

Dreamer News

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Summer 1999

Second Annual Dream-Maker Award Luncheon to Honor Annette Taylor



Annette Taylor

The I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County will present the 1999 Dream-Maker Award to Annette Taylor at the second annual Dream-Maker Award Benefit Luncheon on September 14, 1999 at the Angel Pines Country Club. Attorney General, Ken Salazar is the keynote speaker. Karen Bernardi, Century 21 and Alice Swanson, Staffing Solutions are the co-chairs for the event.

Dream-Maker honoree Annette Taylor has invested in dreams. She started about nine years ago when she and some others began the Boulder County chapter of the I Have a Dream® Foundation.

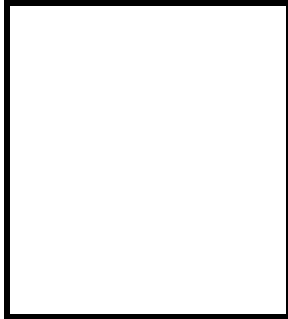
As the first class of local kids enrolled in the program graduated from high school not long ago, Taylor could take additional pride in the fact that the young woman she personally mentored for seven years entered college. But the ripple effects of the program and the one-on-one mentoring also touch siblings and other family members, Taylor said. "Sometimes I think people who'd like to make a difference want to

start on too grand a scale, do something that affects hundreds of people," she said. "Every one of us can have an effect on one other person, and that can make a tremendous difference." That includes making a difference in the lives of volunteers as well. Taylor was employed in commercial banking when the local IHAD chapter, was formed. She said the skills and knowledge she gained as a volunteer board member led her to become president of her own company, the Women's Equity Fund in Boulder, which invested in start-up, women-owned businesses.

A mother of two adult children, Taylor said her activism sets a good example. "Involvement teaches your children that it's good to be interested in causes, something outside of yourself, to give of yourself. And gratifying to meet people of different backgrounds and views."

Please join us for the second annual Dream-Maker Award Luncheon. Individual tickets are \$40 and sponsorships range from \$300 to \$5,000. For information on tickets, becoming an underwriter, or advertising, call Jenny Lehman, event coordinator, at 303-698-9964.

Board of Directors Elects New Member



Brenda Cox

We are pleased to welcome Brenda Cox as the newest member to the IHAD Board of Directors. Brenda has over 16 years of experience working with people to obtain their professional and personal educational and job skill training goals. She has formed many

partnerships in the community with organizations she has volunteered with serving as a board member, mentor, and tutor, including Project Self-Sufficiency, Project Work Together, Big Sisters, Business and Professional Women and Women in Technology. Brenda is a Courseware Developer/Programmer for the FlightSafety Services Corporation. Previously she was the Training Coordinator for Valleylab, Inc. Brenda said she is excited to join the IHAD board to help others pursue their dreams as she also pursues hers.

Boulder County United Way



The I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County has been accepted as a new partner agency of the Boulder County United Way (BCUW) for a three year period: 2000-2002. BCUW raises funds, uniting a common, voluntary fund-raising effort from all segments of the community to assist in the prevention or solution of social problems in Boulder County. They identify, prioritize, and manage the distribution of those donations to meet the community's diverse human service needs as effectively as possible. Since 1922 BCUW has been raising funds for partner agencies through work-place giving in the County. We are very excited to be part of this non-profit, fund-raising corporation and volunteer organization. Please consider giving to BCUW through your paycheck during the fall campaign September 11 - November 19, 1999. If your employer does not have a workplace giving campaign, call Dean Laatt at BCUW at 303-444-4013 to set one up.

Welcome New Volunteers

A warm welcome is extended to the following individuals who have stepped forward to really make a difference in the life of a Dreamer.

Welcome new Volunteers:

Cathy Nehf - Mentor

Nuria Gorbea - Computer Lab

Cathy Lerner - Computer Lab

Nikolas Feat - Tutor

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IHAD welcomes articles. Materials should be typewritten, double-spaced and sent to the IHAD office. IHAD reserves the right to edit all articles. Deadline for the next issue is August 15, 1999.

