

4th Quarter 2013 Overview

“In The Loop” is a weekly 30 minute program hosted by a member of our news staff who interviews community leaders throughout the show. This program airs each Sunday morning throughout the six station cluster at 6am,.

Listeners are encouraged to follow up with the organizations we feature by calling the contact numbers offered throughout the program.

Q-4, 2013.

These are the areas of public concern addressed in the Cumulus Media Public Affairs Program, "In the Loop," that runs Sunday mornings 6:00 A.M. All interviews are local.

October 7

The Arts and the Philharmonic. The new conductor/music director and CEO of the Colorado Springs Philharmonic talked about new directions, pricing and their upcoming season. They talked about the significance of the arts and a philharmonic to the vitality of the community and even for economic development.

October 14

Health and Breast Cancer. Breast Cancer Nurses from the American Cancer Society and from Peak Vista Community Health Centers joined us to discuss Breast Cancer Awareness Month, prevention, and low cost or free mammograms for women available this month.

OCTOBER 21

The Environment, Energy and Helping Low Income Households. We spent the show with the Energy Research Center of Colorado Springs. They use grants and donations to do energy audits for households around the area and for those who qualify, they replace outdated or non working furnaces. They say the need has grown with the economy and are looking for more donations and volunteers. They also do work for those who can pay to make their houses more energy efficient to save money and energy.

OCTOBER 28

Low Income Housing and the Environment and Recovery from Child Sex Abuse. We had a two part show this week. The first half was with the Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust who

help people of moderate means qualify for home loans and ownership. They have a model of sustainability using grants and homeowners paying mortgages to them. They have helped hundreds get a home who worked but could not qualify on their own. The other half of the show was with the group "Finding Our Voices." They help adults recover from the trauma of child sex abuse, rape, and violence. Their annual art show and sale from victims is being held soon. They say child sex assault is a growing problem that takes decades for adults to work through.

NOVEMBER 4

Cumulus Media, Colorado Springs began weekly coverage of non-profits benefitting from the Colorado Springs Independent's "Give" Campaign. Featured this week are:

1. One Nation which sends donated items and meals, furniture and other goods to the impoverished Native American reservations. The group says poverty is hard to believe on the reservations and any help is critical.
2. Colorado Springs Mission. They are holding their annual Turkey and food donation campaign to go to families during the holidays. They say the demand from the homeless and working poor has increased while resources and donations have declined.
3. Ronald McDonald House which helps families whose kids are being treated for serious or life threatening illnesses in the hospital. Most are from other areas of the region and have no resources to stay with their ailing children without the help and support of the Ronald McDonald Houses and their various programs.

NOVEMBER 11

This week we featured two more non-profits benefitting from the Indy "Give" campaign. They are:

1. Play Date Behavior Center. They offer respite help and coping and social skills to kids with severe behavioral disorders like ADHD, Autism or other conditions. They

need donations to help families in need afford their services.

2. Community Partnership for Child Development. The head start program needs donations for their adopt a family programs and to reach more families who need help with clothing, school supplies and day care for their children.

NOVEMBER 18

This week we featured two more non-profits benefiting from the Indy "Give" campaign. They are:

1. Teen Court. This is a peer-review program that keeps kids facing minor, non felony issues with the law out of the court system. They need financial help so they can get more teen mentors and reach more kids. They say they have a 90-percent rate of non-recidivism.
2. Inside Out Youth Services. The small non-profit helps kids dealing with being gay, lesbian or transgendered find acceptance, counseling and other help. Often the children are ostracized and rejected from friends and families and they are trying to prevent the high incident of homelessness and suicide.

NOVEMBER 25

This week we featured two more non-profits benefiting from the Indy "Give" campaign. They are:

1. The Coalition for the Upper South Platte. They are an environmental and fire prevention and recovery organization that is doing the primary fire restoration and erosion prevention following this summer's Waldo Canyon Fire. They say many homes and communities below the burnt hillsides are in danger of mudslides and floods without proper mitigation. They need money and volunteers to work on the hillsides.
2. Westside Cares. They are a non profit social agency that runs a food bank and help the homeless or working poor with assistance to get them back on their feet. They are in desperate need of money and manpower to help those on the Westside facing evictions, hunger, and a place to stay.

DECEMBER

This week we featured two more non-profits benefiting from the Indy “Give” campaign. They are:

- 1. Tessa. This is the agency that works to help victims of domestic violence and abuse and counsel those who abuse. They say the need for money and volunteers is huge as the incidence continues to crime. They are trying to save lives and help the children of abusive situations.**
- 2. Girls on the Run. The local branch of the national non profit helps girls build coping skills, pride and good behaviors through running. They say 90-percent of the girls having issues with school, peers and bad choices end up turning their lives around with mentoring and running.**

DECEMBER

This week we featured two more non-profits benefiting from the Indy “Give” campaign. They are:

- 1. Cheyenne Village. The non profit helps families of adult children with developmental and other disabilities with a permanent place to stay, live and thrive. The have counselors who help with getting jobs, getting to doctors or other appointments and keeping up with medications. Parents say they have no other options for their children without Cheyenne Village.**
- 2. Zach’s Place, Special Kids, Special Families. This is a specialized respite and rehabilitation facility for kids with severe physical or mental disabilities. The group says there are thousands in the community waiting for help whether it be a safe place for child care, respite help or learning coping skills. Parents say they are able to get a few hours to themselves in their 24-hour a day need to care for their children with severe mental or physical needs.**

DECEMBER

This week we featured two more non-profits benefiting from the Indy “Give” campaign. They are:

- 1. Catholic Charities and their effort to help immigrants with information on health care, jobs and social services. They say it’s part of the Christian directive to help others.**
- 2. The Interfaith Hospitality Network. They help homeless families that qualify with a short term place to stay and**

help getting back on their feet with job counseling, baby sitting and meals. They are an all volunteer organization that relies on area churches and synagogues to provide the housing and food.

DECEMBER 23

This week we featured two more non-profits benefiting from the Indy "Give" campaign. They are:

1. The Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. They take motivated children who are musically inclined and teach them how to be part of a symphony, the importance of dependability and the chance at becoming a successful musician. At the very least they teach kids responsibility and how to be successful in life.
2. The Manitou Business of Art Center. They are using the funds to provide more arts opportunities to young people, the elderly and the community in general. They have become a major home to arts, performing arts and other artistic endeavors like seminars and community gatherings and hope to grow more programs with the financial help.

DECEMBER 30

This week we featured two more non-profits benefiting from the Indy "Give" campaign. They are:

1. StarKids Fitness. This is a very small non-profit of two women, one a nurse, the other a dietician who go to classrooms around the region teaching nutrition and exercise. They say with funding they could reach more students helping reduce the incidence of obesity and related health issues.
2. The Diabetes Community Center of Colorado Springs. They are a very small non profit that is hoping to expand to combat the growing incidence of diabetes in the population. They teach good nutrition, healthy behaviors and educate those dealing with diabetes how they can reduce their need for insulin.