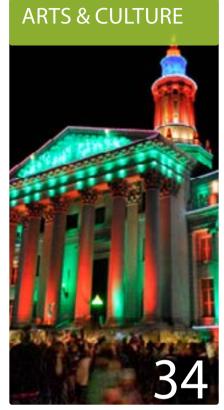


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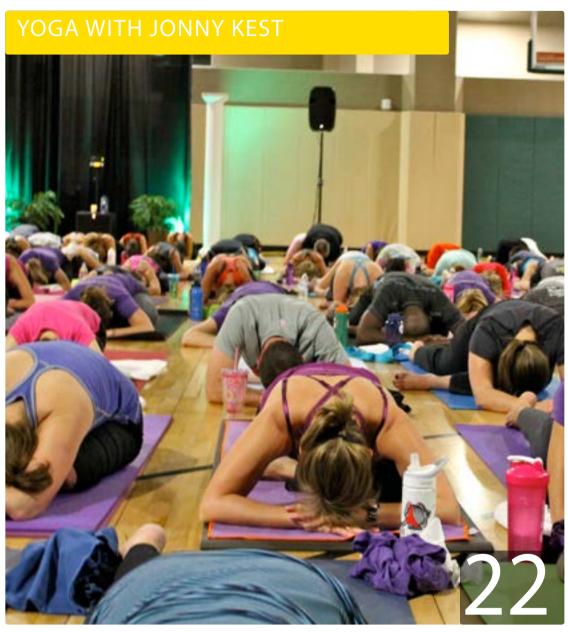
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pages full of selected events just for you













Events & Company magazine will help you to schedule your social calendar. This monthly publication provides you with nonprofit events including galas, benefits, and fundraisers to give you the absolute Denver experience and the chance to help others. Be sure to check out Event & Company's website for more upcoming events and photos.

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12 Days of Christmas

Follow the 12 Days of Christmas throughout this issue to find Nonprofit Organizations to donate to this Christmas.









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Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas, friends! The time of the year with high spirits, kindness, and positivity. The time of the year when families gather from wherever they may be to become whole again. The visions of decorated trees and holidays lights, the smells of gingerbread, cinnamon, Christmas trees, and sounds of carolers singing our favorite holiday songs. The joy of Christmas.

But... not everyone has these delights during the holiday season, and that's what we'll be focusing on in this issue of Events & Company.

Angel trees spring up during the holidays where people are encouraged to pick an angel from a tree and make that person's Christmas. Many angels have children's names with the age of the child, their gender, clothing size, favorite toys, and especially their needs.

Be sure to help someone in need this holiday and use our helpful guide throughout this issue to the lyrics of The 12 Days of Christmas to learn how and where to help!

Do you know the meaning behind the 12 Days of Christmas? I'm sure everyone knows this cheery song with a list of funny gifts from "my true love" but there is quite a serious meaning to the lyrics.

Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, were prohibited from any practice of their faith by law - private or public. "The 12 Days of Christmas" was written as one

of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith.

The song's gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person.

The other symbols include the following:

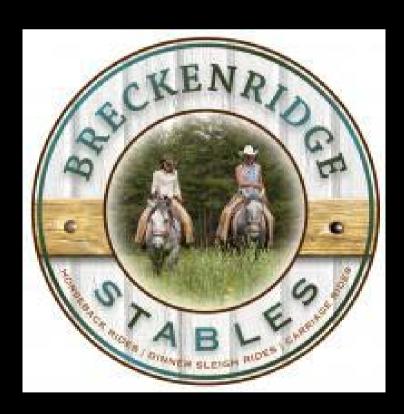
- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ
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 Testament, the "Pentateuch," which
 gives the history of man's fall from
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- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

May your Christmas be blessed!

Katharine and James







Call to schedule your sleigh ride! (970) 453-4438

On the first day of Christmas, a dear soul donated... a shoebox with lots of goodies ""

Adrian was just a small child when he was abandoned by his parents. He grew up in Ecuador thinking nobody loved him, and he encountered problems in school. His life was changed forever at age 12 when his aunt and uncle invited him to an Operation Christmas Child gift distribution at a local church. "There, I met Christ," Adrian said. "Now I know I'm not alone. God loves me and He loves me a lot. Thank you for the shoebox and the biggest gift of all, Jesus."





My name is Lida. I was born in St. Petersburg, Rússia. I wanted to share how special these shoeboxes can be for someone, because personally experienced this. The orphanage that I stayed at was sent shoeboxes at Christmas time. Usually for a normal Christmas at the orphanage all the children would receive candy. We were pleasantly surprised to find without candy a wrapped box, one for each of us. It consisted of toys and goodies for us to enjoy and other things greatly needed that the orphanage could not provide. Receiving the present and knowing that someone was thinking and praying for me specifically gave me so much happiness. God gives to some so that they can give to others. Thank you!

Give a Child in Need a Christmas with Operation Christmas Child

By Eliza Martinez

ou likely know that there are children in need year-round, but it's particularly hard to see needy kids when the holidays roll around. It's a magical time of new clothes, toys, tasty food and a stocking stuffed full of goodies. However, that's not the case for kids everywhere. If you want to leave a mark on a child and make this holiday an unforgettable memory, consider getting involved with Operation Christmas Child.

It's as easy as stuffing a shoebox. The idea behind Operation Christmas Child is to distribute uniformly sized boxes packed with fun gifts as well as needed items. The boxes are then delivered to kids in need. It's an easy and inexpensive way to make sure a child somewhere gets to celebrate Christmas with gifts and fun. The boxes are often delivered to parochial schools and churches, but you can also use any cardboard or plastic shoebox.

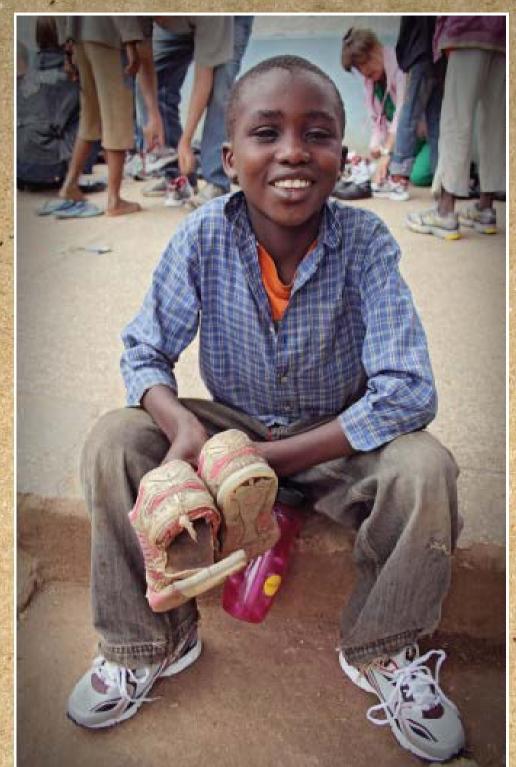
Run by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child has delivered over 100 million boxes to kids in more than 130 countries across the globe. Imagine living in poverty, but each year receiving a life-changing red and green box filled with necessities and toys. What a simple and heartfelt way to spread your blessings throughout the world.