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Farewell and Best Wishes to Caroline and Maggie

The board, staff and sponsors of the I Have a Dream® Foundation would like to thank Caroline Haines for creating and maintaining an excellent program for the Kalmia Class these past three years. Her creativity, energy, devotion and flexibility were an asset to the organization. As Caroline stated in her goodbye letter "The years I have spent with the Kalmia Dreamers, volunteers and staff have been incredibly rich and I cherish the relationships we have formed; I hope they will last beyond the job's end. It is difficult for me to say goodbye and I find some solace hoping we will remain connected." We wish Caroline much success in her new endeavors.

The board, staff and sponsors for the Lafayette Class

would also like to thank Maggie Flack for her time with IHAD. Maggie was instrumental in designing a comprehensive Career Exploration Program and managing the Adopt-a-Family Program this past year, among many other things. Maggie states "I know that each Dreamer will reach his or her dream in time and together, as a community, we will succeed in making achievers out of Dreamers. It has been an honor for me to be a part of this process. My resignation will allow me to rest and deal with some personal health issues. I'm planning to spend this next year recuperating and gearing up to attend graduate school next fall." We hope that Maggie has a successful recovery and wish her the best.

Welcome Aneda Montoya



Aneda Montoya

Hello, my name is Aneda Montoya and I'm the new Project Coordinator for the I Have a Dream® Foundation at Kalmia. It gives me great pleasure to be part of such a wonderful program. I am very excited to be of help to the Dreamers and their families. I want to do as much as possible to make dreams come true. I have many years of experience working with parents and kids and find it to be a wonderful and meaningful profession. I am also married and have six grown children and eight grandchildren. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know all the families. I know that we can succeed together.

Featured Dreamers

Patricia Garcia of NorthGlenn is a 16 year old Lafayette Dreamer with a love for swimming and for helping people. This positive, upbeat young woman will be a senior at Thornton High School next year. Her plans for this summer are to attend summer school and continue working as a hostess for LoneStar Steakhouse. Her favorite subject in school is Math. Patricia's main goal for the year is to graduate from high school, then she plans to go to college to become a nurse. With the encouragement of her family (her older brother and younger sister included), teachers, counselors, and IHAD, we know Patricia will do it!



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Lasso Lafayette Raises \$879 for IHAD



This year's LASSO Lafayette fundraiser was a success! The event, a country-western, dinner dance was held at The Gatehouse

on April 22nd. Despite the snowy weather, 150 people showed up in boots and spurs to raise money for Lafayette Area Social Service Organizations (LASSO). At the end of the night, proceeds from the silent auction, raffle, and ticket sales totaled a whopping \$13,827. IHAD received \$879 of those greenbacks. Special thanks to: Rocky Mountain School Supplies, Dianne Ladd, Edie Ortega, Mary Wilkes, Jason Coleman, Maggie Flack, Troy Kilen and the IHAD Board for their help in making the evening a foot stompin' good time. Ya'll come back now, ya hear!



Happy Birthday!

<i>Boulder</i>	
<i>Nou Xiong</i>	6/5/79
<i>Daisy Navarro</i>	8/24/84
<i>Kalmia</i>	
<i>Susana Hernandez</i>	7/11/85
<i>Josh Terranova</i>	7/31/85
<i>Arturo Martinez</i>	8/24/85
<i>Raquel Lepure</i>	7/2/86
<i>Brenda Hernandez</i>	7/11/86
<i>Aimee Loew</i>	8/9/87
<i>Lafayette</i>	
<i>Chris Cheverie</i>	6/1/81
<i>Kenneth Cook</i>	6/10/81
<i>Natalie Sichko</i>	7/11/81
<i>Tricia Sichko</i>	7/11/81
<i>Anna Gregory</i>	8/1/81
<i>Jeremiah Cato</i>	8/7/81
<i>Colin Barreno</i>	6/1/82
<i>Mari Soto</i>	6/1/82
<i>Aaron Hudson</i>	6/3/82
<i>Joel Ruiz</i>	6/6/82
<i>LaoLeng Xiong</i>	6/6/82
<i>Elizabeth Mason</i>	6/8/82
<i>Sarah Salomon</i>	6/8/82
<i>Patricia Garcia</i>	7/2/82
<i>Amber Flanagan</i>	7/11/82
<i>Michael Winslow</i>	7/16/82
<i>Maisee Xiong</i>	7/16/82
<i>Jesse Taylor</i>	7/18/82
<i>Anthony Chavez</i>	7/20/82
<i>Rory Vaden</i>	7/26/82
<i>Sara Weigel</i>	7/27/82
<i>Charles Lee Scheetz</i>	8/5/82
<i>Adrian Cottmeyer</i>	8/20/82
<i>Kelsey Cline</i>	8/31/82

