

Dreamer NEWS

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Graduation Begins with a Dream *Congratulations 2003 Kalmia Class Graduates*

In the fall of 1996, Midge Korczak became the third class sponsor for the "I Have a Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County and adopted the first class located at the City of Boulder public housing sites. Midge donated scholarship and programmatic funding for 32 8-11 year-olds living at the Kalmia, Iris Hawthorne and Diagonal low-income housing sites. "The greatest factor in helping kids rise out of poverty and dependence is education. Providing an education to a disadvantaged child is the single most important gift one can give that will truly "make a difference" to the child and the society as a whole. The personal satisfaction I've received from watching these children grow and thrive cannot be equaled." – Midge Korczak. The following four Kalmia Dreamers are realizing their dreams and have graduated from high school this spring:



During his junior and senior years, **Robbie Morris** was enrolled in the Graphic Arts and Printing Program at the Technical Education Center. Through this program Robbie learned how to use computer software such as Multi Graphics 1281 and gained experience with various printing presses. During the summer of 2000 Robbie participated in our University of Colorado Internship Program and worked in

the Bursar's Office on campus. He was well liked by his supervisor and continued to work at the office part-time during his sophomore and junior years. "It's not every day you get your college education paid for...it's been a good support for me." Robbie says of IHAD. Robbie also counted on the support of his mentor, Ron Jung for the past five years and continues to enjoy spending time with him. In May, Robbie graduated from Arapahoe Ridge High School, and is anxiously awaiting a letter from Adams State College in Alamosa, his first choice for college in the fall.



Jermaine Rodriguez graduated in March this year from Cherry Creek Prep in Centennial, CO. It was quite a task for Jermaine to graduate early considering the amount of time he spends in the studio rhyming and beat boxing. For those who do not know this style of music, it takes a quick and poetic mind and lots of practice. "School was not my environment but I knew it was the only way to succeed in life. There were a lot of temptations along the way. Temptations are made to be resisted. I blocked them out of my head so I could resume my school work," Jermaine says in his poetic style. Jermaine is planning to begin classes at the Community College of Denver in the fall. He would then like to transfer to Jackson State College in Mississippi.



Josh Terranova graduated from Arapahoe Ridge High School. He recently won the district's VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition in Graphic Communications. He has been enrolled in the Technical Education Center's program in Graphic Communications for the past two years. Josh has had several jobs during the past few years. He began working at the University of Colorado's Bursar's Office as part of our CU internship Program. He continued to work there part-time during the school year in his sophomore and junior years. Josh also worked at the Hotel Boulderado with the catering department and is currently working at Starbucks. Next year Josh will be taking classes at Front Range Community College's Westminster campus.



Bash Preston is very business-minded and last summer had the opportunity to attend a workshop with Richard Anderson, a prominent NY investor and entrepreneur, in upstate New York at the "I Have a Dream"® Foundation's National Dreamer Conference. There he learned about budgeting and basic investment principles, skills that will help him pursue his dream of being an entrepreneur himself. "I always knew that I would finish high school and I know that I will finish college too. In five years I will be behind my desk with lots of paper work in the business world," Bash explained. Bash graduated from Boulder High School in June. He credits IHAD for helping him to get to this point and is looking forward to putting his scholarship money to good use. He will begin taking classes at Front Range Community College in the fall and in two years plans to transfer to the business program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Procession of the Species

Colorado's ecosystem came alive on April 19 at Chatauqua Park in Boulder for the Procession of the Species despite a cold, persistent drizzle. The Procession commenced with the animals being organized into "elements": Fire, Water, Earth, and Air. The puppets then paraded the park in a large circle and were each called out by Element to circle the middle of the Procession individually. Approximately 25 Columbine Dreamers attended the damp Procession, manning the assorted animals, which slowly grew heavier with the weight of the rain. Co-sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, the Procession marked the culmination of three months' effort for IHAD's Columbine class. Columbine featured 10 life-sized puppets, including foxes, mountain lions, bears, a wolf, a bat, a bald eagle, and a dragonfly. A grant provided by the U of C Federal Credit Union funded the project, as well as the consultation of the Procession's supervising artist, Aprylisa Snyder. The Columbine class is thrilled with the success of the project and gratefully acknowledges all the support from other sites and the community.