Your first step is to decide whether you want to make a box for a boy or a girl. This will be clearly indicated on the box, so each child gets an appropriate box. You'll also mark the age category of the child you purchased items for. Then the fun begins! Now you get to fill the box with items that a child will open on the holidays.

It's important to be cautious regarding what you include since many of the boxes are shipped to countries at war or with strict religious rules. Avoid food, breakable items, toy weapons, medications, vitamins and aerosol cans. Other than that, you can stick in anything you think a child might like. Stuffed animals, crayons and coloring books, dolls, trucks, balls, musical instruments, stamps, writing pads with pencils, stickers and stamps with an inkpad are great ideas. You can also put in socks, t-shirts, sunglasses, hair accessories, a watch and a flashlight Toothpaste, a new toothbrush, soap and a washcloth are also perfect for kids. It's also requested that you include a \$7 donation to help cover the cost of shipping.

"The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ," says the organization's website.

You can't go wrong by getting involved with this wonderful charity to make sure kids everywhere learn the wonder of Christmas morning. If you'd like, host a packing party at your home and invite friends and family to come on over and pack a box with you. Ask each person to contribute some items and mix and match them to create the box of any child's dream. They won't forget it!









GIVE SHOES. GIVE LOVE. GIVE HOPE.

SOLES SOULS

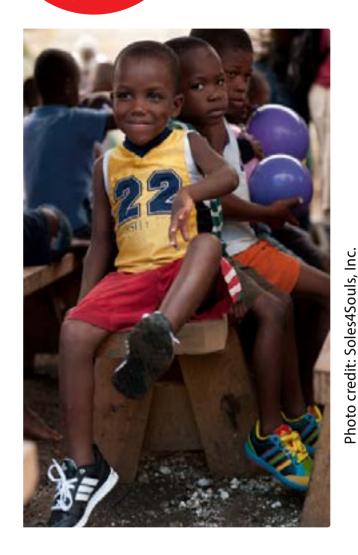
WEARING OUT POVERTY"

Visit us online at Soles4Souls.org to learn more.



YOU MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT YOU GET; YOU MAKE YOU GET; YOU MAKE GIVE. WINSTON CHURCHILL

On the second day of Christmas, a dear soul donated... two tennis shoes...

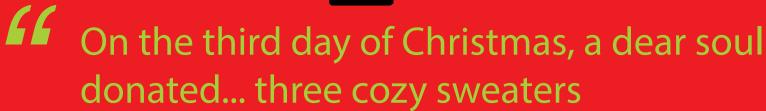




Soles for Souls

Soles4Souls is a global nonprofit institution dedicated to fighting the devastating impact and perpetuation of poverty. The organization advances its anti-poverty mission by collecting new and used shoes and clothes from individuals, schools, faith-based institutions, civic organizations and corporate partners, then distributing those shoes and clothes both via direct donations to people in need and by provisioning qualified micro-enterprise programs designed to create jobs in poor and disadvantaged communities.





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SANTA'S ELVES
Kids giving to kids



On the fourth day of Christmas, a dear soul donated... four lovable animals...

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Healing Tree Ministries was founded in 2007 by Jim and Peggy Underwood of Parker, Colorado. This organization is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation that offers hope to people struggling during the Christmas season and "spreads hope, one tree at a time" by providing 32-inch decorated table top fiber optic Christmas Trees to individuals. These trees include scriptures of encouragement from the Bible, as well as a salvation message, and the history of the Christmas Tree. The intended recipients of the Healing Trees include people in VA hospitals, nursing homes, conventional hospitals or hospices. Anyone that needs some extra encouragement, regardless of the circumstance, should have a Healing Tree this Christmas season.

After arriving towards the end of one of the Saturday decorating sessions, Jim informed me that 455 trees had been decorated that day, making a grand total of 5,000 Christmas trees that have been decorated by Healing Trees Ministries for the holidays! Amazing work Healing Tree Ministries!



"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction." Psalm 107: 19-20



From the Healing Tree Ministries website, here are a few stories of healing that the donated trees brought patients:

- A pregnant woman in the hospital who was confined to bed rest in order to keep her unborn child from a premature delivery shared that the "Healing Tree" brought encouragement to her as well as the hospital staff and doctors. She gave birth to a beautiful healthy child.
- A family at the Ronald McDonald House was extremely thankful for some Christmas away from home. They shared, "We were surprised to have our own little Christmas Tree. When the lights went out in our room, we enjoyed the peace and tranquility of the lights."
- An 87 year old legally blind woman refused to turn off her Healing Tree throughout the entire Christmas season because she could see the colors and it warmed her heart.



Homemade Christmas (A few ideas for wallet-friendly gifts



Cork Reindeer

Need: 2 wine corks sequins, beads, paint pipe cleaners wooden popsicle sticks inch-long nails hot glue



Cork Snowmen

Need: 2 champagne corks sequins, beads, paint, ribbon

Glue corks together with big ends together. Decorate your snowman.



Cork Ornaments

Need: Twine or string beads drill

Drill hole and run twine through the cork. Decorate with beads.



Cookie Mix in a Jar

Need: dry ingredients of favorite cookies

Layer in a jar with instructions to add eggs, vanilla, etc. Tie a pretty ribbon and ta da! A favorite treat for anyone this Christmas!



Snowflake Mix

Need:
rice & corn cereal squares
pretzels, peanuts, m&m's, candy cane
Melt a 12 oz. bag of white chocolate, pour
over mixture, sprinkle with broken candy
cane. Allow to cool and break apart.



Peppermint Bark

Need:
bag of white chocolate
candy canes
Melt chocolate, spread on a lined cookie
sheet, and sprinkle with candy cane pieces.
Allow to cool and break apart.



On the sixth day of Christmas, a dear soul donated... six Dolls for Daughters...







n 2007, Jessica Bachus started Dolls for Daughters, after her daughter Kenzi was stillborn. She created an annual holiday Toy Drive for Colorado children who would not otherwise have toys during the holidays. Today, Dolls for Daughters collects more than 4,000 toys each year to distribute to Colorado children.

Jessica collected over 150 dolls the first year; in 2008, over 500 dolls were collected; in 2009, over 1,000 and the year Dolls for Daughters and Kenzi's Kidz became a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. In 2010, more than 4,000 dolls and toys were given away to many Denver families. 2011 was Dolls for Daughters most successful year so far, giving away 8,080 new toys to boys and girls in our community and 44 new toys to children in Colorado Springs.

The FACTS from 2012:

- * 23,912 new items were given away to children in need because of Dolls for Daughters and Kenzi's Kidz (toys, stocking stuffers, books/bookmarks, and toothbrush/toothpaste kits)
- * 23,096 new items were given away at the 3rd Annual Dolls for Daughters and Toys for Boys Toys Shop on December 8, 2012
- * 902 families were served
- * 70% of these families make \$15,000 or less a year
- * 55% of these families have 3-5 children between the ages of 0 and 18
- * 70% of these families receive government assistance
- *Our Toy Shop was staffed by over 200 volunteers

Tunes of the City who's playing • when • where







Music in December

1St Drums of the World.
Boettcher Concert Hall. 2:30pm

6th Third Eye Blind. Gothic Theatre. 7:00pm

6-7th Colorado Choir Christmas Concert. Augustana Lutheran Church. 7:30pm

6-8th A Gilbert and Sullivan Christmas Carol.
Denver School of Arts. 7:30pm

8th Jefferson Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert. Colorado School of Mines -Green Center. 3:00pm 11-13th Joel Kachel. Lila B. Lounge, Greenwood Village. 7:30pm 13-14th
"Comfort and Joy" A
Capella Christmas Concert.
Newman Center for the
Performing Arts. 7:30pm

15th A Salzburg Christmas: Echoes of Christmas Past.
Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church. 3:00pm

20th Noels & New Year. Denver Philharmonic Orchestra. KPOF Hall. 1340 Sherman Street. 7:30pm

20-22nd colorado Christmas. Boettcher Concert Hall. 20th @ 7:30pm. 21st @ 2:30 and 6:00. 22nd @ 2:30pm.

