



Noticias

"Because Community Makes All the Difference We Will Work To Serve and Strengthen Ours"

ANNOUNCING LA ACADEMIA'S SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL AUCTION

Please join us Friday, April 29th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the La Academia Seventeenth Annual Auction at our 910 Galapago building. Currently we are working on acquiring items to be auctioned. The better the quality of our inventory, the better our chances of reaching our \$70,000 goal. We are looking for new and high quality items. Donations such as gift certificates to restaurants, retail stores, sporting events, hair stylists, massages, hotels, or services from lawyers, lawn care companies, auto services and goods like art, household items, furniture, jewelry, sporting goods, and clothing are welcomed. Special items such as use of cabins or condos, sporting, music or art lessons all would be beneficial for our auction. We would appreciate any effort you make in helping us acquire items.

Another key to success is having excellent attendance at the event. We hope you attend, and please invite friends and family for an evening of great fun, good food and a wonderful way to experience La Academia. We have some wonderful items in this year's auction already; a trip for two to South Africa for 6-days and 6-nights, a Carmelo Anthony autographed jersey, guided fishing trips, golfing and skiing excursions, vacation cabins/condos, cultural packages and many other grand items. Individual tickets are \$10 -- a section seating 10 is \$250.

If you would like to donate, or make reservations please contact Chandrika Prem, Director of Public Relations, at 303.629.0636 X229 or Todd Clough, Executive Director, at 303.629.0636 X223



A Note from the Executive Director

I have come to realize that RESPECT is more than a fabulous song sung by the legendary Aretha Franklin. In fact it is one of the key principals as to why the Denver Inner City Parish has been successful serving the community for the past 50 years.

When a person enters our buildings I believe they quickly realize that they are not looked down upon, judged or minimized, they are listened too and that the staff will go out of their way to be of assistance. After all, that is why we are here and I believe that is why we have 1,100+ people per year financially supporting DICP, 328 volunteers, over 80 churches per year lending us a hand and we had over 30,000 served by our agency in 2010.

Treating people with genuine respect here at DICP is a given, not always easy -- not all of the people we serve are lovable and on rare occasions they are not even grateful, but treating others the way we would like to be treated is a tenant that the Parish was founded upon back in 1960. I am proud to say that today as much or more than ever before we are striving to accomplish with each and every person who comes to the Parish in all of our 12 programs.

Here is a little anecdotal story of why I believe that indeed the respect we show the community is a reflection upon how the Parish is treated and looked upon by the our community members.

A few months back a nice wrought iron set of outdoor furniture was kindly donated to the Parish. We placed it outside to accommodate the many people who wait outside in line for our food bank programs and for the soup kitchen that Broadway Assistance Center hosts.

As we were putting the furniture in place one of the homeless gentleman who lives in the park across the street said to me "You are going to figure out a way to lock or bolt that furniture down aren't you?" I said "No, it will be all right." "To scrappers (recyclers) that set is worth over \$40 and it is so visible and accessible to the street" He stated. I repeated that it will be okay and indeed not only is the furniture set still intact it has grown with the addition of a few random pieces that people from the community have quietly added.

Aretha is right, everybody wants a little RESPECT.

Respectfully, D. Todd Clough, Executive Director

Denver Inner City Parish @ College View Update

On January 3rd of this year we opened our newest facility, a 16,000 square foot recreation center in southwest Denver (South Federal Boulevard) formerly operated and owned by the Denver Parks and Recreation Department.

This is an exciting opportunity for the Denver Inner City Parish as it gives us a new low-income neighborhood to serve. This is a satellite center for us as we are now providing some of our long-time programs to this neighborhood in addition to what we provide in our other two locations, plus we are now operating recreation programs.

In our first month of service we had 1,654 sign ins to use the facility, for an average of 76 people per day. We still have programs to introduce over the next couple weeks so we anticipate that our daily average will continue to increase. So, we are off to a good start, we hope you can visit this facility. We are open Monday through Friday 10 am to 7 pm and on Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm.

Larry Martinez, Director of DICP @ College View





The Denver Inner City Parish will be taking part in the 6th Annual Community Day for Concerts For Kids. This will be DICI's 3rd consecutive year participating as one of the Concert for Kids sites.

