have the opportunity to share some of our good fortune with a younger generation of the Boulder community. We believe strongly in education and the advantages that "I Have a Dream"® offers to our children. We are extremely excited to be working with IHAD and the staff and administration of Sanchez Elementary to enhance the opportunities of these second graders toward the achievement of their future goals," said Dee Perry.

The Sanchez Dreamers have been utilizing their first year to build individual confidence levels, develop personal relationships with positive role models, and gain new experiences. They have:

- ?? developed pride in their Dreamers program, coming to the program each day after school where they create skits, work on math, computers, literacy, and enjoy Friday Fun Day;
- ?? benefited from the personal experiences and interests of caring tutors;
- ?? learned the value of community service. Dreamers have taken a field trip to Community Food Share, and also helped beautify the Sanchez school by picking up trash and learning how to recycle;
- ?? realized how creative they can be. Dreamers routinely create and perform their own skits in the program, make crafts and cards, and designed their own costumes for the Boulder Procession of Species Parade;
- ?? developed an understanding of discipline and money. Dreamers have an opportunity each day to earn a Dreamer Dollar for positive behavior, which can be saved and used to purchase books, games, art supplies, field trip tickets, and more;
- ?? enjoyed gaining exposure to new activities. This year Dreamers learned to ice skate, took in a play at the Arvada Center, and danced at a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.



Sanchez sponsors, Dee & Tom Perry (left) and Wilma & Mike Ormsbee at adoption ceremony.

Columbine Class



New Columbine Dreamer, Guadalupe Nieto, poses with his younger brother at the Columbine Adoption Ceremony.

On a snowy night in February, Representative Bill Swenson welcomed 41 new Dreamers at Columbine Elementary School to the Dreamer program at an adoption ceremony held in the school gymnasium. Catherine Smead is helping IHAD continue its efforts to make dreams come true for low-income children by sponsoring this eighth IHAD class of second grade students in Longmont. Class sponsors commit tuition-assistance scholarships and a portion of program funding and are personally involved with the selected students through their college years.

"Often, all a child needs to realize their potential is guidance and support from those in a position to help. I am pleased to be working with IHAD and Columbine Elementary in their efforts to show these Dreamers what the future can hold and to help them achieve their goals," said Catherine.

And the Results Are In... (Continued from page 1)

- ?? **Increased Graduation Rates:** Graduation rates for two recent classes of Dreamers (1998 and 2000) in one case more than doubled their peer group and in the other was nearly 50% higher. And 85% of the graduated Dreamers have gone on to college or vocational school compared to the national average of 66%. *“My daughters Project Coordinators worked very hard to help her. They planted the seeds for goals for her future. Without the continued support of IHAD my daughter would’ve been one of those kids who fell through the cracks. She fought them tooth and nail, but they persevered. She is now attending college and majoring in Criminal Justice!”* - Parent
- ?? **Encouraged High Education Aspirations and a Positive View of Future:** Eighty-eight percent (88%) of Dreamers and 93% of parents reporting that they think they (or their child) will go to college or vocational school. *“IHAD gives my son a picture of the future, we hadn’t expected him to go to college!”* – Parent
- ?? **Developed ongoing, supportive relationships with at least one caring adult:** Ninety-six percent (96%) of the parents reported that their Project Coordinator had been supportive, and 94% of the Dreamers reported that the AmeriCorps members had been supportive. *“My Project Coordinator says I can do whatever I set my mind to.”* – Dreamer, *“I think that it is great that the AmeriCorps volunteers are involved in the progress of our children. They are very good role models for the girls that want to have a career.”* – Parent
- ?? **Increased self-esteem, social and life skills:** Eighty-nine percent (89%) of the Dreamers reported that IHAD helps them to feel good about themselves and 88% said that IHAD helps them get along better with their family. Ninety-three percent (93%) of the parents reported that IHAD has helped their child stay out of trouble. According to statistics from Boulder Housing Partners, over the past six years, crime and vandalism reports have been reduced by 50% in the neighborhoods where IHAD is providing services. *“My child has had fewer anger outbursts and is trying to share more with his younger brother.”* – Parent
- ?? **Provided a Quality Volunteer Program:** IHAD volunteer tutors, mentors and AmeriCorps members reported that overall they were very enthusiastic about the work they were doing, the rapport they were developing with the Dreamers and families, and the quality of the IHAD program. *“The Project Coordinator is bright, enthusiastic, and helpful with advice for each session. Good planner. Makes us feel appreciated.”* – Tutor

Longmont Casa Class Dreamers

Spanning the grade levels Kindergarten to Ninth grade, the academic and social interests of the Casa Dreamers range from checkers to scary movies, from Dr. Suess to algebra. However, between the Casa Dreamers lies an interconnectedness that is not apparent to an outside eye. Out of 45 Dreamers, 31 have a sibling that is also part of the Casa class. They are brothers, sisters, cousins and friends; they love and support each other as well as harass and tease, just like any family network.