21-22nd The Brass of Christmas Past. Newman Center for the Performing Arts. 7:30pm

22nd Tuba Christmas. Skyline Park. 1:00pm

26-27th Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue.
Odgen Theatre. 9:00pm

27th Jim Brickman. Lincoln Center. 7:30pm

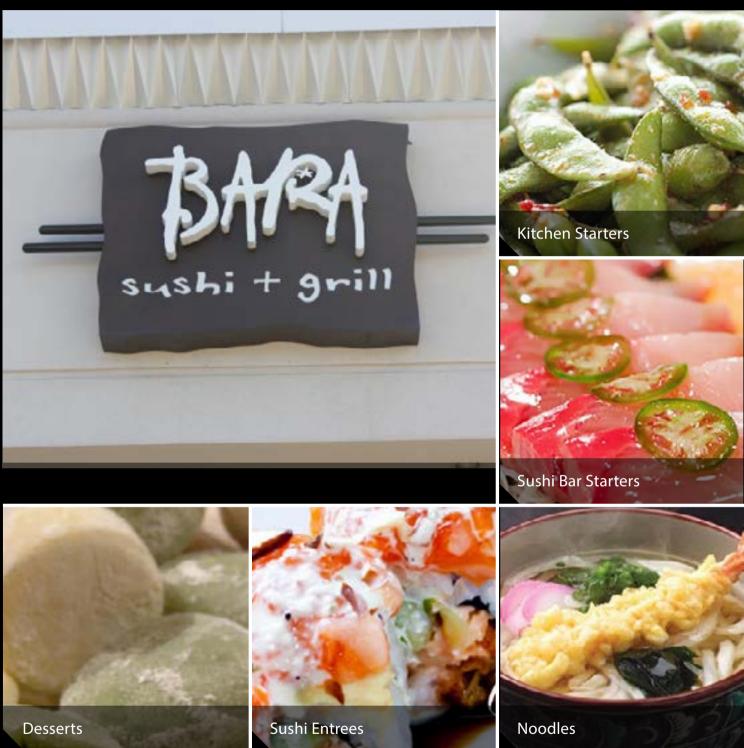
31st A Night in Vienna.
Boettcher Concert Hall. 6:30pm

31st Big Head Todd.
Paramount Theatre. 9:30pm

BARA SUSHI + GRILL

Join us for Happy Hour Monday-Friday 4:00-5:30pm Saturday and Sunday 2:30-5:30pm



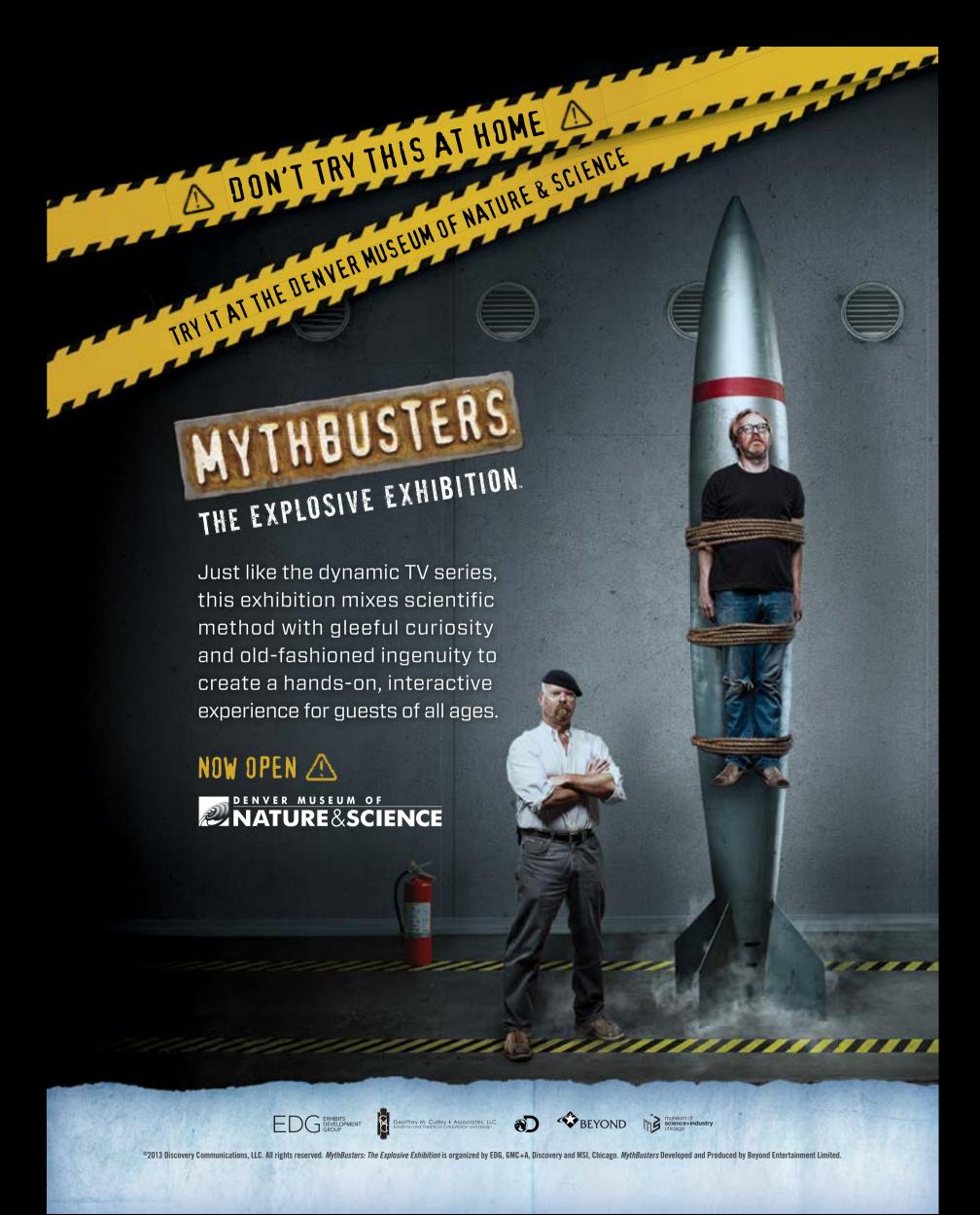


Free Delivery

Starters starting at \$3

Happy Hours

Sushi starting at \$1.75/pc



The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much.

Henry David Thoreau

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15

Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.

Washington Irving

HELPFUL HEARTS

Can't attend any of the events? There are many ways that you can be a Helpful Heart.

Please send your story and we'll feature it.