Making A Difference

For Lafayette Dreamers, the results of hard work do not take many years to come. Graduation from high school is within reach of these teens, and especially for Francisco Bustamante. Twice per week since September, volunteer Dave Granger, a graduate student at CU-Denver, has helped him with home-



Brenda Cox

work after school. At the time, Francisco was behind in graduation credits and valued the support from Dave. Now, graduation is a

realistic goal for Francisco, who plans to graduate next year from Centaurus High School.

The two have built a long-term relationship of trust and understanding through their respect for each other. Francisco feels comfortable talking with Dave, a great listener and encouraging tutor. By sharing his successes and challenges in school with Dave, the two learn from each other. In fact, Dave wishes he had half the memorization skills that Francisco has! They both look forward to the day Francisco dons a cap and gown next year.

IHAD - WOW Mural Project

The Women of the West Museum and the I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County are co-sponsoring a mural project at the Kalmia Community Center, June 28-July 16. Fifteen seventh and eighth grade students under the guidance of three accomplished artists will create an indoor/outdoor mural of their mothers' lives during this three-week summer camp.



The purpose of the mural project is to give children an opportunity to use art to strengthen their connections to their mothers and to increase their own self-esteem. These students will engage their mothers in discussion to discover these women's challenges, dreams, goals, and accomplishments and to learn more about the important roles of women in our communities.

The Dreamers will use paint, color, shape, and line to understand the power of the visual media and to gain appreciation of their own family history. The mentors will help students create original ways to capture the spirit of each woman's story, and will refine and polish the final piece into a cohesive and powerful work of art. The stories will be printed into booklets that will accompany the mural while it is on display at the Kalmia Community Center, and eventually, when it becomes a travelling exhibit.

An Opening Night party is scheduled for Friday, July 16, 1999 at the Kalmia Community Center, 3502 Nottingham Court. Call Jason Coleman at 303-448-0047 for more details.

Take Your Daughters to Work Day

Thursday, April 22, was National Take Our Daughters to Work Day. The Women's Resource Center at CU Boulder offered a daylong conference to teach young women about the variety of work opportunities available to them. The event was well-organized and offered panel discussions on the topics of: Women in Uniform, Women in the Arts, Women in the Health Professions, and Leadership for Girls and Women of Color. The Dreamers and PC's that attended the event came away inspired by the advice and lessons learned from the various speakers. Some common themes throughout the day were for young women to be proactive, assertive, and confident; and to learn to face their fears in the workplace and in the world at large. We finished the day with an Afro-Robics session lead by Adija Diamant, the many talented, keynote speaker.

Meet the Wilderness

Nine Dreamers experienced Colorado as they never before have, backpacking in the mountains. For five days, they did so much more than hiking and rockclimbing, learning to appreciate the outdoors and enjoy simple pleasures. However, these simple pleasures did include showers, fast food, videogames, CDs, or telephones, a complaint the guides heard too often on the first day. As they became more used to preparing their meals, setting up tents, problem solving, and helping each other, real personal growth took place. Paid for by a grant through the City of Boulder Youth Opportunity Fund, the nine Dreamers and two IHAD staff were led by two guides from Meet the Wilderness, an outdoor adventure education program.

