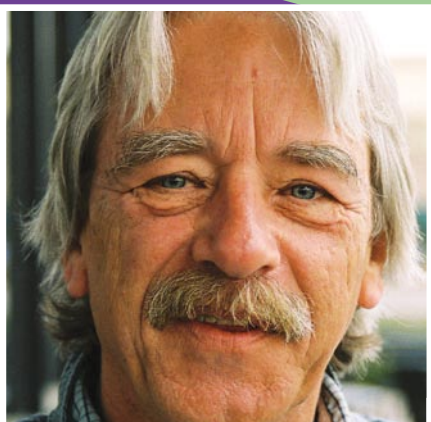




Volunteer Connection of Boulder County Annual Report 2·0·0·7



Timm Morrison - South Boulder Little League: Coordinator, Coach, and Board Member

"Hearing the kids in the dugout having fun, there is nothing like the sound of kids laughing."

"It's important to connect with society so that we can help each other out.

Without our environment, we couldn't have a society."



*Morgan Boaman
Colorado Youth Program: Street Team and Eco-Cycle*



*Kayla Luther
Eye Health Institute: Clinic Assistant*

"I'd never done something bigger than myself, and the reward for doing it is so amazing."



Volunteer Connection's mission is to engage people as volunteers and strengthen volunteer-based programs, improving the quality of life in Boulder County. Since 1969, Volunteer Connection has been connecting the thousands of people who want to volunteer annually

with the hundreds of agencies in Boulder County that could not exist without volunteers.



Our services equip people as volunteers and community agencies with the tools they need so they can be at the center of community problem solving:

- Volunteer Promotion
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Volunteer Referral
- Volunteer Consulting
- Volunteer Recognition
- Volunteer Management
Capacity Building
- Disaster Preparedness
& Response

“Volunteer Connection continually goes beyond our greatest expectations of providing service to the whole community. Volunteering is a transforming and empowering act. Through contact, connection and service we are given the tools to transform our communities and environments. The Volunteer Connection makes building a better world a simple, achievable possibility.”

- Julie Finley, Growing Gardens



Dear Friends,

For nearly 40 years, Volunteer Connection's core programs in volunteer recruitment, referral, and recognition have been connecting people with causes and causes with people. In 2007, Volunteer Connection served 17,100 people and agencies, providing the means to effectively engage people in solving our world's toughest problems. Volunteer Connection guided volunteers to our 378 partner nonprofit and service agencies whose volunteer-based programs are critical to the quality of life we cherish here in Boulder County. Every day, these volunteers were delivering meals, defending basic rights, planting trees, restoring trails, providing quality healthcare for those who had none, fostering youth, and much, much more.

Volunteer Connection provides these valuable services with a small staff of only four, and solid in-kind contributions from a volunteer staff of 25. In 2007, with strong Board leadership, we maintained sound fiscal responsibility and diversified our funding sources. We continued to serve as the fiscal agent for two award-winning collaborations, MentorsMatter and Restoring the Soul: Faith and Community Partnerships.

Volunteer Connection knows that volunteers are at the heart of our community and we take our leadership role seriously in engaging

people as volunteers and strengthening agencies' capacities to fulfill their volunteer needs. Your support is essential so that Volunteer Connection will be able to continue its work into the future.

Warmest regards,

Laura F. Kinder
Executive Director

Board of Directors



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2007 Accomplishments

13,621 visitors a month to Volunteer Connection's 1-800-volunteer.org database, a 14% increase over 2006.

378 nonprofit and service agencies registered on 1-800-volunteer.org.

600 volunteers completed 41 projects for Boulder County nonprofit and service agencies on Volunteer Connection's 4th Annual *I Volunteer! Day*, worth \$46,000 in service hours.

698 businesses, individuals, service groups and faith communities were subscribed to our monthly e-bulletin of volunteer opportunities, a 27% increase over 2006.

500 youth volunteer opportunity guides distributed to all public and private middle and high schools in Boulder County.

83 volunteers recognized in local media and online.

189 nonprofit professionals attended our workshops on volunteer management and other nonprofit topics.

Named April 2007 "**Outstanding Member Agency**" by Community Shares of Colorado for our response to the Holly, CO tornado.

MentorsMatter collaboration won **The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County's NOVA Award** for Education.

Participated with the Boulder Office of Emergency Management, Colorado Division of Emergency Management and Colorado Volunteer Center Network (CVCN) to **facilitate volunteer recruitment and placement in times of disaster.**



2007 Statement of Financial Position

2007 Support & Revenue

Boulder County Grant	\$92,937	43%
Individual and Business Contributions	\$21,883	10%
Foundations and Grants	\$17,300	8%
Interest Income	\$3,043	1%
Special Events	\$12,123	6%
Service Fees	\$9,659	5%
In-Kind Contributions*	\$57,339	27%
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$214,284	



2007 Expenses

Program Services	\$160,737	77%
Management and Operating	\$41,365	20%
Fundraising	\$5,993	3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$208,095	



Agency Overhead: 21%

According to the Internal Revenue Service, percentage of agency overhead is to be determined by dividing total administrative and fundraising costs into total revenue for the year.

