



# Press Invite

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## World Series of Charitable Events

LOVELAND, Colo. – On November 1<sup>st</sup>, more than 80 charitable organizations from Northern Colorado will be honored at Group Publishing’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Service Awards. “This is the all-star event for charitable organizations in Northern Colorado,” Thom Schultz, President and Founder of Group Publishing said. “Being surrounded by a roomful of servants dedicated to making a difference makes me think that I’m at the World Series for charitable organizations, with only one catch: when these organizations play, everyone in the community wins.”

Group will give \$61,000 in cash awards to distinguished charitable organizations in Northern Colorado with one organization receiving the Outstanding Award of \$25,000.

Several key dignitaries will present four special awards to worthy nonprofit groups. **Please plan on attending the awards luncheon—it will be an encouraging, community-building event.**

Interviews with award recipients, dignitaries, and Group’s CEO, Thom Schultz, will be available immediately following the luncheon. Attached is a list of participating organizations and a breakdown of the awards categories.

### Event Details

**What:** Group Publishing’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Service Awards Banquet

**Where:** Crossroads Church, 5420 North Taft Ave., Loveland, Colo.

**When:** Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Press is invited!** Interviews with dignitaries and award recipients available after the luncheon.

For more info please visit [www.group.com/community](http://www.group.com/community)

**To reserve your spot, or for more information, please contact Chris Sigfrids at Group Publishing – (970) 227-9494 or [csigfrids@group.com](mailto:csigfrids@group.com)**

**Participating Dignitaries**

**James Alderden** - Larimer County Sheriff

**Steve Dozier** – Loveland Councilor

**Glenn Gibson** - Larimer County Commissioner

**Larry Heckel** – Loveland Councilor

**Mark Hillman** – State Senator

**Doug Hutchinson** - Fort Collins Mayor (Awards Presenter)

**Steven Johnson** - State Senator (Awards Presenter)

**Kurt Kastein** - Fort Collins City Councilor

**Stu Van Meveren** - Larimer County District Attorney

**Bob McCluskey** - Colorado House of Representatives

**Gene Pielin** - Loveland Councilor (Awards Presenter)

**Kathay Rennels** - Larimer County Commissioner (Awards Presenter)

**Walter Skowron** - Loveland Councilor

**Karen Wagner** – Larimer County Commissioner

**Jim Welker** – Colorado House of Representatives

**Don Williams** – Loveland City Manager

## **Special Awards**

### **\$25,000 Outstanding Award**

This award will be granted to one organization that, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, carried out the most exceptional and productive community service program between August 1, 2004 and July 31, 2005. All applicants are considered for this award.

### **\$3,000 Larimer County Award**

One award will be granted to an organization, selected from applicants in Larimer County, for excellence in serving the entire county.

### **\$3,000 Loveland Award**

One award will be made to an organization whose predominant participating membership, major activities, and headquarters are in the city of Loveland. All Loveland organizations will be considered for this award.

### **\$3,000 Special Church Award**

One award will be granted to a church or parachurch organization for its outstanding ministry-related community service. All participating church-connected organizations will be considered for this award.

### **\$3,000 Northern Colorado Award**

One award will be granted to an organization, church, or parachurch organization for its service to northern Colorado. All applicants are considered for this award.

## **Award Categories**

An additional 24 grants of \$1000 each will be awarded in the following 12 categories. The number of awards in each category will be proportionate to the number of applications received in each category. Every category will have at least one award recipient.

### **Cultural Arts Services**

Projects that increase appreciation of and participation in the arts (dance, theater, music, sculpture, painting, etc.).

### **Educational Services**

Projects that provide or enhance educational or vocational/career opportunities for any age.

### **Services for Children**

Projects or programs for children (preschool through grade 6) specifically designed to nurture mental, physical, and character development, including social skills and the desire to learn.

### **Services for Youth**

Projects or programs for youth (grade 7 and above) specifically designed to nurture mental, physical, and character development, including social skills and the desire to learn.

### **Services by Youth**

Assistance or service rendered by youth groups, clubs, or organizations for the benefit of others in the community.

### **Special Health Services**

Projects designed to help prevent or combat disease, to relieve physical or psychological ailments, or to assist the disabled of any age.

### **Social Services–Faith-Based**

Projects specifically designed to help solve the problems and needs of economically disadvantaged groups or individuals in the community by faith-based groups or organizations.

### **Social Services–Community-Based**

Projects specifically designed to help solve the problems and needs of economically disadvantaged groups or individuals in the community by community-based groups or organizations.

### **Civic Community Services**

Projects that promote good citizenship, appreciation of rights and liberties, involvement in community betterment, and the appreciation and preservation of the community's heritage.

### **Services by/for Senior Citizens**

Services by senior citizens or projects specifically designed to meet the needs of senior citizens.

