



# Media Invite

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## Group Publishing Honors Charitable Organizations With \$61,000

LOVELAND, Colo. – Several hundred members of the community, including dignitaries and respected community volunteers converged on the Fort Collins Marriott on Monday to celebrate more than 100 charitable organizations. This year, Group Publishing gave \$61,000 in cash awards to distinguished nonprofit organizations in Northern Colorado. The Open Door Mission of Fort Collins was awarded the outstanding award of \$25,000.

Over the past three months an awards committee at Group Publishing has poured over applications and chosen 29 charitable organizations that exemplify what it means to give back to the community.

According to Group President, Thom Schultz, “It is our great pleasure to thank these charitable organizations every year by making financial contributions that will allow them to continue their incredible volunteer efforts in Northern Colorado – they are, truly, an incredible friend to the communities they serve.”

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### Details

**What:** Group Publishing’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Service Awards

**Where:** Fort Collins Marriott  
350 E. Horsetooth Road

**When:** Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m

**Media are 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)



### **Participating Dignitaries**

**Ray Martinez** - Fort Collins Mayor

**Angie Paccione** - Colorado House of Representatives

**Marilyn Musgrave** - US Congresswoman

**Steven Johnson** - Colorado Senator

**James Alderden** - Larimer County Sheriff

**Walter Skowron** - Loveland City Councilman

**Glenn Gibson** - Larimer County Commissioner

**Kathay Rennels** - Larimer County Commissioner

**J.J. Johnston** - Northern Colorado Economic Development

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

**Samantha Murphey & Claudia Eberspacher** - United Way

**Gene Pielin** - Loveland Councilor

**Marty Tharpe** - Fort Collins City Councilor



## **Organizations**

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center  
B.A.B.Y. (Building a Brighter Year)  
Big Thompson Youth Naturally  
Birthright of Loveland, Inc.  
Longs Peak Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County  
Calvary Bible Evangelical Free Church  
Campus Crusade for Christ International  
Canyon Concert Ballet  
Care-A-Van/SAINT, Inc.  
Caring Ministries of Morgan County  
Carrie Martin PTO  
CASA, Inc. of Larimer County  
Catholic Charities and Community Services for the Archdiocese of Denver  
Centennial Tennis Academy  
Center for Adult Learning in Loveland (CALL)  
Child Advocacy Resource and Education, Inc.  
Congregations Building Community  
Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Inc.  
Disabled Resource Services  
Elder Pet Care  
Eldercare Connections Foundation (Companion Connections)  
Elderhaus Adult Day Program, Inc.  
Ensign Skills Center  
Estes Park Senior Citizens Center, Inc.  
Estes Valley Restorative Justice Partnership  
Estes Valley Victim Advocates  
First Assembly of God Women's Ministries  
First Southern Baptist Church  
Food Bank for Larimer County  
Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity  
Fort Collins Lions Foundation  
Fort Collins Pipe Band  
Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County  
Freedom Fellowship: A Prison Ministry, Inc.  
FRIENDS FIRST, Inc.  
Grace Fellowship  
Greeley Mother's Center  
HABIC – Human-Animal Bond in Colorado  
Hearts and Horses  
Hearts of Hope  
Help Kids Succeed School Supply Drive  
Homelessness Prevention Initiative  
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.

## **Organizations Cont.**

Larimer Center for Mental Health  
Larimer Chorale  
Larimer County Search and Rescue, Inc.  
Larimer Humane Society  
Legacy Land Trust  
Life Choices Pregnancy Center  
Life Force Youth Ministry  
Longmont Christian School  
Loveland Church of the Nazarene Cross the Street After School Program  
Loveland Concert Band  
Loveland Museum/Gallery  
Loveland Parks and Recreation Foundation  
Loveland Police Chaplains  
Loveland Youth Gardeners  
Loveland-Berthoud Interfaith Hospitality Network  
Lutheran Campus Ministry  
Lutheran Family Services of Colorado, Inc.  
Mobile Meals of Akron  
Mountain Ridge Community Church  
Northern Colorado AIDS Project  
Open Door Mission  
Options for Healthy Living, Inc.  
Outreach United Resource Center, Inc.  
Partners Mentoring of Larimer County  
Paws for Responsibility  
Philomatheon Club  
Project Self-Sufficiency of Loveland-Fort Collins  
Read Aloud Loveland  
Religious Movement Resource Center  
Respite Care Inc.  
Rialto Theater Guild  
Rocky Mountain Chamber Singers  
SAVA Center  
Shekinah Christian Ministries  
Stepping Stones Adult Day Program  
Student Leadership & Civic Engagement  
Suicide Education & Support Services  
Suicide Resource Center of Larimer County  
The Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation, Inc.  
The Greeley Transitional House, Inc.  
The Rock/Summitview Community Church  
The Tutor Center  
Thompson Valley Preschool, Inc.  
Trees, Water & People  
Turning Point Center for Youth and Family Development, Inc.  
United Campus Ministry  
United Day Care Center  
Vintage Voices, Inc.  
Volunteers of America Colorado Branch, Inc.  
Weld County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program  
Weld Food Bank  
Wellington Senior Resources, Inc.  
Wingshadow, Inc.  
Yampa Valley Recycles  
Young Life  
Youth Orchestra of the Rockies

## **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, 2003 and July 31, 2004. 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 more than 275 people in Loveland, Colorado
- Group was voted “Best Place to Work” by the Fort Collins Coloradoan in 2004
- Group was selected “Best Christian Workplace” by Christianity Today in 2003
- 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 10% of its profits back to the community and churches every year. Since 1997, Group has donated more than \$500,000 to non-profit organizations.
- Group has given more than 45,000 *After the Fall* videos free to churches this year through Group’s “Give Back” program. Visit [www.group.com/afterthefall](http://www.group.com/afterthefall) for more information.
- Group’s Operation Kid-to-Kid™ has become the largest force 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.