**Does not include the 3,032 hours (worth \$59,154) donated by Board members and volunteer staff. According to Independent Sector, one hour of volunteer time was worth \$19.51 in 2007.*

Thank you to our 2007 Grantors and Sponsors:

Boulder County	Longmont United Hospital
Brett Family Foundation	Micro Motion
Champion Ford of Boulder	Precision Plumbing
Community Shares of Colorado	Roche Colorado Corporation
Crestone Capital Advisors	The Community Foundation Serving
First National Bank of Colorado	Boulder County
Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley	The Denver Foundation
Insight Financial Corporation	Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund
Janus Foundation	White Wave Foods

Volunteer Connection also wishes to thank the many individuals and businesses who supported us in 2007.



Jill Ertl has been volunteering with the Volunteer Connection as a referral counselor for the past 18

years. Every week, she meets one-on-one with community members to help them identify rewarding volunteer opportunities. In 2007, Volunteer Connection provided the community with 75 such referral appointments. Says Jill, "People come in with this great energy because they want to give back to the community, and its just fun to be a part of that."

"[Volunteer Connection] helps coordinate and promote mentoring programs, network throughout the county and recognize outstanding volunteers. These services are invaluable to community programs that measure success in recruiting, managing and retaining the right volunteers."

- Thomi Quackenbush,
Volunteer Services Coordinator,
Boulder County Department of
Social Services

2007 Volunteer Connection Staff and Volunteers

Laura F. Kinder, *Executive Director*

Christine Berg, *Services Coordinator*

Miranda Dettman, *Communications Coordinator*

Amber Gerding, *AmeriCorps*VISTA MentorsMatter Coordinator*

Morgan Lipton, *Bookkeeper*

Elle McPherson, *AmeriCorps*VISTA Development Coordinator*

Lindsey Wielgos, *AmeriCorps*VISTA Development Coordinator*

Jean Barker, *Volunteer Referral Counselor*

Jill Ertl, *Volunteer Referral Counselor*

Herb Harris, *Volunteer Web Assistant*

Bob Hofland, *Volunteer Webmaster*

Rich Yoder, *Volunteer Accountant*

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Stephanie Griffin

Chris Hansen

Deborah Havas

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Jana Mendez

Michael Roberts

Grant Sullivan

Don Warsavage

Barbara Wright

Cindy Zimmerman

Nonprofits, social service agencies, municipalities, school-based programs and faith-based programs serving the community at large can post their volunteer needs on Volunteer Connection's www.1-800-volunteer.org database for free. In 2007, Volunteer Connection implemented a nominal service fee that supports our efforts in promoting volunteers and volunteer opportunities in local media, e-bulletins, and other community impact venues.

Listed below are the 39 agencies that invested in Volunteer Connection by December 31, 2007. By investing in us they also invested in the potential of their volunteer programs.

Acorn School
Anam Chara Home
Association for Community Living
Attention Homes
BeadforLife
Boulder County
Boulder Parks and Recreation
Boulder Farmers' Market
Boulder Philharmonic
Boulder Public Library
Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
Carriage House
Child and Family Advocacy Program
City of Louisville
Colorado Friendship
Colorado Horse Rescue
Colorado Legal Services
Colorado Music Festival
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center
Colorado Youth Program



Community Food Share
Downtown Boulder Inc.
"I Have A Dream" Foundation
Imagine!
Intercambio de Comunidades
The Living School
Longmont Humane Society
Meals on Wheels Boulder
Medicine Horse Program
Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA)
Parenting Place
Partners of Boulder County, Inc.
Radio Reading Service of the Rockies
Share-A-Gift
Stand Up For Kids
Voices for Children
The Wellness Initiative
YMCA of Boulder Valley
YWCA of Boulder County
Your English School



The mission of Volunteer Connection, established in 1969, is to engage people as volunteers and strengthen volunteer-based programs, improving the quality of life in Boulder County.



*Sue Fox
HospiceCare Thrift Shop: Shop Assistant*

"It is really a great experience working with all of these wonderful people; we always have a lot of fun."

"I Volunteer! Day is a great way to get started (volunteering). You can choose from all kinds of fun, rewarding projects throughout the county – like gardening, painting, even environmental campaign letter-writing."



*Heather Southwick
Volunteer Connection: I Volunteer! Day Project Ambassador*



*Carlos Rodriguez
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley: Translator*

"I want to help vulnerable women and children. I am a survivor of domestic abuse, that's why I do this."



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