On a daily basis we are amazed by the relationships that these children have formed with each other. Recently, we witnessed one third-grader encouraging another to do more math sheets, that way he too could attend our next field trip. Every child knows where the rest of the Dreamers live and they can tell you where they are at any given point in time. For the future we are looking to use this feature of our class to strengthen our programming activities. By delegating responsibilities to the older Dreamers, we hope to create a cascade learning approach that will further the development of our younger Dreamers, providing them with role models that are none other than their own sisters and brothers.



Casa Dreamers enjoy the company of one another on a field trip to Six Flags Elitch Gardens.

What is AmeriCorps?



2001-2002 AmeriCorps members at IHAD's Annual Luncheon.

AmeriCorps (A*C) is best described as a “domestic Peace Corps.” Full-time A*C members serve in communities of need and make a one-year (1,700 hour) commitment to service. A*C members receive a “living stipend” of \$10,000 and an Education Award of \$4,725 upon the completion of their commitment. However, A*C members are typically not receiving anywhere near the financial compensation that they should given their dedicated efforts during their year of service to their communities and our country. This is certainly true for the 14 full-time and three part-time A*C members who are serving with the “I Have a Dream”® Foundation of Boulder County!

Our members are an extremely talented, dedicated, caring, selfless, creative, passionate and intelligent group of men and women. They range in age from 22 to mid 50's; however the majority are recent college graduates who wanted to “give back” in the year following their successful completion of a degree. They have come from all over the

United States to be with IHAD. If you have occasion to meet any of the A*C members, please let them know how much YOU appreciate what they have chosen to do this year.

We would also like to acknowledge the Notre Dame Mission Volunteer AmeriCorps Program, National IHAD, and the Volunteer Center of the Pike Peaks Region/Chamber Nonprofit Partnership for selecting IHAD-Boulder County as an AmeriCorps site.

"My year with "I Have a Dream"® and Americorps has taught me so much about working with kids, working within a community, and working within a not-for-profit organization. Being able to see how a small group of committed people is able to 'get things done' has been very rewarding and inspiring." – AmeriCorps member

Welcome New Volunteers

Chris Asbury	Noelle Edwards	Colby Jones	Amy Mueller	Kendra Scheich
Janet Aiken	Sarah Faulkner	David Julie	Season Mugge	Sarah Schliemann
David Anastos	Zach Feldman	Gretchen Kiracofe	Kelley Nelson	Casie Sears
Tina Armstrong	Kim Felton	Dave Langmead	Jason Neuman	Bev Shetter
Allison Bekoff	Sara Fletcher	Travis Larson	Page Nilsen	Beth Skelley
Margaret Berglund	Laura Fischer	Margot Lee	Christy Ormsbee	Cathy Smead
Emily Boeschstein	Jamie Gallagher	Joel Martinez	August Piernik	Kristi Smittkamp
Matthew Brinck	Allison Garnhart	Matt Martinez	Diana Portillo	Kirsten Spielmann
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Debbie Davia	Genevieve Hunter	Melanie Mills	Gus Ruybal	Lindsay Wilson
Kelly Delaney	Mark Irlando	Stephanie Morbacher	Michael Salchert	Casey Wood
Chris DeRock	Dana James	Bruce Mounsey	Samantha Sapp	
Nicole Doheny	Lindsey Johnson	Jacqueline Mrzlikar	Kathy Scally	

On the Front Lines...

IHAD's Project Coordinators (PC's) are the heart of our organization and deserve special recognition. Over the course of their tenure in the lives of the Dreamers, they are caring, patient, wise, persistent, enthusiastic, friendly and charismatic. In their relationships with the Dreamers and parents, they are friends, advocates, role models, teachers, counselors and sometimes "substitute" mothers and/or fathers.