December Benefits

Raise your Glass, Raise your Voice

Dec. 2nd Raise your Glass, Raise your Voice - Wine Pairing. 6:30pm at Marlowes downtown restaurant is pairing heavy appetizers with wine in this holiday-inspired party. Find gifts for others (or yourself!) during our auction, and support the organization that helps put your favorite people—our vendors—to work.

All proceeds benefit the Denver VOICE. Tickets \$50 | VIP tickets \$100

Minoru Yasui Community Service Award

Dec. 5th _{37th} Annual Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award. 11:00am at Denver Marriott Tech Center. The mission of the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award (minyasui.org) is to encourage volunteerism by celebrating the voluntary achievements of individuals whose efforts may not otherwise be recognized.

Each month of the year (except December), the Awards Committee selects one outstanding volunteer for this special recognition. The Award includes a ceremony honoring their service, a plaque, a mayoral proclamation, and a monetary award to the nonprofit organization of each recipient's choice.

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White Christmas Ball

Dec. 7th The 4th Annual 1940's White Christmas Ball. Join us this Christmas for an unforgettably magical 40's holiday party that will bring back all the warmth & nostalgia of a more simple time! Experience an enchanting evening of dancing with your sweetheart (or meet one!), amidst WWII planes & vehicles, movie set lights & props, reenactors, sleighs, Christmas trees, a canopy of lights & The Queen City Jazz Band, one of the most sought after big bands! Also, a very special performance and 50's dance party with the 50's Queen of Rock, Wanda Jackson!

Winter Fête

Dec. 7th Denver Active
20-30 is proud to present Winter
Fête, Denver's premier annual
winter party benefiting Christmas
for Kids. 7:30pm at the Edge
Restaurant- Four Seasons Hotel,
1111 14th Street. Complimentary
adult beverages, appetizers and
fine chocolates, step and repeat
photo entry, Denver's best DJs,
and loads of surprises...

The 2013 Christmas for Kids fundraiser is an event sponsored and coordinated through the Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation. This event provides underprivileged Denver area children the opportunity to share holiday gifts with others, which many wouldn't otherwise be able to experience.





The only blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart.

Helen Keller

Joy is a sign of generosity.

When you are full of joy, you move faster and you want to go about doing good to everyone.

MOTHERTERESA

Howard Dental Center's Annual Art Auction

Dec. 14th Howard Dental Centers' Annual Art Auction - 300+ Museum Quality Works to be sold. 6:00pm at Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Co 80203. One of the largest art auctions in the western U.S. in decades will feature more than 300 works from more than 30 local and international artists in one gala evening. Bidding will take place online and from the estimated 500 people in attendance.

Much of the projected proceeds of \$200,000 will go to Howard Dental Center, the premier oral health organization serving people living with HIV/AIDS in Colorado. The event will feature work from Europe, Africa and the Americas, modern and ancient that is museum quality. In addition, the event will feature performance art by Carbondale Colorado and internationally renowned artist, Majid Kahhak, who has painted many celebrities and sports personalities.

Uncork for a Cause

Dec. 16th Uncork for a Cause with Eric Decker, 6:30pm at Four Seasons Hotel Denver. Join some of your favorite athletes and celebrities to help the people, communities, and organizations that have supported them along the way. This exclusive gathering features the release party for Golden, a fantastic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Guests will also enjoy an enticing menu prepared by Executive Chef Simon Purvis and Four Season's award-winning kitchen, plus an auction packed with Broncos gear, Rockies game used jerseys and other local and national sports items, fine wine lots and VIP tour opportunities from many of California's elite producers.

Benefits Freedom Service Dogs, a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by rescuing dogs and custom training them for individual client needs. Clients include children, veterans and active duty soldiers, and other adults. Their disabilities include Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury, Cerebral Palsy, spinal cord injuries, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

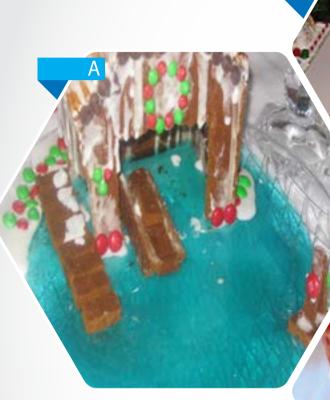
White Rose Gala

Dec. 31st The White Rose Gala NYE 2014. 9:00pm at Hyatt DTC. \$59 GA, \$99 VIP. Great Gatsby / Roaring 20s Theme. Ladies don your flapper dresses, sequins, and fedoras for NYE. The White Rose Gala will be a night of living theater where everyone is part of wondrous musical and theatrical performance. Take in the spectacular beauty of the \$7 million event space renovation as you are immersed in the story of the Great Gatsby. Make 2014 New Year's one that is unforgettable!

Benefits Women's Global Empowerment
Fund, which provides women in northern
Uganda access to microcredit loans,
business and leadership development
training, literacy, and health initiatives.
Our objective is to provide women with
the framework necessary to create viable
opportunities for themselves and their
families. Through proven grassroots
strategies, marginalized women are given
the tools necessary to alleviate poverty and
thus facilitate sustainable development,
self-determination, leadership
opportunities and empowerment.



Gingerbread houses



A. Water

To create water for a pond, melting sugar in water and add blue food coloring.

1 cup granulated cane sugar 1/3 cup hot water 1/3 cup light com syrup 1/2 teaspoon liquid food color 1/2 teaspoon oil-based flavoring (if desired)

Combine sugar, hot water and corn syrup in a heavy saucepan. Place on high heat and stir with a wooden spoon until all sugar crystals are dissolved. Wash down sides of pan with a pastry brush dipped in hot water. Clip on thermometer. Continue cooking, without stirring, to 290F, then remove from heat. Entire cooking process takes about ten minutes.

B. Roof

Make a thatched roof by using shredded wheat cereal.

C. Red Brick

Create the look of bricks by cutting equal size pieces of Big Red chewing gum.

D. Icicles

Create icicles dripping from the roof or windows by allowing icing to drip.

E. Christmas Trees

Cover an ice cream cone with green icing and place Red Hots candy to make ornaments

F. Coconut grass

Use dried shredded coconut, color with green food coloring, and sprinkle around your gingerbread house to create grass.



Gingerbread

(Day 1)
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. allspice
1/8 tsp. cloves
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
2/3 cup molasses
1 egg

Mix flour, salt, baking power, ginger, allspice, cloves, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Add molasses, egg, and oil. Chill overnight.

(Day 2)

1/2 cup oil

Preheat oven to 300°. Oil a 12x18in. jelly roll pan with 1/4 cup oil. Evenly roll dough out to fill the pan entirely. Bake 35 minutes.

While still hot, lay pattern pieces of your gingerbread house, and cut shapes. Allow to cool on racks.

(Day 3)

Royal Icing "glue"

3 cups (1 pound) sifted confectioner's sugar

2 egg white

Beat sugar with egg whites until thick and smooth. Adjust as needed. Keep damp with wet cloth but do not refrigerate.

Construct your gingerbread home! Allow to dry overnight.

(Day 4) DECORATE YOUR GINGERBREAD HOME!