Every night, the Dreamers shared their high and low point of the day around the campfire. After the first day, 4 miles of uphill hiking with forty pound packs, the thorns



were many. However, after setting up camp and rock climbing the next day, everyone was having fun. Day three was another day of hiking farther up the mountain, ending with a campsite in the shadow of 14005 foot peak,



Mount of the Holy Cross. The next day, Dreamers had a few hours of “solo time,” in which they journaled and self-reflecting. Spending time alone was a challenge for some, but something they agreed was helpful. Finally, the last day was a long day of hiking downhill back to the trail-head, near Vail.

Overall, the group built a lot of trust and learned more about themselves. They managed several difficult situations, including minor injuries, creek crossings, rock climbing, trust falls, and much more. They all did some things they had previously thought they could never do, a great experience to help them gain the confidence for overcoming the challenges in their lives in Boulder.

Internships

Since 1990, summer internships at CU have been an important part of the Dreamer experience. Involvement has steadily improved, with CU hiring 14 students this year! A variety of departments are participating in the six-week program, and IHAD greatly appreciates their willingness to provide this meaningful work experience for them. The following Dreamers and siblings were hired for this summer: Mayra Carranza, Colin Barreno, Jorge Ruiz, Merry Vue, Tim Vue, Armando Avila, LaoLeng Xiong, Robbie Morris, Heidi Whitley, Jermaine Rodriguez, Danny Manzanares, Padee Vue, Sue Yang, Kelsey Cline, and Pablo Garza.



What's Next?

- Wednesdays in July, intern meetings at CU
- June 28-July 16 Women of the West Mural Project
- July 6 Internet computer class at Kalmia
- July 10-11 Climbing for Life
- July 13 Campus tours of CSU and UNC
- July 24,25 Race Against Drugs
- July 27 Campus tours in southern Colorado
- July 9, 16, 23, 30 Volunteering in Lafayette, helping senior citizens
- August 12 Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity
- August 26 First day of school for BVSD

Thank You!

Robb's Music for a PA system for our Community Celebration.

Dr. Mark Liefeste for facilitating the Volunteer Feedback Session.

Louise Alderson, LMFT for her pro bono family therapy with a Dreamer family.

Marc VanOverbeke and Eric Barela, CU grad students for conducting our annual evaluation surveys and results

Housing Authority, City of Boulder for use of a van for the Meet the Wilderness trip

Dr. Steve Markowitz for providing braces for two Dreamers

Frequent Flyers Productions for tickets to their spring show

Boulder Valley Schools Foundation for tickets to Gateway Park

Boulder Army Store and Stride Rite Shoes for donating hiking boots to four Dreamers for the Meet the Wilderness trip

Dianne Ladd, Edie Ortega, Midge Korczak, Kaye Howe, Carmen Ramirez, and Dreamer Mario Fresquez for serving on the PC Search Committees

Mary Wilkes for numerous hours of volunteering to help run the IHAD office, and for the supply of chocolate kisses she keeps on hand at all times for the staff

Sam's Club for donating a gift certificate for the US West Computer Lab Grand Opening celebration

Elinor Averyt for help with grant writing

Cheryl Wilson of the Women's Resource Center at CU for inviting Dreamers to Take Our Daughter to Work Day at CU.

All the employers and employees who hosted Job Shadows over Spring Break (March 22-26): Willis Daldorf at A Better Light Photography, Sam P. Appleby at Ski Moguls and Bixby School, Boulder County Court Judge Diane MacDonald, Boulder Community Hospital, Danelle Helander at Helander Dance Theater, Lane Hornung at Greendeck Capital, Ron Jung at Jung and Associates, Kelli Martin and Liz Feldman at Leopard Communications, and T.K. Smith at Edward Jones.

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IHAD is pleased to announce that Boulder Community Network (<http://bcn.boulder.co.us>) and Rockynet (<http://www.rockynet.com>) have worked together in registering a new URL for the IHAD website. Visit www.ihadboulder.org to see the results!

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.
- (Make checks payable to I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County.)

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