PC's illustrate their commitment to the success of the Dreamers by working long (and sometimes strange) hours. They meet with teachers, principals, and community partners—all with the focus to improve the programs that they offer to the Dreamers, every day, every week and every year. PC's also mentor a new team of AmeriCorps members each year and are able to expose AmeriCorps members to the path that they have bravely chosen for themselves; a path of helping young people achieve their DREAMS!

We often forget about those that are "behind the scenes" – those who are truly responsible for the success of an organization such as IHAD. This is to let each and all of the PC's know that we appreciate what you bring and all that you share with everyone at IHAD. Thank you Francisco Mejias, Ginny Holien, Jean Pierre La Faye, Elyana Cohen, Jodi Sherman and Meicha Williams!



IHAD Project Coordinators at the National IHAD Conference.

Welcome New Staff!



Brian Senjem has been named Director of Information Services. In this newly created position, Brian is developing computer curriculum for Dreamers, maintaining and overseeing six computer labs, and does the accounting for the agency. Brian has an MBA and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Economics from Minnesota State University. Brian has 11 years of experience in technology management and 14 years experience in finance and accounting. Previously, he was the Technical Services Manager for Olmsted County and was President and CIO/CTO of Senjem Enterprises. Brian is the recipient of the 1996 Minnesota Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the US Small Business Administration.

Elyana Cohen is the new Sanchez Project Coordinator. She grew up in York, Pennsylvania and attended Duke University in North Carolina, where she majored in an international studies program, focusing on children of Latino families. Elyana lived and worked in Ecuador for part of her education, where she learned Spanish. During her first year in Colorado, she worked as an AmeriCorps member with IHAD at the Casa de la Esperanza housing site. *"I have already fallen in love with not only the Sanchez Dreamers, but also the Sanchez Team - parents and families, teachers, volunteers, and AmeriCorps members. We have joined together to expose the Dreamers to as much as possible, build meaningful relationships, and create a positive, consistent, fun, and loving environment of growth and learning."*



Meicha Williams is the new Project Coordinator for the Longmont Columbine Class. She has a Bachelor's in both Spanish and English, with a minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Meicha did her first stint in the field of social service in Olympia, Washington, where she coordinated a women's shelter called Bread and Roses. Since then, she has taught English and Math at the Santa Fe Community College and tutored children of all ages. Her favorite thing so far about working as a Project Coordinator? *"When I go to bed at night, I know that I'm helping to make a difference in the lives of 41 second graders. Also, I'm getting paid to color—that's pretty cool."*

“A Mother’s Love Can Move Mountains”



On May 18th and 19th, the “I Have a Dream”® Foundation of Boulder County and Project YES collaborated to present “A Mother’s Love Can Move Mountains” a multi-cultural drama for the Lafayette community. This play was created and performed by third graders from the IHAD Pioneer Class, along with Project YES youth from Angevine Middle School and Centaurus High School. This diverse group of students brought together the Latino, Hmong and Anglo communities to celebrate the importance of mothers. This event was made possible through a Millennium Trust grant from the Community Foundation Serving Boulder County to build cultural and inter-generational bridges within the Lafayette community – and provide several hundred residents with an enriching theatrical experience.

D.A.M.A.S. (Dynamic Able Mujeres Acquiring Stability)

Every two weeks a group of middle school Dreamers from the Broadway Class gets together for a D.A.M.A.S. “ladies night out.” The main goals of this young women’s group are to build self-esteem, help the girls feel empowered and knowledgeable about their futures, and give them a support network to bounce questions and ideas off of other girls their age. The group was formed by Broadway AmeriCorps members in response to noticing a few female Dreamers who were dealing with similar challenges both in and out of school. Each one of the young women involved has incredible potential. The main objective of the group is to make sure they know what their choices are before their choices are made for them. On a recent outing the Dreamers attended a production dealing with feminist and political issues that face women today. In the future there are plans for a discussion about sexual violence that will be led by trained peers and activities dealing with self-esteem and body image.



Sizzling Summer

This summer IHAD’s youngest Dreamers will be “taking a trip around the world,” spending each week exploring different countries and areas. Dreamers will be exposed to different cultures, food, and histories, while learning about the world outside of Colorado and Mexico. Older Dreamers will be working at CU in paid internships, creating their own publishing press (writing, typing, editing, illustrating and binding their own books), creating a mural, and attending sports camps.

While much of the week will be spent learning about the world at large, we will end each week with a field trip. Some of the trips include the popular Six Flags and Water World, and other adventures such as visiting the Denver Zoo, Chautauqua, Colorado Rockies game, Colorado Rapids soccer game, camping, rafting, hiking, swimming, soccer camp, and several trips to the local public library.