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"THE GAME BALL GOES TO JACK DEL RIO" John Elway



Jack Del Rio is the Broncos' interim head coach/defensive coordinator, a position he was named to on Nov. 4, 2013. He is in his second season as defensive coordinator for the Denver Broncos in 2013. He was named to that position on Feb. 6, 2012. A coaching veteran of 16 seasons, including a nine-year stretch as head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars from 2003-11, Del Rio is the defensive coordinator for the second time under Head Coach John Fox, as the two spent the 2002 season together in Carolina.

DENVER BRONCOS PEYTON MANNING

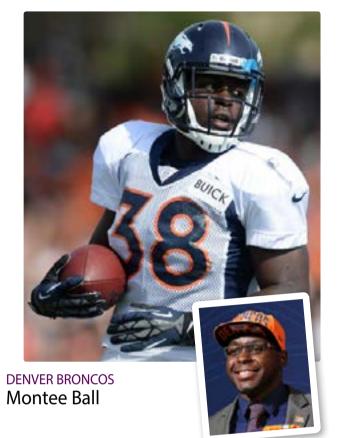
Turned in his 24th career four-touchdown game to set a new league record, Passed Dan Marino for second place on the NFL's all-time psasing yardage list after passing for 414 yards and four touchdowns at Dal. (10/6). Completed 29-of-49 passes for 386 yards with three touchdowns and one interception in his first career game at Ind. (10/20). Engineered his 50th career gamewinning drive in the fourth quarter or overtime, extending his NFL record in that category vs. Was. (10/27). Broke his own Broncos single-season touchdown record after throwing for 403 yards with five touchdowns at K.C. (12/1) to increase his season total to 41 touchdown passes.





DENVER BRONCOS ERIC DECKER

Decker led all players and set a career high with nine receptions, finishing with 87 yards in Denver's Week 2 win at NYG (9/15)... Finished one catch and three yards shy of career highs after posting eight receptions for 133 yards, including a career-long 61-yard catch, and a touchdown on Monday Night Football vs. Oak. (9/23)... Caught a team-long 57-yard pass and hauled in a 2-yard touchdown catch at Dal. (10/6).



Selected by the Broncos in the second round (58th overall) of the 2013 NFL Draft. Ball ran for a career-best 61 yards on 11 carries in Denver's Week 3 win vs. Oak. (9/23). A running back who started 32-of-49 games at the University of Wisconsin and totaled 5,140 rushing yards while setting the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision career scoring record (500 pts.). Finished his collegiate career as the NCAA FBS active leader in carries (924), rushing yards (5,140), rushing touchdowns (77) and total touchdowns (82). Named the 2012 Doak Walker Award winner after finishing sixth in the nation with 130.7 rushing yards per game and earned firstteam All-America and All-Big Ten Conference recog- nition for the second consecutive season. Finished as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in 2011 after leading the nation with 1,923 rushing yards and tying Barry Sanders' NCAA singleseason record with 39 total touchdowns (33 rushing, 6 receiving).



Denver Broncos Schedule

Dec 1 @ 11:00am v. Chiefs (away)
Dec 8 @ 2:05pm v. Titans (home)
Dec 12 @ 6:25pm v. Chargers (home)
Dec 22 @ 11:00am v. Texans (away)
Dec 29 @ 2:25pm v. Radiers (away)







Museum After Dark

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

riday, November 8th, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science opened its doors to guest to travel across the universe in the 10th anniversary of the Museum's awardwinning exhibition, Space Odyssey. The gala is the museum's premier fundraiser for scholarships, onsite classes, labs, tours, and teacher professional development. Guests were given the opportunity to wander the exhibits and dine in one of the museum exhibits set up for dinner.

Upon sitting in the Australia exhibit with animals watching as we dined on mushroom-crusted beef tenderloin and seared shrimp accompanied by green chili sweet potato gratin, Event Chair, John Freyer, welcomed all explaining the exhibits were created with the help of the previous year's donations.

After dinner, the excitement was taken to the first floor where the After Dark Soiree began at 9:00pm with entertainment by The Fab Four, a Beatles Tribute Band.



The Fab Four - Beatles Tribute Band

On the seventh day of Christmas, a dear soul donated... seven auction items





On the eighth day of Christmas, a dear soul donated... eight warm gloves

Giving back Christmas Denver Children's Home makes holiday

wishes come true for those who need it most

BY DAVE REVERE

Not everyone feels cheery about Christmas. Many of us associate the season with painful or traumatic memories. The folks at the Denver Children's Home consider it a shame that a celebration of giving and togetherness should be stolen from so many. They're giving you an opportunity to do something about it this holiday season.

DCH, Colorado's oldest nonprofit, works with mental health issues and trauma for children ages 10 to 18. For many of the 65 kids currently at the home, the holidays bring only vivid memories of loss, abandonment and abuse. The Adopt a Child and Adopt a Family holiday programs invite the Denver community to fulfill Christmas wishes and remind these children they are not alone.

"We do everything that we can as an organization to make the holidays as special as possible for our kids, but some don't even have anything to compare it to," says Lindsay Leuthold, DCH Development Director. "Even worse than this are our children who have been taken from their homes for one reason or another. These kids experience even more stress and anxiety because they have spent the holidays in a 'forever' home but are not there this holiday season."

For the Adopt a Child program, each child fills out a wish list of five items (no more than \$30 an item) which they rank in order of desire. The lists are sent to donors who purchase and return the items to DCH by Dec. 13. The gifts are wrapped and presented to the children on Christmas morning.

"We have a few 'true' orphans in our care," says Leuthold. "These children have never known what a family holiday looks or feels like. They've never woken up in a loving home on Christmas morning to find presents under the tree. We do everything in our power to remind our kids how special they are by letting the community truly embrace them and shine some extra happiness into their hearts during the holidays."

The idea works the same for the Adopt a Family program which serves families receiving services from the home. Each family member gets three wishes, and donors provide all the items. Nearly all the home's children come from families whose household income falls below the poverty line, so this can mean the difference between presents or no presents.

"I have witnessed parents cry when receiving their holiday gifts," says Leuthold. "This is not just because they are receiving gifts for themselves, but because their children are receiving gifts that they would not have been able to provide."

For those of us who struggle to get into the holiday spirit, DCH invites us to reclaim Christmas for ourselves as well. It's a chance reach out to children in our community and believe in something bigger than our own problems.

"Our kids are incredibly resilient and have been through unspeakable situations that no one should ever have to encounter, but they are here," says Leuthold. "...all they need is someone to believe in them and support them through the process. A contribution to DCH truly does change a life because it allows our kids to regain an understanding of their self-worth so they can eventually leave us and do great things."

To adopt a child or a family for Christmas, visit denverchildrenshome. org, or call 720.881.3366.







Friday Dec. 13

Rebelution follows opener MiMOSA presented by Pepsi

Saturday Dec. 14

Big Head Todd and The Monsters, presented by Bud Light, with Matisyahu





Charity By Design is the heart and soul of Alex and Ani. Carolyn works closely with organizations in creating a unique design that embodies the message and reflects the beauty of each charitable organization. We believe profoundly that people everywhere are anxious to participate in creating change and empowering those who so clearly need assistance. By allowing consumers to enter the charitable world through their purchases, we believe a new generation of philanthropists will emerge.

ts extensive holdings, many originally purchased by Madame Clicquot, stretch throughout the top-rated areas of the Champagne region and are exceptional in size and quality. As in madame Clicquot's day, bottles age in the House's vast, vaulted cellars in Reims, portions of which were constructed some 2,000 years ago by the Romans.

