



FOUNDATION NEWS

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IMAGINE! CELEBRATION DINNER AND AUCTION SET FOR JANUARY 29

The Imagine! Foundation has always felt that the end of January is a perfect time for its annual fund raising event, the Imagine! Celebration. The holidays are long gone, everyone is a bit weary of snow and cold (except, of course, in the high country!), and after the January lull, people are ready to get out again and mix a bit with colleagues and friends. The Celebration prides itself on providing not only a great time but also a genuine sense of the importance of the work Imagine! does every day for people with developmental disabilities. The announcement of the Consumer of the Year is always the high point of the event.

**Purchase
Tickets and
Tables Online!**

The 9th anniversary Celebration on Friday, January 29, 5:30-10:00 p.m. at the Radisson Conference Center in Longmont promises to be the best yet! It will feature more new specialty auction items than ever before—everything from indoor skydiving in a vertical wind tunnel to a relaxing day-long spa treatment. There will also be trips galore, from Hawaii to Greece! Be sure to check out our live auction items preceding the event at <https://secure.imaginecolorado.org/ssl/celebration.htm> beginning on January 11.

More information about sponsors, auction items, and all of the festivities is available on the Imagine! website (www.imaginecolorado.org/foundCelebration.htm) and the Imagine! Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Imagine/268474025494?ref=nf). Check back frequently!

Ticket and table prices remain the same as last year at \$95 per ticket or tables of ten for \$1,250. Purchase tickets quickly and easily online at <https://secure.imaginecolorado.org/ssl/CelebrationRSVP.htm>. Reserve now, and we'll look forward to seeing you on January 29!



New specialty auction items at this year's Imagine! Celebration Dinner and Auction include indoor skydiving, a "Day at Disney," and a whitewater rafting trip. Don't miss this fabulous event!



SMARTHOME UPDATES

CHARLES OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, October 24, close to 100 neighbors, clients, family members, and friends attended an open house at the Bob and Judy Charles SmartHome at 1806 Iris Street in Boulder. The open house provided visitors with a fantastic opportunity to see first hand how technology is improving the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.

SmartHome residents pitched in and enthusiastically helped by guiding tours, sharing information, and talking about their experiences living in the home.

Even if you missed the open house, you still have a chance to tour the Charles SmartHome. Visit www.imaginesmarthomes.org/TOURS.htm or call (303) 666-7018 for more details.



Resident John Rohrer (left) helped guide tours during the recent open house at the Bob and Judy Charles SmartHome

LONGMONT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction on our Longmont SmartHome, located at 1608 Otis Drive, continues to move ahead of schedule. The walls and roof are up, interior insulation is in, and the sheet rock is going up soon. The home should be completely finished in early spring. Thanks to our contractors at Golden Triangle Construction for bringing this project together so quickly!



SMARTHOMES IN THE NEWS

Imagine!'s SmartHomes project continues to garner both local and national attention. Below are links to some recent stories in the media about this ambitious and unique project.

Longmont Times-Call: Couple with Disabilities Celebrates Commitment Ceremony:

www.timescall.com/communityTC/news-story.asp?ID=18203

Boulder Daily Camera: Technology's Promise for Those with Disabilities:

www.dailycamera.com/ci_13516121?ADID=Search-www.dailycamera.com-www.dailycamera.com

SmartHome on TV's Renovation Nation:

<http://imaginesmarthomesblog.blogspot.com/2009/11/renovation-nation-smarhome-episode.html>



Become a Fan of Imagine!'s SmartHomes on Facebook!

Imagine!'s SmartHomes Facebook page is loaded with videos, photos, updates, and other key information about this ambitious project. Just search "Imagine! SmartHomes" on Facebook and select "become a fan" in the upper left hand corner of the web page.

HOW MAY I HELP?

The Imagine! Foundation has brought in more than \$3 million to benefit Imagine! clients since it began. Most funds come from direct donations, but people can help Imagine! in many other ways, too. Here are just a few examples:

- *Use iGive when you shop online or browse the web. Designate Imagine! as your charity and almost all stores that you can think of will give a percentage of your online order to Imagine!. Use the iGive toolbar, and each time you search the web, two cents is raised for Imagine! Learn more at <http://isearch.igive.com/>*
- *If you shop at Albertson's, get a Community Partners Card so that a portion of every purchase will come back to Imagine! – Contact Heather Sabo at (720) 274-2256.*
- *Hold your own mini-fundraiser by putting up a Facebook page or just collecting donations in connection with an event you may be doing anyway (bike riding competition, running in the Bolder Boulder, etc.)*
- *Ask restaurants and places you frequent if they would be willing to donate proceeds from an event or one day's sale to Imagine!. Please run any of these possibilities by Susan LaHoda first (contact information below) before approaching the business just in case we have already contacted them. Here are just a few community partners who have recently helped Imagine! in this way:*
 - ◊ *Zolo Southwestern Grill and the entire Big Red F Restaurant Group held its 6th annual free Thanksgiving dinner for 400 Imagine! clients and their families*
 - ◊ *The Sink held an "Imagine! Night at The Sink" with a portion of its proceeds given to Imagine!*
 - ◊ *The Sundown Saloon donated proceeds from its Charity Bartending competition to Imagine!*
 - ◊ *CorePower Yoga donated all donations received on its free Thanksgiving Day to Imagine!*
 - ◊ *The Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce designated Imagine! as its Charity Hole recipient at its Commerce Cup Open Golf Tournament*

And, finally, come up with other ideas and share them with us! Contact Susan LaHoda at (303) 666-7018 or slahoda@imaginecolorado.org.

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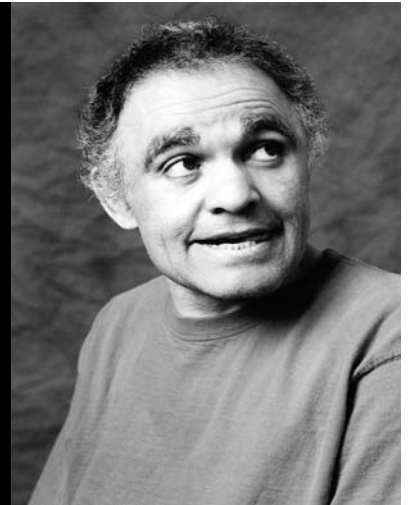
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