

## Ongoing Student Organizations

**AMA (Aprender Mediante Amistad—Learning Through Friendship)** tutors bilingual immigrant children in reading, math, and other academic subjects. No Spanish knowledge necessary.

**BreakOut** organizes community service trips for students, faculty, and staff during block and spring breaks. Participants travel together to communities where they contribute to one or more projects in progress.

**Breckenridge Adaptive Ski** trains CC student volunteers to use adaptive ski equipment on ski slopes. Once students are certified, they become a ski buddy for a person with a disability.

**CC Community Kitchen** prepares and serves a free lunch to the hungry and homeless community of Colorado Springs every Sunday at 2p.m at Shove Chapel. Volunteer any Sunday between 10am and 4pm. Come cook, serve, eat, or just chat.

**CCLIM (Colorado College Learning Initiative in the Mountains)** runs an outdoor education program that builds self-esteem and environmental respect in middle school children who have not had the opportunity to experience the natural wonders of Colorado.

**COOL Science** brings interactive science to local elementary and middle school students in the hopes of sparking interest and excitement in the fields of mathematics, science, and technology.

**CREATE** matches Colorado College students with Mann Middle School girls to engage in creative, imaginative and experiential activities. The goal is to help the girls find a passion and through this passion build self confidence.

**Early Birds** is a group of CC students who mentor, tutor, and serve as role models for students at Bristol Elementary School from 7 to 8 in the mornings.

**Fox Meadows Mentoring** works with gifted and talented students from Fox Meadow Middle School in hopes that these mentoring relationships will encourage young scholars to go to college.

**Girls Day in the Lab** provides local middle school girls with hands-on science activities on the CC campus as a way to stimulate girls' interest in science and to pursue science in college.

**Mighty Math** offers math tutoring to struggling students at Mann Middle School weekdays after school.

**North Boys Enrichment Program** matches CC volunteers with at-risk boys at North Middle School who are struggling to succeed in the school environment.

**Art in the Afternoon (PLAY)** promotes multiculturalism through art to elementary students at Taylor Elementary School. Volunteers teach a variety of art media to encourage creativity and high self-esteem.

**RAP (Refugee Assistance Program)** helps refugee families from around the world to adjust to life in Colorado Springs. We provide the families with language assistance, we help the children with their homework and play games with them.

**Roots & Shoots** is part of a national organization that teaches children how to be a positive force for change around issues of the environment.

**Rotaract** is a branch of Rotary International formed for the purpose of networking college age students. Rotaract connects students with professionals and performs fundraisers and service projects on a national, international and community level.

**VA (Volunteer Action)** matches CC role models with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Washington and Edison Elementary Schools. They participate in fun, planned activities both on and off the CC campus.

## Philanthropy and Fundraising

**Cozy Crew** provides people in need with warm afghans and hats. The Crew knits and crochets afghans and hats that are donated to local non-profit organizations. Everyone is welcome-no experience necessary.

**Empty Bowls** is a yearly fundraiser that raises awareness about and funds to fight hunger and homelessness. Attendees receive handmade ceramic bowls and all the soup they can eat.

**Empty Stocking Fund** is a fundraiser that includes various campus events to benefit an annual community fund-raising drive that funds 14 local non-profit organizations during the holiday season.

**Relay for Life** is a fun-filled overnight philanthropic event that celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people take turns walking or running laps.

### Empty Bowls 2009



## Advocacy and Activism

**Acting Activism** uses tactics of Guerilla Theatre and Invisible Theatre to promote thought and dialogue on a variety of social and political issues. Acting Activism performs both on and off campus and is open to all activists and ideas.

**H.I.V. (Helping Ignorance Vanish)** is a community service group that encourages HIV/AIDS awareness and coordinates HIV-related activities and presentations on campus and in the greater community.

**Hunger and Homelessness Awareness** is a group of students who seek to increase awareness of hunger and homelessness to both the CC community and the larger Colorado Springs Community. They will explore innovative ideas to solving the difficult problem of hunger and homelessness.

**Invisible Children** supports the Invisible Children Foundation in their goal to improve the quality of life for war-affected children by raising money and awareness about the current situation in Northern Uganda.

**La Esperanza** collects travel-size toiletries and donates them to agencies such as the Red Cross Temporary Emergency Shelter, TESSA, and our own CC Community Kitchen.

**S.T.A.N.D.** (Student Anti-Genocide Coalition) is an international student organization that aims to promote awareness advocating for an end to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. STAND's objectives are to increase consciousness about the crisis in Darfur, to raise relief for the victims and refugees, and to take political action for a swift and sustainable solution to the crisis.