Concerts For Kids will again fulfill their part to help Denver spring into action by bringing over 500 volunteers together to complete over 5,000 hours of work in one six-hour day. Teams of volunteers will disperse to the pre-selected non-profits within the Denver Metro Area and complete multiple facility fix-up projects, including extensive painting, landscaping, cleaning, roofing, carpeting and much more! By receiving facility maintenance and improvements, it allows organizations like ours to use their operating funds for their primary programming needs.



Parish Seniors – fighting the winter blues and making a difference



The Parish Seniors are fighting the winter blues, combating social isolation, and creating Community. In other words, they're having a blast. Here's what they're doing:

- All kinds of creative stuff – bake sales, craft sales, and most recently Senior Stitch. In that program, they not only do alterations and mending for folks, but contracted with a local bakery to do mother/daughter apron sets last Christmas.
- Movement and Exercise to raise the spirits and get the heart pumping – they've started a weight-loss program, a Laps Around the Park program (walking each week around Lincoln park, weather permit-

ting), and an impromptu Saturday dance session each week. Recently we all learned how to do The Electric Slide, taught by Viola and Elva, two of our Seniors "Dancing Divas."

- Helping others and reaching out – not only does that help the recipients, but makes the giver feel great, too. Seniors are engaging in their second outreach project, this time working with Northglenn United Methodist Church. The Seniors are sewing book bags, which Northglenn UMC will then send to a national center that will stuff the bags with school supplies and send them throughout the world to children in need.

Parish Seniors have said over and over how the Denver Inner City Parish has changed their lives, has made a difference in their feeling better, getting healthier, and having hope. They receive a lot from the Parish – and they are giving in return, changing lives and giving so many other people hope and help.

Building a Better Colorado. Together.

The Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado believes that developing partnerships with nonprofits creates a deeper understanding that the fair and equal treatment of all people makes Colorado a more desirable place to live, work, and play. We support organizations like Denver Inner City Parish because they understand the value of inclusion and promote equality within their community. We work collaboratively with Colorado nonprofits, foundations, local government agencies, business owners, and individual allies to honor the diverse histories and experiences of Colorado's residents. Together, we build a better Colorado.

Over the last 15 years, the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado invested more than \$24.8 million in hundreds of high-impact nonprofits. Our mission is to create a Colorado where everyone is treated equally, and with respect.

Colorado is home to families with deep, multi-generational roots and families who relocate here in pursuit of a better quality of life. We believe all families have the right to thrive, and a goal of the Gay & Lesbian Fund is to support nonprofits that ensure quality in health and well-being for all Coloradans. We partner with organizations that devote their energy and expertise to eliminating disparities for Colorado's children, youth, and families. Their commitment to healthy families unlocks Colorado's highest potential, and creates a more vibrant state. In partnership with Denver Inner City Parish, the Gay & Lesbian Fund is building a Colorado founded on the health and vitality of everyone, from our youngest residents to our most mature, and everyone in between. Learn more about the Gay & Lesbian Fund at gayandlesbianfund.org.





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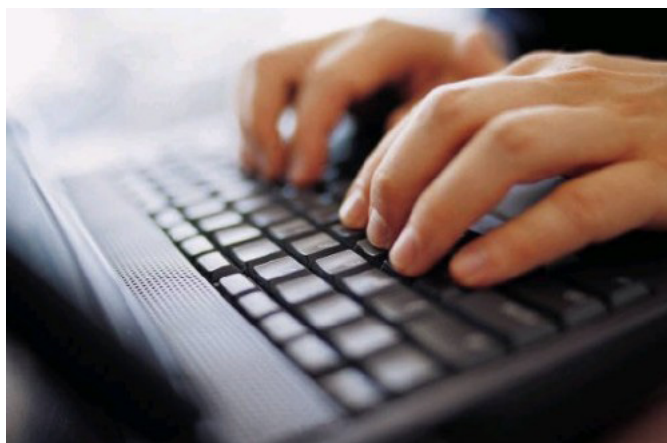
Needs List

DICP @ College View

- Cardio equipment
- Used books and magazines for our library
- A scale
- Wall clocks

Seniors Program

- King Soopers Gift Cards
- Digital camera – new
- Microphone and speakers
- Portable CD player – new or gently used
- Plastic storage bins



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