### **Services Related to Ecology or the Environment**

Projects concerned with the following areas: conservation, reclamation, or restoration of air, land, and water; the welfare of animals; or enhancement of natural or man-made environments within a community or geographic area.

### **Church-Based Outreach**

Church-sponsored projects designed to reach out to the community and proclaim God's love.



# Fact Sheet

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## Really, really neat facts about Group Publishing:

- Group was founded in 1974 by Thom Schultz
- Group employs 300 people in Loveland, Colorado
- Group was voted “Best Place to Work” by the Fort Collins Coloradoan
- Group was selected “Best Christian Workplace” by Christianity Today
- Group offers life-changing ideas for churches including:
  - ministry books
  - children’s church
  - midweek programs
  - adult small groups
  - websites
  - devotionals
  - youth Workcamps
  - leadership training
  - Bibles
  - ministry magazines
  - Sunday school curriculum
  - vacation Bible school
  - HomeBuilders Couples Series®
  - Bible studies
  - worship, music, and dramas
  - CDs, videos, & DVDs
  - ministry training
  - volunteer management services

## Group Gives:

- Group has gathered and trained more than 185,000 students who have worked on more than 31,000 low-income homes in the past 28 years at no charge to the residents through Group Workcamps Foundation.
- Group gives a portion of its profits back to the community and churches every year. Since 1997, Group has donated \$500,000 to non-profit organizations in Northern Colorado through Group’s Community Service Awards.
- Group has given more than 47,000 copies of *Friendship: Creating a Culture of Connectivity in Your Church* free to churches this year. Visit [www.group.com/giveback](http://www.group.com/giveback) for details.
- Group’s Operation Kid-to-Kid™ has become one of the largest forces mobilizing children in serving other children around the world. Millions of kids have been impacted with gifts of school supplies, Bibles, hygiene kits, Christmas gifts, and Bible coloring books.

## **Organizations Being Honored**

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center  
American Red Cross  
Birthright of Loveland, Inc.  
Longs Peak Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County  
Campus Crusade for Christ International  
Catholic Charities and Community Services for the Archdiocese of Denver  
Center for Adult Learning in Loveland (CALL)  
Child Advocacy Resource and Education, Inc.  
Clothes Closet, First United Methodist  
Colorado Youth Outdoors  
Community Food Share  
The Community Kitchen  
Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc.  
Denver Rescue Mission  
Disabled Resource Services  
Elder Pet Care  
Early Child Care/Education Collaboration  
Education & Life Training Center  
Elderhaus Adult Day Program, Inc.  
Estes Valley Victim Advocates  
F.E.E.D. Scholarship & Children's Found.  
First Assembly of God Women's Ministry  
First Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church / Living Center Class  
The Family Center/La Familia  
Five Stones Student Center  
Food Bank for Larimer County  
Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity  
Fort Collins Jaycees  
Friends First, Inc.  
Genny's Hope  
Healthier Communities Coalition  
Hearts and Horses  
High Plains Environmental Center  
Homelessness Prevention Initiative  
Hope Lives Breast Cancer Support Center  
Hospice of Larimer County  
House of Neighborly Service  
Immanuel Lutheran Church – Human Care Ministry  
Johnstown Java & Jams Coffeehouse, Inc.  
Junior Achievement of Rocky Mountain, Inc.  
The Larimer Chorale  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
LifeBridge Special Needs Ministry  
Loveland Concert Band  
Loveland Cultural Services Department  
Loveland Lions Club  
Loveland Parks and Recreation Foundation  
Loveland Police Chaplains  
Loveland Youth Advisory Commission  
Loveland Youth Gardeners

## **Organizations Cont.**

Loveland-Berthoud Interfaith Hospitality Network  
Lutheran Ranches of the Rockies  
Mended Hearts Chapter 114  
Milliken Senior Citizens Ltd.  
Mobile Meals of Akron  
Mother House  
Outreach United Resource Center, Inc.  
Paws for Responsibility  
Philomatheon Club  
Poudre School District SART Peers Program  
Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins  
Read Aloud Loveland  
Religious Movement Resource Center  
Respite Care Inc.  
Restoring the Soul: Faith & Community  
Resurrection Fellowship  
Rocky Mountain Parish Health Ministry  
Set Free Church  
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center  
Shekinah Christian Ministries  
Spiritual Health Partnership-Health Adv.  
Thompson Valley Junior Great Books  
Trees, Water & People  
Turning Point Center for Youth and Family Development, Inc.  
The Tutor Center  
The Underground Youth Ministry  
Vintage Voices, Inc.  
Volunteers of America Colorado Branch, Inc.  
Warm Hearts – Warm Babies  
Weld County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program  
Weld Food Bank  
Wingshadow, Inc.