**Student Ambassadors** volunteer their time to talk to underprivileged students, in both Colorado Springs and Denver, about post secondary options. The focus is to let middle school and high school students know that they can go to college and how they can plan for that future.

**Tunnels of Oppression** is a week long series of multi-media events that highlight different types of oppression in the modern world.

**VOX (Voices for Planned Parenthood of Colorado College)** is a group that promotes advocacy and education for reproductive health rights.

**Yellow Bikes Project** renovates and maintains a fleet of public-use bicycles for the Colorado College community. Bikes are available for an annual membership fee which the Project uses to purchase more bikes. By making bikes available to the campus community, the Yellow Bikes Project hopes to encourage bikes as the primary method of transportation and decrease our community's dependence on fossil fuels.

## Other Ways To Be Involved in Service

**Community-Based Learning** – The Center collaborates with faculty to facilitate the development of academic courses that incorporate community-based learning. CBL is experiential education that simultaneously – and in roughly equal balance – promotes student learning and meets community needs, and is thoroughly integrated into students' course work. If you are interested in taking a CBL course, contact Gay Victoria at X6885 for more information.

**Spring Service Celebration** This is an event that allows CC students to learn about the many non-profit organizations that exist in the Colorado Springs community, to connect with others who are passionate about volunteering, and to help people outside the CC community.

**SOS (Saturdays of Service)** are one-day service opportunities which do not require an on-going commitment. SOS events engage students in a wide variety of efforts in conjunction with area non-profits and offer a leadership opportunity for students.

**International Service Program** offers CC students an opportunity to serve on an international scale. An application process, commitment to fundraising, and semester-long orientation program are required.

**NSO Priddy Experience** is a 5 day community service experience incorporated into New Student Orientation. The program encourages an ethic of service as a part of the CC experience, discussion of life and culture at Colorado College and exposure to the rich community of the Southwest. The experience is led by 80 upper class student leaders.

**ASPIRE Program** - The ASPIRE program is a year long program that is designed around helping students build awareness of and increase skills for their leadership style. The program's vision is to develop thoughtful, skilled, and reflective student leaders equipped to effect positive social change. Individuals interested in service and leadership can evaluate their personal growth in a leadership role over the course of participating in various service activities through the Center for Service and Learning.

**Career Enhancing Workshops** – The Center offers various workshops that enhance students abilities in the service arena, now and upon graduation: **Grant Writing**, designed for novice grant-seekers, combines instruction and practical exercises on searching for grants and writing grant proposals; **Fundraising**, provides a basic understanding of all the ways money can be raised, a skill central to the work of all nonprofits; **Socially Responsible Career Series**, presentations by professionals who combine service with their careers; **How to Prepare NOW for a Career in Non-Profits**, advises students on the type of courses and experiences they can take advantage of while at CC that will provide them with the skills valued in the world of non-profits.

## Colorado College Staff Policy on Community Service

Staff employees may be granted up to four days of paid leave per calendar year to participate in a community service event. For more information: [http://www.coloradocollege.edu/hr/service\\_update.php](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/hr/service_update.php). If you'd like to volunteer, let us know! We've got lots of opportunities for you to choose from!



Empty Stocking Shuffle  
2008-2009



Student Ambassadors  
2008-2009

If you want more information or want to talk about other opportunities, stop by the Center or contact us at [comserv@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:comserv@coloradocollege.edu). More information is also available on our website: [www.coloradocollege.edu/servicelearn](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/servicelearn)

## Volunteer Opportunities List 2009-2010

Colorado College  
Center for Service and Learning  
Worner Student Center, Room 205  
719-389-6846

*The Center for Service and Learning was created to promote an ethic of service and to develop civic-minded leadership among all members of the college community. Our purpose is to recognize and understand the civic and social challenges of our world and to act with others in pursuit of a just society.*

# Volunteers!



### What do we do?

Our three full-time professional staff and 9 student staff:

- support & advise 30 on-going service organizations that provide a wide variety of service opportunities
- help facilitate over 100 one-time service events each year
- coordinate the NSO Priddy Service Experience & the Saturday of Service Program
- provide trainings to support the development of service leadership
- sponsor speakers & events for the campus and local community
- build local, regional, & international links with organizations working for the common good
- present a variety of workshops & presentations that enhance student skills & knowledge of the non-profit world & model how to incorporate service into non-profit careers
- Assist faculty in facilitating academic courses with a community-based component