Columbine Dreamer carries the cat puppet at the Procession of the Species.

"The I Have a Dream Foundation has given me numerous opportunities to reach out to my community and learn about the various cultures within our society. Not only have I learned about others, but thanks to the wonderful staff, I have also learned a lot about myself." – Dreamer

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Leadership

Welcome New Board Member, Staff and Volunteers

The "I Have a Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County's Board of Directors elected Tom Windham as a new Board of Director for a three year term. IHAD also welcomes three new staff and one AmeriCorps member to the team:



Tom Windham is the Director of the SOARS Program at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, a program that provides research opportunities for promising undergraduates from underserved communities, including Latino, Native American and African-American populations. Tom received a doctorate in psychology in 1975 from CU-Boulder. After working in private practice in Boulder from 1981 to 1988, he served as the director for Pupil Services and Dropout Prevention in the Boulder Valley School District and was the Director of Clinical Services for the Alternative Homes for Youth in Golden. Tom recently received the 2003 Pacesetter Award from the Daily Camera.

Katie Block is the new Director of Volunteers/AmeriCorps Promise Fellow with IHAD. She comes to us after graduating from Humboldt State University in northern California with a degree in journalism and graphic design. Katie also has experience with a variety of non-profit organizations, working as a public relations intern with the Eureka chapter of the American Red Cross and teaching environmental education to secondary school teachers while interning with The Keystone Center. "I am very excited to work with AmeriCorps and the "I Have A Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County. As a native of Boulder County, it is exciting to have the opportunity to give back to my community."



Tamara Wendt has been named Project Coordinator for the *Casa de Esperanza Class* of Dreamers in Longmont. Tamara received her Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Religion from Colgate University in New York State. Previously, she worked with youth development in Americorps/California Conservation Corps Back Country Trails Program, and served as a life skills coach for Boulder Valley's Special Education Department. Tamara is also an active mediator. She is a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico and is looking forward to serving this wonderful group of young people.

Ray Soto is our new Business manager, overseeing our Financial and Information Systems needs. A Colorado native, Ray brings with him 10 years of finance experience in addition to over 15 years in computer technology. While studying Computer Science and Business Administration at the University of Colorado of Boulder, Ray acquired non-profit experience while working with the Boulder Valley YMCA's Child Care department. "It is an honor to work with an organization who's commitment to excellence is shown through the individuals it has helped achieve life-long goals. I look forward to contributing my skills and services to the on-going success of this establishment."



Lori Tomatz is the new Manager of Special Projects and Administration. Lori earned her Bachelor's degree in Music/Business from the University of Massachusetts/Lowell. She was the Manager of Orchestral Operations for the Aspen Music Festival and School for twelve years, both in New York City and Aspen. She moved to Colorado full-time in 1992. Subsequently, Lori went on to work as a Research Assistant for the Aspen Foundation for Sports Medicine, Education and Research with Orthopaedic Associates of Aspen. Lori and her husband, Matthew, moved to Boulder in 2001 so that he could pursue a Master's degree in Contemplative Psychotherapy at Naropa University. Until recently, Lori was the development assistant for The Nature Conservancy of Colorado.

IHAD would like to give a fond farewell to Catherine Barnes and Brian Senjem and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Volunteers Changing the World

The depth of the "I Have A Dream"® Foundation program lies in the dedication of our volunteers. This semester we have had a huge influx of support from community volunteers and University of Colorado and Naropa University students, whose help has enabled us to bring our level of personal interaction with Dreamers to an all time high. We appreciate the hard work all our volunteer tutors and mentors have committed to the Dreamers. A heartfelt thank you to everyone!

Community Partners

WOW!

This summer some of the third and fourth grade Dreamers will be taking part in an overnight campout hosted by the Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW). WOW is a unique program that introduces urban youth, ages eight to 11, to outdoor recreation and environmental education during a 24 hour camping experience. WOW seeks to provide this experience to low-income urban youth to foster basic camping skills and encourage youth to further enjoy the outdoors. Activities emphasize team-building and outdoor education towards the end of instilling a sense of ownership and responsibility in campers to appreciate and maintain their great outdoors. Having participated in WOW campouts last year, the IHAD staff and Dreamers are extremely excited about spending another evening under the stars with WOW.