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CALENDAR

December 2013



December 6 - January 5

Zoo Lights at Denver Zoo

5:30pm-9pm. Take a stroll through Denver Zoo's Zoo Lights. You'll "oooh" and "ahhh" over our 38 brilliantlyilluminated acres of lights and more than 150 animated animal sculptures. Enjoy entertainment throughout the night while you beat the cold by enjoying some warm treats.



December 1-28

Colorado Ballet presents The Nutcracker

Ellie Caulkins Opera House. The Nutcracker features unforgettable characters as well as dazzling costumes and scenery by José Varona. This seasonal tradition will feature classic choreography paired with Tchaikovsky's extraordinary arrangement performed live by the Colorado Ballet Orchestra.



December 6-7

A Classic Parker Holiday at the PACE Center

7:30pm. Performed by your hometown artists, the Parker Symphony Orchestra and the Parker Chorale, this delightful concert of famous seasonal selections is sure to get the entire family in the holiday mood.



December 6-7

Downtown Parade of Lights

9NEWS Parade of Lights continues to be the signature event in Downtown Denver during the holidays. Sparkling lights, marching bands, giant balloons, dazzling floats and delightful characters take the streets of Downtown. Spectator viewing for the Parade is free all along the twomile route.



December 7

America's Got Talent Auditions

8:00am at Colorado Convention Center. Open to any age and any talent nothing is off limits. We enjoy all talent, whether you are an amazing singer, or can do something really weird with your body. We want to be shocked and amazed by what you can do in 90 seconds!



December 7

Four Mile Historic Park: Hale Bales & Tall Tales

Join for "Once There Was a Tree" by Natalia Romanova with Tin-Punch Ornament Making activity to follow!



December 7-8

53rd Annual Georgetown Christmas Market

Free Admission. Visit Georgetown on the first two weekends of December for an old world Christmas in quaint Georgetown. Georgetown hosts this outdoor European-inspired Market featuring handcrafted gifts, horse-drawn wagon rides, free admission, carolers, roasted chestnuts, and Christmas tours.



December 13-14

Candy Cane Festival

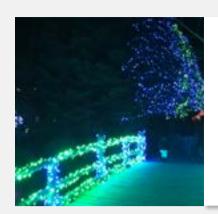
Hammond's Candies is hosting the 13th annual Candy Cane Festival! Fun activities for the whole family. 10:00am. Take a tour of our factory, enjoy many carnival games, crafts and bouncy houses, and take your photo with Santa.



December 13

Christmas Lights of Historic Denver by bus

\$36/members, \$46/nonmembers.Come enjoy the history and beauty of Denver's holiday lights with History Colorado! We begin at the Byers-Evans House Museum to learn how the Evans family celebrated Christmas over a hundred years ago. Then it's all aboard a comfortable, heated bus as we follow the twinkling lights.



December 1-January 1

Blossoms of Lights at Denver Botanic Gardens

5:30pm. Embrace the holiday season at Blossoms of Light. Over one million colorful lights draped in elegant designs highlight the Gardens winter beauty. Enjoy sparkling passages, brand new displays and romantic mistletoe kissing spots, as well as the always anticipated HoloSpex glasses.



December 10-22

Cirque Dreams Holidaze

7:30pm at Buell Theatre. An international cast of more than 30 multi-talented and brilliantly costumed artists come perform astonishing feats of disbelief. Gingerbread men flip mid air, toy soldiers march on thin wires, snowmen daringly balance, icemen powerfully sculpt, penguins spin, puppets dance and reindeer soar high above a landscape of wonderment.



December 14-15

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December 19

Cherry Creek Business Women's Network Holiday Event

5:30pm at Elway's of Cherry Creek. Join us for CCBWN's Annual Decenber Event Welcoming Winter and the Holiday season and benefiting The Delores Project. We will have door prizes and appetizers from the Holiday menu.



December 19-22

The Nutcracker of Parker

7:30 at PACE Center. Colorado School of Dance, Douglas County's premier dance school, presents its annual magical production of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic. The ballet includes local casting combined with professional dancers and professional backdrops and sets. It's a Parker Family Christmas tradition!



December 20-29

12 1/2 days of XMas Live!

5:00pm at MCA Denver. MCA Denver is proud to announce the full line-up for 12 ½ Days of Xmas LIVE! All performances are FREE with museum admission. Performances will take place at 5PM weekdays and NOON on Saturday & Sunday.



December 31

Denver's Grandest New Year's Eve Party - Co-Sponsered by MIX 100 FM

8:00pm at Grand Hyatt Denver Downtown. Enjoy open bar with premium pour, admission to four areas of entertainment, buffet dinner, party hats and favors and balloon drops galore. Featuring The Nacho Men, Denver's Best Dueling Piano Bar, a Premier Dance Party and Karaoke. Party only tickets \$149 per person.



December 31

New Year's Eve Gala

7:30pm at PACE center. The PACE
Renaissance Guild invites you to an
evening you will not soon forget. Join us to
welcome 2014 with a night of rousing fun
and celebration. There will be foods from
different locales, signature drinks, a New
Year's Eve toast, dancing to a live band, and
fireworks at midnight.



December 31

Sheraton Denver Downtown: Party with a Purpose

7:00pm. Every year, Colorado residents are faced with some sort of natural disaster or tragedy. Sheraton Denver Downtown has partnered with a local charity to aide our community. Join us at our 1st annual "Party with a Purpose" New Year's Eve Ball. Enjoy a sophisticated evening of cuisine with our renowned culinary team while partying with Colorado's Funk Sensation, Funkiphino.



December 31

New Year's Eve Fireworks

To welcome the arrival of 2014, the New Year's Eve Fireworks Downtown will once again fill the skies twice during the evening. The first show, at 9:00 .m. will entertain families and others looking for an early celebration, while the second show officially marks the start of the New Year at midnight. The two fireworks programs are identical.



Family Fun Museums

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80205

Hours: Monday-Sunday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

(303) 322-7009

2 Denver Art Museum

100 W 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204

Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm

(720) 865-5000





Wings Over the Rockies

Air and Space Museum

7711 E Academy Blvd #1, Denver, CO 80230

Hours:

Monday-Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday 12:00-5:00pm

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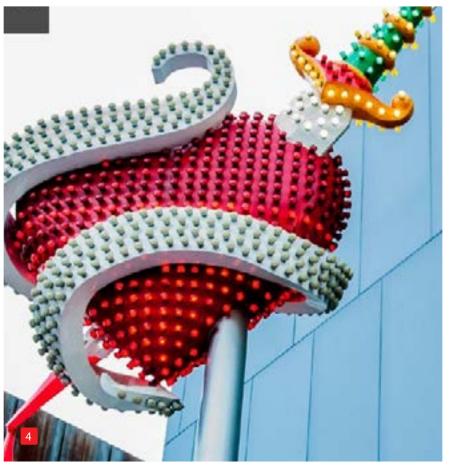
4 Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

1485 Delgany St, Denver, CO 80202

Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 12:00–7:00 pm Friday12:00–9:00 pm Saturday-Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

(303) 298-7554



Arts & Culture

Art Shows held in December

Denver Art Museum
December 5 at 6:30pm. The 33rd annual
Collectors' Choice, the Denver Art
Museum's elegant black-tie fundraising

gala. This year's event will celebrate the past and future of the Petrie Institute of Western American Art by honoring Tom Petrie, Jim Wallace and Henry Roath.