Special thanks to our summer partners: Wild Bear Science Program, CU Science Discovery, Jared Polis Foundation, Computer Bus, Dottie Oatman, W.O.W., Frequent Flyers, Boulder Force Soccer League, Sporting Chance, Boulder Housing Partners, Boulder County Housing Authority, Parks and Recreation (Longmont, Lafayette and Boulder), Longs Peak Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Colorado Youth Program, Wilderness Education Institute, Brigid Warnock, Columbine Elementary School, Sanchez Elementary School, Pioneer Elementary School, 4-H Extension, Colorado Chautauqua Association, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Colorado Rapids "Kicks for Kids" program, Community Gardens, Barnes and Noble, Longmont Public Library, University of Colorado, Front Range Community College, Ocean Journey and Arvada Center.

Shadowing for Success



T.K. Smith, IHAD tutor and board member, poses with Pablo Garza and Jesus Amaro at a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic after completing a job shadow.

In early February of 2002, IHAD participated in National Groundhog Shadow Day and asked Dreamers to step into a shadow of an adult currently working in a profession in their area of interest. Their shadows helped shed some light on the types of careers and vocational opportunities that are available to young people in today's extensive job market. For example, Dreamers from the Casa Class displayed their vast array of ambitions by shadowing: a doctor at the Boulder Center for Sports Medicine, an actress at the Arvada Center, firefighters at the Longmont Fire Station, a chemical engineer, and even a video game designer. Response to the event was very enthusiastic, and we hope to foster the relationships made between the Dreamers and their career mentors by facilitating additional job shadow opportunities. Looking to the future, we anticipate the day when the Dreamers will be able to cast their own "shadow" onto the young people around them!

About those Kalmia Dreamers...

- ?? Through a program called "Empowering Teens with Strings" Brenda Hernandez and Pablo Garza have been given guitar and receive lessons to learn how to play their new instrument. Thank you George and Rita!
- ?? Nine Kalmia Dreamers will complete eighth grade this year and continue on to high school: Jesus Amaro, Elma Avila, Roberto Carranza, Jose Cervantes, Omar Gomez, Jaquelin Jimenez, Melina Saita, Terry Shoemaker, and Angel Torres. We expect they will have continued success at their new schools.
- ?? Special recognition should be given to the following Dreamers who continue to work hard and earn top grades. Keep up the good work Samantha Wallace, Megan Vasquez, Angel Torres, Josh Teranova, Melina Saiti, Mariela Ruiz, Robbie Morris, Elma Avila, and Armando Avila.
- ?? Melissa Morris was given a summer internship at Jester's, the theater company in Longmont where she has been busy acting in various productions.
- ?? Both Pablo Garza and Raquel Lepure are back in school, attending Boulder Prep High School, after a lapse in attendance and are doing great. Another special thank you to Magistrate T J Cole.



Broadway and Kalmia Dreamers pose after touring the Auraria campus in Denver (Metro, CCD & UCD) and CSU. Dreamers learned about admission requirements, financial aid and a day in the life of a college student.

Planning for the Future—IHAD Awarded Endowment Challenge Grant

After 12 years of successful service to low-income children in Boulder County, the “I Have a Dream”® Foundation of Boulder County has established an endowment fund to help ensure adequate funding in the decades ahead. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 within the next 10 years.

To initiate this effort, IHAD applied for and was awarded a challenge grant from the Community Foundation serving Boulder County. The Community Foundation will match *dollar for dollar* our first \$50,000 in endowment contributions provided that we reach this goal by the end of 2003. We are off to a great start. Several months ago Ariel and Kristen Solomon pledged \$25,000 from a private fund created to honor their deceased son, Dakota.

We welcome your support. The wonderful thing about an endowment is that it provides earnings every year into perpetuity. Your contribution will remain in the fund forever - but will provide an annual earnings contribution toward literacy and academic programming at IHAD learning centers throughout Boulder County. And remember, thanks to the Community Foundation grant, any gift you contribute, will double in size!