Casa Dreamers celebrate in their WOW t-shirts after completing the camping program last summer.

Dreamers Awarded Scholarships from Front Range Community College



Front Range Community College (“FRCC”) has donated 56 scholarships for elementary-aged Dreamers to attend their award-winning Hach Scientific Foundation National Hands-On Science Institute’s Summer Kids Camp this summer. This is Hands-On Science’s 13th year of promoting science camps that rekindle a child’s sense of wonder, discovery and exploration. These scholarships valued at over \$7,000 are supervised by Steve Spangler. Steve has visited many schools with his amazing science programs and has been seen on television as the *9 News* Science Guy. The camp instructors include some of the best elementary science educators in the country, who received their science training through the Hach Scientific Foundation. *“This is a wonderful partnership and opportunity to offer to the students in our program. Our goal over the summer is to help our students retain the academic skills that they have learned over the academic year. This camp is a perfect way to keep the students interested in science and at the same time for them to have fun. We are very grateful to FRCC for donating so many scholarships to make this possible for our Dreamers,”* said Lori Canova, IHAD Executive Director. Dr. Geri Anderson, FRCC Dean of Student Services, presented the scholarships. *“We want to ensure that young students of all economic backgrounds have access to this program. It’s cutting edge material and the program will have a dramatic impact on their academic future.”*

Costco Participates in Reading Reflex Program



Through the leadership of one of our dedicated supporters, Anne Shanahan, we have developed a partnership with the local Costco Warehouse. After receiving training in a literacy teaching technique called “Reading Reflex”, a handful of Costco employees joined the Sanchez Dreamer morning literacy program. Once a week for an hour before school, the Costco volunteers (and a few community volunteers) work one-on-one with Dreamers who need attention in learning to read. Through the Costco partnership and support from other IHAD volunteers, the morning literacy program serves about 10 Sanchez Dreamers on Monday and Tuesday mornings.



Borders Book Buddies

Shoppers at the Borders Flatirons Crossing store became Border Book Buddies by purchasing books for the 3rd and 4th grade Dreamers from the Pioneer and Sanchez classes at a 20% discount. IHAD provided Borders with flyers promoting the program along with a “wish list” of books and the first names of the recipients (Dreamers). Additional books were donated to help develop a resource library or “book nook” at the IHAD learning centers. Thanks to the efforts of Gail O’ Neil, Corporate Sales Coordinator, Borders, and its customers, the program resulted in over 90 books being donated in both Spanish and English.

National Dreamer Service Day

National Dreamer Service Day was held on National Youth Service Day (NYSD) an event held every April marking the world's largest organized service event, asking kids to identify the needs of their community through service. Each IHAD site embraced NYSD as an opportunity to bring together their community to work towards a common goal.

- Pioneer Dreamers learned about recycling and gardening through their "Salsa Garden" project. Each kid is responsible for planting, growing and harvesting the ingredients needed to make delicious salsa for seniors in their community.
- Columbine Dreamers spent a day in the stream for their NYSD project. Working with the Wild Bear Science program, the kids cleaned up a local stream and learned about recycling and pollution.
- Sanchez Dreamers adopted a piece of land in Lafayette and dutifully cleaned it up for NYSD in May.
- Casa Dreamers helped out with the Community Food Share's annual food drive. They greeted customers at local grocery stores and urged them to "fill a bag" of food to help feed the community.



Broadway Dreamers spent their NYSD doing field work with Growing Garden's Cultiva! project in Boulder. Cultiva! is a youth operated organic garden whose weekly harvest is sold at the Boulder County Farmer's Market.

Mentor Spotlight



Kevin and Janel

IHAD's mentor program pairs individual Dreamers with volunteers to create a relationship outside of regular program time. A mentor serves as a positive role model, committing to meet with their Dreamer on a one-to-one basis for an extended period of time. Having a mentor enables Dreamers to expand their horizons through a variety of new experiences, creating lasting relationships, and setting personal goals.