4 Actasana Acting, Yoga, & Theatre December 6 - 22. Two for the Seesaw. Playwright William Gibson's first major hit on Broadway, Two for the Seesaw, opened in 1958. The play was made into a film three years later with Robert Mitchum and Shirley MacLaine taking over the roles.

2 City Hall Amphitheatre.

December 5 at 7:00pm. RAWards 2013. RAW:natural born artists is an international independent arts organization that hand-selects and spotlights independent creatives in visual art, film, fashion, music, hair & makeup artistry, photography, models and performing art.

5 Denver Art Museum

December 15. Drawn to Action. The environment, literacy, peace, and equality are just a few of the subjects that designers tackle in Drawn to Action: Posters from the AIGA Design Archives. With a touch of humor or with straightforward solemnity, the 35 posters in this exhibition demonstrate the inventive techniques designers use to provoke action.

3 VFW Post 2461

December 6 at 4:00pm. Holiday Mancraft. Begin your seasonal shopping with a dose of testosterone at Holiday Mancraft; a group of creative men who will gather for one night to show you what they are made of and what they make. This year's event boasts even more man-made items with 40+ vendors and is open to everyone as the gift selection appeals to all genders and ages.

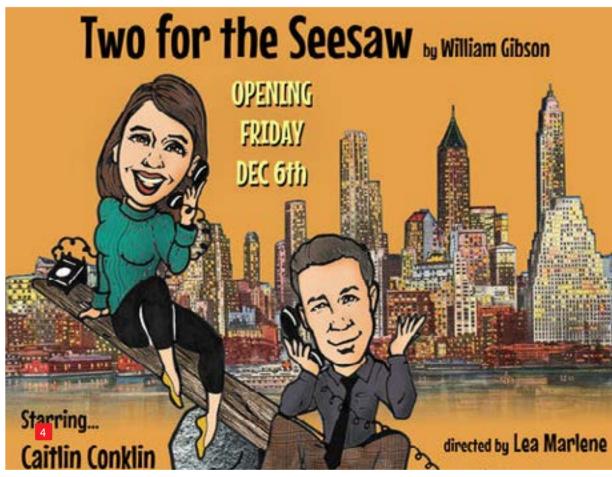
6 Alliance Francaise de Denver

December 12. 6:00pm. Café des Arts; Art nouveau: Arts and Crafts Movement in Europe. Local artist, Frederick Pichon, will present a lecture on this interesting topic followed by a discussion and Q & A. Synopsis: At the end of the 19th century, France, as well as England and Germany, face a renewal of Arts and techniques led by the industrial revolution that hinge tradition into modernity.





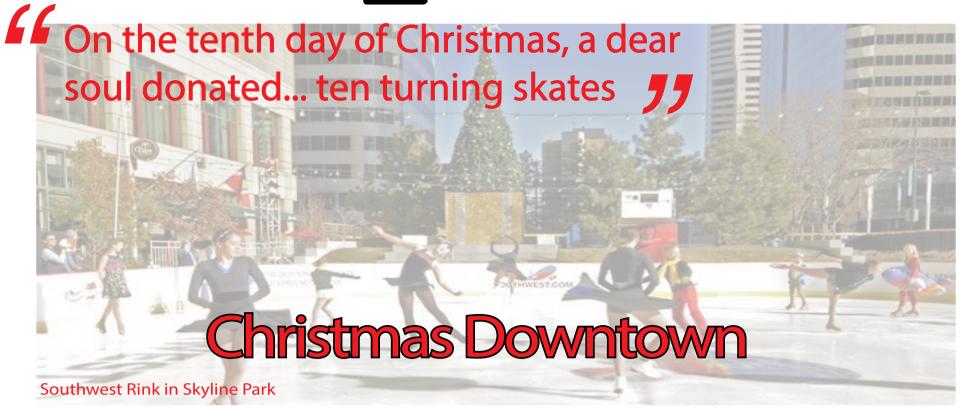












Above: Skating at the Southwest Rink at Skyline Park in Downtown Denver.

The Southwest Rink is located in Skyline Park next to the historic Daniels and Fisher Clock tower and near the intersection of 16th and Arapahoe streets. Skating is free to the public with the option to bring skates or rent a pair for just \$2.

"The opening of the Southwest Rink at Skyline Park during Thanksgiving is quickly becoming a Denver tradition and a favorite event of mine to kick off the holiday season," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. "The Denver Spirit is showcased in the collaboration among Southwest Airlines, the Downtown Denver Partnership and Denver Parks and Recreation that provides such a fun, inexpensive winter activity for friends and families alike in Downtown Denver."

Last year, the Southwest Rink at Skyline Park welcomed more than 42,000 skaters—more than 11,000 people over the inaugural season. The Rink also saw eight marriage proposals, 24 broomball teams, 12 occasions of live music, and 2,728 fun giveaways for different events. The Rink is made possible by a public-private partnership among the DDP, City of Denver Parks and Recreation Department, and Southwest Airlines.

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

--Charles Dickens

(Courtesy of Southwest Airlines)

Lights around the city December 6 - January 5th - Lights at the at Denver Zoo December 6 & 7 - Parade of Lights - downtown Denver



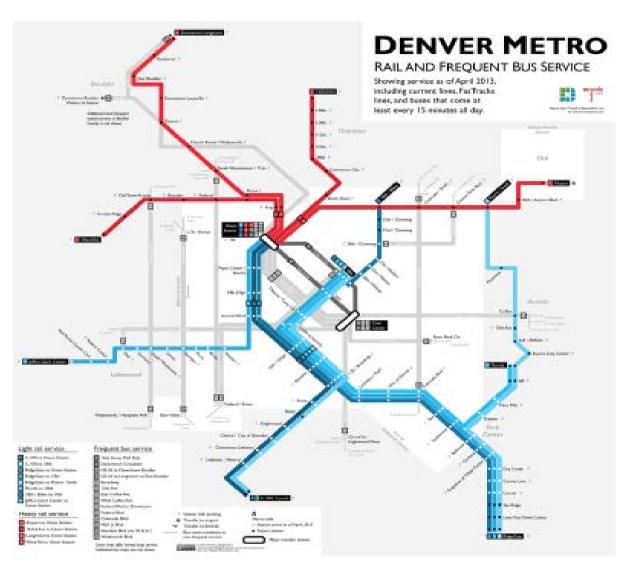
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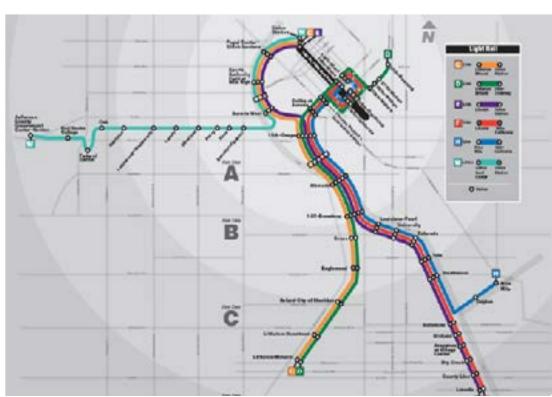




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Greg Anderson, President and chief executive officer of Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum



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Hostess/emcee Amelia Earhart

Air and Space Museum is no doubt one that will be remembered as was the Spreading Wings Gala on November 16th honoring astronaut Buzz Aldrin and world-renowned astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson. Amelia Earhart was the hostess and emcee welcoming over 650 guests, including special guests Congressman Mike Coffman and retired Colonel Greg Johnson, executive director of the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS).