Wish List

- ?? **School Supplies:** Mechanical pencils, calculators, folders, college ruled notebooks, pens, erasers, scissors, staplers, chalk, erasers
- ?? **Art Supplies:** Water color paints, paintbrushes, acrylic paints, posterboard, crayons, glitter, markers, colored pencils, clay, large rolls of paper, pipe cleaners
- ?? **Games:** Chess, Pictionary, Checkers, Cranium, Sorry, Decks of Cards, Uno, Taboo, Twister, Kids Pictionary, Scategories Junior, Water Toys, Whistles, Boggle and Boggle Jr., Scrabble and Scrabble Jr., Spelling oriented games, Educational board games (2nd-4th grade)
- ?? **Supplies for the Centers:** Disposable Cameras, digital camera, globe, world map, flash cards, educational software, 3 hole punch, plastic storage boxes, dry-erase boards, plastic cups, bowls & plates, photo albums, costumes, bean bags, stickers, paper towels, Kleenex, bars of soap)

Diamonds and Spurs

For the second consecutive year, “I Have a Dream”® was chosen as one of two primary beneficiaries of the Boulder Valley Rotary Club’s Annual Diamonds and Spurs gala. This year’s event was held at the NCAR facility on Table Mesa, Saturday, May 11th. Approximately 300 people attended and were rewarded with an evening of music, art, and entertainment. Highlights included a large silent auction with local art presented by Open Studios, a live auction, live music with dancing, and a \$10,000 reverse raffle. To everyone who attended: THANK YOU! To all Boulder Valley Rotarians especially Bob Lundeen of Quinlan Construction and Mike Noesen of US Bank, thanks for your support and for the tremendous effort required to make this event a success.



Pioneer Dreamers enjoy a visit with the Easter Bunny at a Spring Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

Thank You!

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In Kind Donations

Apple One – Gift Basket
Boulder Valley School District – Programming space for new classes
Harold Brittingham – Scanner
Broker Restaurants – Gift certificates
Bunkers Bagels – Bagels for snack
Audrey Berne – Computer, printer and fax machine
Dr. Barbara Blunt – Naturopathic Medicine & Acupuncture Session
Cheryl Cornwell – Houseware Items
Denver Museum of Nature & Science – Discounted entrance fees and IMAX tickets
Stuart Dodd – Gateway computer
Finishing Touch Janitorial Service, Inc – Couch & Chair
Fudge Brother's Pizza – Discounted Pizza
FNC Trust Group – Tickets to Diamonds & Spurs
Bob and Diane Greenlee – Tickets to the Broncos
Lewis & Elizabeth Hale – Books for Dreamers
Becky Hammond – Fax machine
George Haugland – Guitar, guitar case, and guitar lessons
Alex Head – Scanner
Kaye Howe – Tickets to Diamonds & Spurs
Midge Korczak – House at Breckenridge for a weekend
Dianne Ladd – Restaurant Gift Certificates
Debbie Lane – Two tickets to the Arvada Center and Diamonds & Spurs
Lenscrafters – Eye exams & glasses for three Dreamers
Brenda Lilly – Tickets to the Lion King, tickets to Diamonds & Spurs
Catherine March – Framed painting
Mavin Productions – Desktop copier
National Hockey League – Signed NHL cap and NHL video games
Old Chicago Pizza – Pizza and drinks for Dreamers
Overseas Precision Castings – Seven computers
Chris Owens - Clothing
Dee Perry – Airline tickets
Pro Copy – Copying Services
Christine Prugh – Board Games
Casie Sears – Swimming suits
Shining Mountain Waldorf School – Tickets to performance
Eugene & Doris Schmitz – Computer & Printer
Linda Shoemaker – Tickets to Diamonds & Spurs
Isabelle Smith – Women's Clothing
Dr. Debra Songer – Dental Services for Karina Rodriguez
St. Vrain Valley School District – Programming space for new classes
Sweet Tomato Restaurant - Brownies
University of Colorado at Boulder – 45 stuffed buffaloes
WICHE – Rolling shelves, paper shredder, and two printer stands
Wilkins & Associates – Condo in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

I HAVE A DREAM® FOUNDATION OF BOULDER COUNTY INTEREST FORM

- ___ I am interested in becoming a volunteer tutor for the Dreamers. Please send me more information.
- ___ I am interested in becoming a volunteer mentor for the Dreamers. Please send me more information.
- ___ I am interested in becoming a board member. Please call me.
- ___ I am interested in sponsoring a new class of Dreamers. Please call me.
- ___ I would like more information about including IHAD in my estate planning.
- ___ I am unable to volunteer my time, but would like to make a financial contribution to the program.
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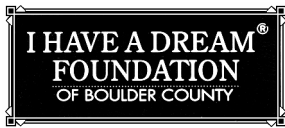
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