Husband and wife **Kevin Brockman** and **Janel Feasby** began mentoring with IHAD a year ago. The "I Have A Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County's focus on children and education appealed to the couple's desire to make a difference in their community. *"We were looking for a way to donate some of our extra time and we love working with children so we were pleased to find the IHAD program. It seemed to fit what we were looking for."* After going through the application and interview process, Kevin and Janel were matched with Marco, an eight year old Columbine Dreamer from Longmont. *"We normally try and keep the activities fun with some educational value. We have gone to a CU football game, Colorado Crush game, visited each of our jobs and explained what we do for a living. We have also gone out to dinner and just hung out and talked."* One of the most important aspects of a mentoring relationship is creating an environment of trust and acceptance. The process of helping a child succeed is long and changes are sometimes hard to immediately see. *"It is hard because you want to know that you are actually helping out but you might not always see measurable changes. Sometimes we would get frustrated with ourselves and try to do more to ensure that he was having fun."* Small changes are indicators to mentors that their hard work is having an impact on their Dreamer, although the full result might not be evident for years to come. *"We do notice Marco being much more open and willing to bring up topics of discussion. He smiles a lot when we are with him and he seems to have more confidence when talking to us. I think he knows that there are others who want him to succeed in life."*



Marco

We know that the hard work Kevin and Janel have devoted to Marco and the IHAD program has had a tremendous impact. They are helping us turn our Dreamers into achievers, one child at a time! There are more Dreamers waiting for a mentor. If you are interested in becoming a mentor with IHAD, please contact Katie Block, Director of Volunteers at 303-444-3636 x 17.

Dreamers

BOULDER - *Kalmia and Broadway Class Highlights:*

- Kalmia Dreamer Mariela Ruiz is applying to the Leeds Business Leadership Program, which takes place this summer and will also be enrolling as a concurrent student in the Access Program in the fall. Through Access she will be taking classes at Boulder High and CU in the fall and should be able to earn nine college credits by graduation next year. Mariela is also applying to be on the Youth Opportunities Board for the City of Boulder.
- Kalmia Dreamer Angelica Ramirez is currently enrolled in the Banking and Accounting Program at the Technical Education Center and Sunset Learning classes where her grades are stellar. She is also working for the City of Boulder. Angelica has really turned things around for herself this year and plans to graduate next year.



Broadway Dreamer gets his hands dirty while participating in a graffiti art project

College Visits Impact Future Plans

“I wasn’t really sure if I was going to college. It (the visit) made me really positive that I want to go to college,” reveals Susana Hernandez. Susana spent her spring break visiting Adams State and Western State College with fellow Kalmia juniors Brenda Hernandez and Mariela Ruiz, as well as Kalmia Project Coordinator Jodi Sherman. The Dreamers toured campuses, received financial aid information, met with admissions directors, and even got a peek of the dorm life at Western State, where Kalmia Dreamer Armando Avila is a freshman. Kalmia seniors participated in a similar college tour last November. Pablo Garza, Bash Preston, Josh Terranova, and Robbie Morris also toured Western and Adams State. They later met up with fellow Dreamer Megan Vasquez to visit Metro State, Denver Community College and CU-Denver. Everyone agreed that the tours affected their decisions on where they would attend college. The Dreamers of Broadway class also hosted a college tour and visited the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Gabe and Mario Granillo, Oscar Ponce, Alexa Rivera, Oscar Tirado, and Carlos Garcia spent a day touring UNC-Greeley where they met with admissions staff, received a student-led tour and learned about college life in general. Broadway AmeriCorps member Kirstin Fox said that she thinks the trip reemphasized the importance of high school. “I think it alerted them that they need to focus on their grades in order to get into college.”

LAFAYETTE - *Sanchez and Pioneer Class Highlights*

- The Sanchez Dreamer Garden is blooming! With the help of Cultiva (the youth group from Growing Gardens), the Wild Bear Science School, the financial support from the U of C Federal Credit Union, and Dreamer families, we created a garden on the Sanchez school property. The Dreamers have had a great time watering and watching the garden grow!
- The Sanchez Dreamer Ladies Book Club has been successful this semester. With the leadership of our sponsors Wilma Ormsbee and Dee Perry and a Sanchez volunteer, Debbie Davia, the “lady” Dreamers have met monthly to eat cookies, drink tea, and read and discuss the American Girl book series, Josefina.
- Pioneer Dreamer, Jesus Gonzalez, has expressed a fervent interest in putting a soccer team together with other Dreamers. He took the initiative to make a list of kids who want to play, and is working on writing a proposal to give to his Project Coordinator, Ginny. It is great to see him taking responsibility! As a result, we are trying to coordinate dates when our Dreamers can play against other Dreamers from the other sites.
- The Pioneer Dreamers sold Yankee candles to friends, family, and neighbors to raise money for their eighth grade trip to Washington, DC. They sold as many candles as possible so they can get closer to their goal of visiting the nation’s capitol.