Honoree Buzz Aldrin was unable to attend due to a recent illness and being advised not to travel. The evening included a video tribute to Buzz Aldrin along with a video tribute to Colorado astronaut Scott Carpenter. Space Foundation CEO Elliot Pulham led a discussion with Dr. Tyson via Skype as he responded to questions from the audience. He entertained guests with lively and engaging responses to questions about the critical issues in space travel and study—using illustrations from Greek mythology and even the television series, "Family Guy."

All proceeds from the Spreading Wings Gala benefitted Wings Over the Rockies and its Spreading Wings youth education programs. Thanks to the sponsors: United Launch Alliance, Lockheed Martin, Information Handling Services, Ball Aerospace & Technologies, AECOM and Arta Tequila.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, a dear soul donated...



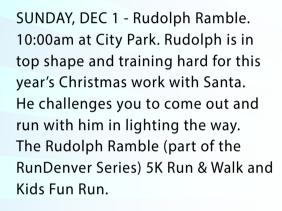
DEC 7 - FA LA LA 5K, 10K, Half Marathon



Dec 8 - Jingle Bell Run/Walk

eleven spiritfilled runs

Guide to December 5ks and Marathons



SATURDAY, DEC 7 - Santa Speedo
Dash. 12:30pm at Mead St. Station. A
one mile run for all abilities. Dashers
are encouraged to wear their favorite
speedos with creative holiday flair.
The race will begin and end at Mead
St. Station in the Highlands and
registration will include a Santa Hat,
pre-dash Mrs.Claus shooter, and a
finish line cold beer at Mead St. for
your reward!

SUNDAY, DEC 7 - FA LA LA 5K, 10K & Half Marathon. 9:00am at Westminster's City Park is located at 10455 Sheridan Blvd. Westminister, CO. Deck

your halls again this season with some sweet race SWAG from All-Out Multisport! New for 2013 with a 10K & Half Marathon, and centrally located between Denver & Boulder just a mile off US-36 at Westminster's award winning City Park. The majesty of our breathtaking Flatirons as a backdrop will inspire you every step of the way along the Big Dry Creek Trail... well known as a Colorado favorite.

SUNDAY, DEC 8 - Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. 10:00am at Washington Park. Wear a holiday themed costume. Tie jingle bells to your shoelaces. Raise funds to fight arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. Run or walk a 5 kilometer route with your team members and celebrate the season by giving.

SATURDAY, DEC 14 - The Stocking Shuffle 5K. 10:00am at Washburn Field, Colorado College, Colorado Springs.



Dec 7 - Speedo Dash



Dec 1 - Rudolph Ramble

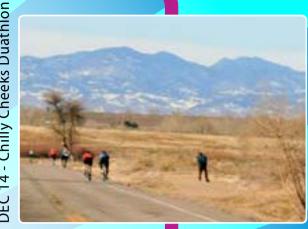


DEC 31 - Resolution 5K

DEC 14 - Stocking Shuffle



DEC 14 - Chilly Cheeks Duathlon



SATURDAY, DEC 14 - Chilly Cheeks Duathlon. Cherry Creek Reservoir. 10:00am. The Chilly Cheeks Duathlon Series is composed of 3 events - each with a different format. Each race is comprised of approximately 4 miles of running on paved roads, bike paths, and dirt trails. There will also be approximately 10 miles of paved cycling in each race.

SATURDAY, DEC 14 - The Santa Stampede. 9:00am. A flat and fast 5K and 10K held along the banks of the scenic South Platte River in Littleton, Colorado.

SATURDAY, DEC 21 - Christmas Carole Classic. 5K, 10K, & Tiny Tim 1K. City Park at 9:00am. The 3rd annual Christmas Carol Classic 5K/10K & Tiny Tim 1K! Be part of this themed event in the true spirit of the Holiday Season and engage in the Gift of Giving to Denver Children's Home.

SATURDAY, DEC 21 - Ugly Sweater Run 5K. 20th and Market Street at 11:00am. The run is approximately 3.1 miles long on city streets and through

parks depending on the city. The start line will have huge inflatables, photo stations, and awesome holiday music. Once you're on the course, you'll find holiday themed stations at every mile. You can ditch that Gatorade because you'll be able to replenish those electrolytes at the good ol' fashioned hot chocolate station on the course.

MONDAY, DEC 31 - Resolution 5K Run. CSU campus Fort Collins. This 5K evening race is a celebration of New Year's Eve in Northern Colorado with all proceeds benefiting KRFC 88.9 FM, Fort Collins Community Radio. This race is designed to be both a competitive run and a fun family event with a kid's run, prizes for best costume, and awards to finishers.

MONDAY, DEC 31 - Resolution 5K. Washington Park at 5:00pm. Join hundreds at Washington Park to bid 2013 farewell. This event has been a New Year's Eve tradition for many Denver runners and walkers for 28 years.

DEC 14 - Santa Stampede 5K/10K



DEC 21 - Christmas Carole Classic 5K, 10K, 1K



DEC 31 - Resolution 5K





DEC 21 - Ugly Sweater Run 5k



3rd Annual High Pollers for Health & Hope

roject C.U.R.E.'s High Rollers for Health and Hope was held Friday, November 22nd at the Grand Hyatt Denver. Project C.U.R.E. provides medical facilities with tools required to meet the rigorous demands of a growing, low-income populations dependent on government health programs. This evening's cause raised funds for medical relief in Mexico, which costs Project C.U.R.E. \$20,000 to send a 40-foot trailer filled with \$800,000 of medical supplies to needy areas.

Dr. Douglas Jackson, President/CEO of Project C.U.R.E., welcomed the supporters of the evening stating that since this is a time of thankfulness right before Thanksgiving, I want to let you all know I'm thankful for you. Later in the evening, it was brought to everyone's attention that you can be rich but just because you are rich doesn't mean you are happy. Events like High Rollers for Health and Hope which help others, specifically those in Mexico, makes people happy. To have the satisfaction that you have helped someone in needs is what brings happiness.

Dr. Jackson ensured,

"We put the 'ph'un in philanthropy!"



After dinner, supporters of Project C.U.R.E. enjoyed trying their luck at roulette, craps, and blackjack

On the twelfth day of Christmas, a dear soul donated... twelve medical kits 77



Dr. Douglas Jackson, President/CEO of Project C.U.R.E.



Project C.U.R.E.'s work and mission are more important than ever, helping to bridge staggering health resource gaps in the developing world by empowering doctors and nurses with the tools they need to treat disease, deliver vaccines, perform life-changing surgeries and ensure safe childbirth. Through the dedication and compassion of Project C.U.R.E.'s supporters, hospitals, rural clinics and community health centers all over the world are able to offer quality care and medical services to their most vulnerable patients, especially women and young children.



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