



Women's Bean Project

BreakOut has been working hard lately to raise money. Recently, at the Arts & Crafts Fair in the Worner Student Center, BreakOut set up a booth downstairs by the mailroom with products spread out across two long tables as well as the pool table. Baskets, bundles, and individual items abound, BreakOut sold products from the Women's Bean Project to raise money for their cause. The Women's Bean Project is a non-profit located out of Denver that works to provide job and entrepreneurial skills to women with a history of unemployment. Whether it was the "PJ's Smoky Tomato Dip" or the "Firehouse Chili," the products proved to be a hit at the fair.

Also being sold alongside the BreakOut fundraising beans, were T-shirts, Bags, and Scarves, whose proceeds benefited the service trip to India. The service trip will take on December 27th. A group of 12 students will stay in India for three weeks building kitchen gardens in rural village homes and teaching the villagers the importance of hygiene. For \$10, those who bought scarves, bags, and T-shirts at the fair not only contributed to their sense of fashion, but also to their sense of goodwill.



BreakOut was selling baskets like this one at the Arts & Crafts Fair on Dec. 6 & 7. (image courtesy of www.womensbeanproject.com)



Women's Bean Project in Denver teaching women job and entrepreneurial skills.

The Giving Tree

This holiday season, two families in need will receive presents from the CC Community. The two families made wish lists for each family member. The gift wishes were then typed out and hung on a Christmas tree in the Center for Service and Learning. Many people participated and each family received most of the presents they wished for. The two families:



The Center for Service and Learning collected over 100 gifts from the CC community to donate to families in need.

- **The Red Family** –Military father returned from Iraq with symptoms of PTSD. He was stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas while his wife and five children remain in Colorado, the strain of maintaining two households and the father's mental illness has put the family in a financial distress. (9 people in this household) 54 gifts were received from the CC community.
- **The Green Family** - With a family of seven, this family is strong in spirit and short on resources and the father's seasonal work threatens their stability. 56 gifts were received from the CC community.



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Adopt-A-Family Information:

- Donors can browse a list of available families
- See the family's personal story
- Search for families based on the family's overall need or the family's location
- Families are categorized as having either "Moderate" or "High" needs
- Families with Moderate needs are most suitable for adoption by individuals, families, or small groups
- Families with "High" needs are most suitable for a group of donors or a corporate partner

www.adoptafamily.org/



Student Organization's Celebrate 5-Year Anniversaries

PLAY!—Play began in 2003 under the leadership of Laura Chakerian. Partnering with Taylor Elementary, PLAY! offers arts instruction to children K-6 two afternoons a week after school. Because of funding cuts, Taylor no longer has an arts program. The CC students provides the school's only arts instruction.

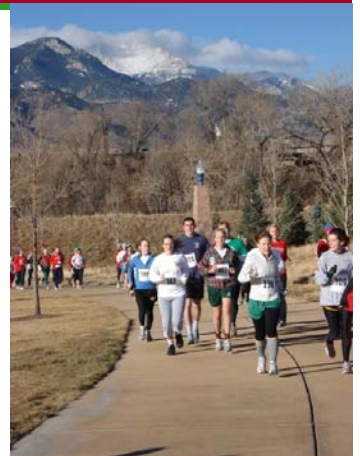
COOL Science- Started in 2003 by Suzanne Kern. At its peak COOL Science had 80 active members. COOL Science partners with the local non-profit of the same name. The organization travels throughout the community presenting road-shows at elementary and middle schools. They also have two blowout science days at CC inviting children from all over the Springs.

North Boys— A student organization that places CC students with "at risk" youth from North Middle School. They work both one-on-one and as a group. It consists of about 30 middle school students and 30 CC students. They meet every two weeks to expose the youth to the idea of college and the opportunities available to them. The group also partners with other organizations such as Cool Science.



Empty Stocking Fund

The second annual Stocking Shuffle 5K on December 13th was a huge success! The three months of planning by the Colorado College Empty Stocking Committee really paid off as the sun rose this past Saturday morning to Co-chairs Ashley Young and Amanda Wierzba and



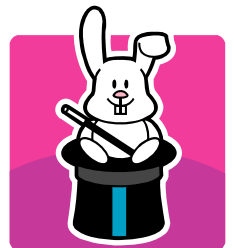
committee members; Jessica Kortmeyer, Danielle Lepar and CC Alum Garrett Meek efficiently setting up the course and preparing for the 100 plus runners that would be showing up momentarily. Hours of planning, publicizing and donation collecting made this event "seamless" as one runner described it.

The race couldn't have happened without the support of local business. The Colorado Running Company donated their time and energy to run the timing for the race and Grand Slam Subs provided delicious refreshments. These are just two of the many organizations and individuals that made this event so successful. CC students, staff, faculty and community members, dressed in their crazy stockings, ran and walked along side one another to raise money for the Empty Stocking Fund which supports 14 local non-profits with the sponsorship of the El Pomar Foundation, the Gazette and the Bruni Foundation. Last year the CC Empty Stocking Fund raised around \$2,300 and though the official numbers aren't in yet, they hope to do just as well this year.

-Written by Ashley Young

Upcoming Events:

MAGIC SHOW— There will be a magic show at 7pm on Jan. 24, 2009 to benefit BreakOut's financial aid pool. Tickets available at the Worner Desk or at www.ticketwest.com. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Open Seating.



Block 5 Grant Writing Workshop

Two-day intensive workshop during Block break—limited to 18 participants—sign up in the Center—\$45.