“Thank you for my time at Pioneer. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment spent with the students, especially Gisele. I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to help out with these students; they are each special, full of potential, and bunches of fun! They have taught me more than I could ever imagine teaching them.” – Amy Hutmacher, Tutor at Pioneer

Sanchez Dreamers Illustrate a Cookbook

Through a partnership with Community Food Share, The Association for Community Living (ACL), and our Sanchez Dreamers, the Student Leadership Boulder group “SOAPS” have produced a hands-on cookbook. ACL, which serves as an advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families, wanted to have a cookbook that would be user-friendly for their community. With the nutritional advice and additional support from Community Food Share, one of the Student Leadership Boulder groups made this project happen. Using photos, simple recipes, and illustrations by Sanchez Dreamers, this group of high school students created an impressive cookbook. The Dreamers and the high school students were able to get together not only to produce the drawings for the cookbook, but also to make and eat some of the tasty recipes!

LONGMONT - Casa and Columbine Class Highlights

- Casa Dreamer Javier P., a fifth grader, has taken initiative with his homework completion and consistently being an active dreamer. He is also considerate to other Dreamers and a great student model.
- During “Take Your Child to Work Day” at Sea-Gate, a computer company, Casa Dreamer Rene showed great interest in his future plans and his ability to constructively plan for the future as a possible massage therapist. Rene has also displayed maturity in his academic and personal endeavors.
- Columbine Dreamer Fernando Amaya graduated from his life skills class. There was a graduation party to celebrate the huge improvements Fernando has made since he has been in the program.
- Columbine Dreamers Jacqueline Juarez, Francisco and Beatriz Perez, Harley and Jacob Cole, Maria Salas, Rosa Solis, Johnna Medina, and Viviana Saenz had their work exhibited at this year’s St. Vrain School District Art Show. Both Viviana and Johnna were the winners of blue ribbons for the Columbine collection.



Pioneer Dreamers recognized and thanked our extraordinary tutors and mentors at our spring luncheon on April 5th. We want to say a special thanks to Sam Appleby for arranging a visit from the Easter Bunny!

I like IHAD because they're always willing to help me whenever I need it or just to have someone to talk to. - Dreamer

Columbine and IHAD: A Winning Combination

When Columbine Elementary third-grade teacher Wendy Durst has a concern about a Dreamer or a great new idea for after-school programming, she doesn't need to walk down the street or even pick up the phone. She can go right downstairs to the IHAD office the school has provided. "I can't imagine Dreamers not having an office here," Durst said. The office in the school makes it easy for everyone involved with Columbine Dreamers- from art and P.E. teachers to the principal- to quickly share ideas or discuss problems. Third-grade teacher Gail Becker believes easy access to IHAD has made parents more comfortable in the school. "They would not have felt at home, but now the school is part of their extended community," she said. In the project's first year, Columbine Elementary has proven to be a generous and helpful partner. In addition to giving them an office, Columbine Elementary has provided Dreamers access to computer labs, libraries and other school facilities. A major part of IHAD's good working relationship with Columbine comes from what Principal Brett Drobney calls the school's shared "singular focus" on kids. Many special programs make Columbine unique and widely admired, and IHAD fits in well with that picture, according to Drobney. The school benefits, too, from its Dreamer class. As Drobney says, "It's like having eight teachers instead of three," with Columbine's IHAD staff helping the third graders. **This winning combination is producing great results: The CSAP scores for these 3rd grade students have risen a total of 16% in the last year, from 51% being at or above proficient performance levels to 67%!**

First Annual Golf Tournament

On June 20 at 8 a.m., IHAD will kick-off its First Annual Golf Tournament on the brand new golf course at Vista Ridge Golf Club in Erie. Thanks to a stellar group of organizers, including committee chair Chuck Bellock of the Community Development Group, Andy Chiakovsky of Vista Ridge, and Bruce Alexander of Vectra Bank, we are anticipating a quick sell out and a very high quality event. We have room for 128 players at \$250 each, or 32 \$1,000 foursomes and Carrabba's Italian Grill will provide lunch following the tournament play. Former Bronco, Rich Karlis will emcee the luncheon. Funds from the tournament will be used to support the intellectual and social development of a specific group of 25 Dreamers from Lafayette. Our long-term goal is to harness the energy and income of this event to provide support for these children from 3rd grade through college. Every hole will include some type of prize – from longest drive to closest to the water hazard! Prizes will be available for ace golfers (or lucky ones!) such as an automobile, Harley Davidson and \$10,000 cash for several par three hole-in-one contests. See you on the course!



Dream-maker Award Luncheon Set for September 12th

Each September, the "I Have A Dream" Foundation of Boulder County (IHAD) hosts an annual luncheon to honor a local citizen who has made a significant commitment and impact to children and the community in Boulder County. This year we are delighted to present the *2003 Dream-Maker Award* to Ellen Miller-Brown the Principal of Casey Middle School in Boulder. According to Chris King, Assistant Superintendent of Boulder Valley Schools, "Ellen is a visionary, and is passionate about student learning. In just three years at Casey, she has raised test scores, and has dramatically improved the quality of education available to our children." Proceeds from this annual event supports the long-term academic and social development of at-risk children in Boulder County – children deemed to be a high risk of becoming school dropouts. Based on last year's sellout crowd, we are expecting approximately 350 community and business leaders to attend. The event will be held outside on the grounds of the Millennium Hotel. Nancy Botiller of Kaiser Permanente and Nanette Schunk of the Bolder Boulder are the event co-chairs. First National Bank of Colorado is the title sponsor. The Daily Camera is providing advertising, and Ericka Lewis from News4 will emcee the event. Individual tickets are \$50, and corporate tables are \$1,250. For those who would like to support educational opportunity for low-income children and the contribution of educational leaders in our community like Ellen Miller-Brown, please plan to join us!

Endowment Soars



Melanie Nygren and
Kristen Solomon

We are ecstatic to report that since our last newsletter, the IHAD Endowment Fund has grown by \$100,000. How did we do it? On February 22, Kristen and Ariel Solomon and Melanie Nygren hosted a dinner celebration at the Hotel Boulderado. The dinner was in memory of the Solomon's son Dakota who passed away tragically at age seven. Proceeds from the event went to the IHAD Dakota Solomon Endowment Fund, which provides a scholarship each year in Dakota's name. The event was a huge success raising \$56,000. Thanks to a matching grant from the Community Foundation serving Boulder County, another \$50,000 has been committed to the fund. The spirit of giving, camaraderie, and friendship was palpable to everyone in attendance. And the mood was infectious. Auction items included a private winery tour and luncheon for eight at the Jordan Winery in Healdsburg, CA; a private sushi dinner

for 20 catered by Hapa Sushi; and many autographed footballs and jerseys from top-name NFL players (Ariel Solomon is a former CU and NFL player). Thanks to all who attended and supported this event and to the event sponsors, Jordan Vineyards, the Hotel Boulderado and the Rock Bottom Foundation. Thanks also to Melanie Nygren for her extraordinary event-planning and organizing skills. And a very special thank you to Kristen and Ariel Solomon for their generosity and tireless commitment to the children of IHAD and for agreeing to host another dinner next year!



Pioneer and Sanchez Dreamers and staff helped sell "mystery" balloons at the Dakota Dinner.

Donors

Ooodles of Noodles



Thanks to a very generous donation from Noodles & Company, parents and volunteers have been enjoying tasty Noodle dishes. Noodles & Company donated the food for four of our parent meetings and donated 200 Noodle Bowl certificates to our volunteer mentors and tutors to help celebrate National Volunteer Week. They are also helping underwrite the umbrella gifts for our first annual golf tournament. Noodles & Company is clearly a fine example of a company dedicated to improving the lives of citizens in Boulder County!

Thank You Boulder Valley Rotary Club

The Beatles appear to be alive and well, and still performing right here in Boulder. On May 3, the Boulder Valley Rotary Club hosted its annual fundraiser, Moonlight Jubilee. This year's theme, "Life in the 60's", had more than 200 costume-clad nostalgia fans reliving their childhood (or their parent's childhood)! A Volkswagen Beetle was raffled off, and the Fab 4, a well-known Beatles tribute band, provided dance music. The annual event provides funding for several local charities including the "I Have A Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County.



Parents of Pioneer Dreamers join Project Coordinator Ginny Hollen and IHAD Executive Director Lori Canova for the Lasso Lafayette community fundraiser in April.

Thank you to Omni Financial for hosting the first annual "Dream Casino" in April, which raised \$2,500 for IHAD's literacy programs.

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 Jeff & Kat Braunstein – iMac Computer
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 Casa Alvarez – Taco bar for Columbine parent meeting
 City of Boulder Aquatics – Free pass to the South Boulder Recreation Center pool
 Colorado Mammoth Lacrosse – 40 tickets
 Colorado Shakespeare Festival – Art supplies
 Costco – Two free Costco memberships
 Steven & Joy Covey - Printer
 Crazy Hearts Photography – Photographs
 Jim Creese – Art supplies, school supplies, incentive gifts
 Rachel & Anna Cutler – Books
 Denver Nuggets – 60 tickets to Stars on Ice

Jay Dunn – Thanksgiving Baskets
 First National Bank of Colorado – 11 computers, 4 printers
 First Western Restaurant Corporation – Book of free frosties at Wendy's Restaurant
 Vera Forsberg – Clothing, books, furniture
 Fukai & Associates, PC – Eye exams for the Sanchez Class
 Girl Scout Troop 2692 – 118 boxes of Girl Scout cookies
 June & Steve Hansen – 2 Broncos Tickets & a Broncos quilt
 IBM Corporation – Office chairs
 Tim King – Thanksgiving baskets
 King Soopers – Holiday Giving Tree
 Gayla Lindquist – Art supplies & school supplies
 Maria & Manuel Martinez – Snack supplies for Pioneer
 Liza McKelvey – Pro bono attorney fees
 McKesson HBOC – Table and 4 chairs
 Mental Health Association of Colorado – Pro Bono counseling
 Margie Miller – Refrigerator
 Noodles & Company – 200 free noodle bowl cards
 Old Chicago Pizza (Superior) - Gift certificate
 Suzanne Pierson - Gift certificate to Song Ceremonies
 Promotech – Supplies for after-school centers
 Qwest – 34 Tickets & food certificates to Avalanche hockey game
 Megan Sanders – Winter clothing & toys
 Robin Schnitzler – Printer & software
 Dan & Gayle Smith – Clothing
 Solbourne – Cell phones
 Hattie & Ray Steege – Computer, printer, software
 Target (Boulder) – Gift certificate
 Burr Tooney – 17" color monitor
 U of C Federal Credit Union – 35 tickets to CU basketball games, bottled water, and gift bags
 David & Melissa Videon – Supplies
 Karyn Young – 2 printers
 University of Colorado Athletic Dept – 100 CU basketball tickets
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Columbine Dreamers enjoy a snack after a full day of community service.

Wish List

The Casa de la Esperanza class acquired a beautiful new mini-bus to ensure the safety of our students. Thanks to Steve Szabo and Debbie Lane for all their research, negotiations and generous sponsorship. She is a beauty with full IHAD decals. However, we still need at least three more minibuses! Everyday we transport Dreamers home and take them on monthly field trips – the donation of a minibus allows us to safely transport large groups of kids. If you would like to help sponsor a new minibus, please contact Lori Canova at 303-444-3636 x 16.



- Camera (6) – 35mm or digital
- 200 and 400 speed 35mm film
- Fax Machine
- Electric Pencil Sharpener
- Quark Express – Graphic Design Software
- Walkie talkies (8)
- Power Point Projector
- Stationary to write pen pal letters (paper & envelopes)
- Stamps to mail pen pal letters
- Disposable cameras for photo project (60)
- Journals to use for photo project (40)
- Dry-Erase Markers and Erasers
- Monthly White Board Calendar
- Silverware for 20 – Not Disposable
- Bean Bags
- Staplers
- Colored paper for laser printers and copy machine
- Wrapping paper for birthday presents



Pioneer Dreamers enjoy a visit with the Easter bunny at the Pioneer spring luncheon.



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