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# The Difference

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## Filling up Empty Bowls



The Bemis dining hall a few minutes after the doors opened



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By Greg Collette '12

By the time the doors opened at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, the line for Colorado College's annual Empty Bowl's fundraiser had curved around Bemis' lobby and through the hall's front doors. Attendees were eager to pick out a hand-made ceramic bowl, fill it with delicious soup and talk with friends and

community members while listening to live music.

Just like each year past, this year's fundraiser exceeded everyone's expectations. Two years ago, in fact, the number of attendees was so much larger than anticipated that the soup ran out before the night ended.

The same might have happened this year.

A miscommunication led to more tickets available for purchase than the organizers had planned. By the end of the night, all 350 bowls were gone, despite the maximum number of expected guests only being 320. The extra attendees were more than welcome, though and because of the generous amount of donations this year, there  
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# ***Alternative Spring Break!***

## ***There's More than Just One Way to Have Fun***

For students looking for something different than the usual activities of a college spring break, the Center's BreakOut program offers two to four trips each year that provide students an opportunity to have a fun week off applying their knowledge from the classroom, interacting with peers and making a difference in a community.

*The Difference* once again wanted to show Colorado College's service trips through the eyes of the students. These two pages are a collage of pictures and student reflections about their week-long experiences in helping communities beyond Colorado Springs.

*Below: One group, comprised of two leaders and nine tripees, traveled to three Santa Fe region organizations: Tapetes De Lana (a cultural preservation society), St. Elizabeth's Shelter (a homeless shelter) and Santa Cruz Farms (a group of organic farms).*



"The rural poverty in Mora was rather sobering for the entire group. Many of the houses and stores were boarded up, dilapidated and covered in graffiti. Rusted, dead vehicles abounded. However, there were places in the town that had plenty of activity: the local store during the girls' baseball sign-ups, the local schools, and Tapetes. And despite the conditions, everyone we met in Mora was friendly and kind."

**Emily Burton-Boehr '12**

"[St. Elizabeth's Shelter] seemed like a family. People went the extra mile to get things done and make sure the shelter was a nice place to be."

**Lauren Schultz '12**



*Below: The other group of five tripees and two leaders went to DAWGS, a no-kill dog rescue shelter in Dalhart, TX. They were even featured on the local NBC news affiliate! Check out the article and video at [http://myhighplains.com/fulltext?nxd\\_id=185476](http://myhighplains.com/fulltext?nxd_id=185476)*



“This experience was definitely one of the most fulfilling things I’ve done. Being able to work with the people at DAWGS, to make their lives easier, if only for a week, was extremely rewarding. While at first, I chose this service trip, as an alternative to going home I now look forward to future opportunities to work with these people and their life-changing organization.”

**Sarah Lebovitz ‘13**



“When I get that question: ‘So how was your spring break?’ I get to answer with pride: ‘Sweaty, hard work and covered in dog poo!’ Not many people get to say they worked hard for spring break, but I spent mine playing with more dogs than I can count and cleaning up their countless messes. I had more fun than I thought possible and got to see my hands provide a better future for these dogs.”

**Tori Frecentese ‘13**



“Although I had arrived with a set of preconceived notions regarding the type of services we would be providing, I was still, understandably, slightly overwhelmed... By the end of our stay, all my goals were accomplished: to expand my horizons, to make long lasting connections with new individuals and to help and serve someone or something in need.”

**Eddie Figueroa ‘13**



# *Are You Ready to Relay?*

Kerry Cavanaugh '11

On April 29, 2011, Colorado College will hold its sixth Relay For Life. Students, faculty and community members will walk through the night to show cancer that they will not sleep until a cure is found. Founded in 1985, Relay For Life is an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS). Each year, 3.5 million people participate in over 5,000 Relay events throughout the United States, along with Relayers in 20 other countries. Held as community and college events with participants of all ages, the money raised by Relay For Life goes directly to the ACS. The organization provides many services for cancer patients, survivors and families. ACS also strives for prevention



A rainy evening didn't stop last year's participants from walking

through awareness and early detection. ACS's ultimate goal is to find new cures for cancer.

The 12-hour event is designed for students and community members to Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back against cancer. The celebration

begins with a dinner and an opening lap to honor cancer survivors and their caregivers. The night continues with the Luminaria ceremony, a time both to remember the reasons for Relaying and to honor all those who lost their lives to cancer. Finally is the Fight Back Ceremony, a chance to renew individual dedication and efforts to fighting the disease that more than 1.5 million people and their families in the United States battle with each year. The night will also include live entertainment, on-site fundraisers, student bands, dance lessons, food and more. And of course there will be hundreds of people walking, running and every speed in-between!

CC's first Relay For Life in 2006 had 17 teams and 171 participants. Each year the

Relayers donating hair to the organization Beautiful Locks



event has grown, raising more and more money. Last year's 51 teams and 398 Relayers raised more than \$26,000 for the ACS. While the main goal of Relay For Life is to fund-raise for the ACS, so that it can continue to support cancer patient services, there is much more meaning behind the night.

For many, the event is a way to remember parents, children, spouses and friends lost to cancer. It also is a way to show support for those who

continue to fight and, for survivors within the CC community, to celebrate themselves. As a small campus, it is important to show all those affected by cancer our support.

Along with participating the night of the relay, there are many other ways to become involved with the event at CC. Look for Relay For Life fundraisers and sponsored events during 7<sup>th</sup> block, including the Coins for a Cure competition between the large dorms, the Dance Workshop Bake Sale

and Relay Night at the men's lacrosse game on April 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Relay table in Worner throughout 7<sup>th</sup> block where you can sign up a team and find out how to help with the Relay committee. Information about the event and how to become involved is also available at [www.ccrelay.org](http://www.ccrelay.org). Gather a group of friends and sign-up soon! You will not want to miss out on this amazing night of remembrance, support and most importantly hope!

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was enough soup that everyone could go back for seconds and even thirds!

Donations of soup and bread came from across campus and the community with 20 organizations and individuals contributing to the event. The groups were varied. Student groups like COOL Science, CCSGA, Hillel, Sigma Chi and several others made soup, as did staff in the Admissions Department and from Tutt Library. Even several local businesses and groups donated such as Poor Richards and The Navigators. Just as the groups were varied, so were the soups. There was something for everyone whether you were vegan, vegetarian or a meat-lover.

The CC's Arts and Crafts Department donated all of the beautifully handcrafted ceramic bowls for the event. Each year, Ceramics Instructor Greg Marshall and his students compete to see who can throw the most bowls for the event.



For most of the night the line stretched to the Bemis front doors

The competition was fierce and the department made 30 more bowls than they had the previous year.

Last year, the event raised more than \$2,500 and this year's total is expected to

be larger than ever. All of the donations from the Empty Bowls event go directly to the CC Community Kitchen, helping them serve the poor and homeless in the Colorado Springs community.

## *A New Face at the Center!*

### Qua Nguyen '13

**Position:** ASPIRE Intern

**Hometown:** Denver, CO

**Major:** Chemistry

**Favorite Food:** Beef Jerky

**Favorite Quote:** "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrew 11:1



### Service Quote of the Block:

*"Community service has taught me all kinds of skills and increased my confidence. You go out there and think on your feet, work with others and create something from nothing. That's what life's all about."*

**- Andrew Shue**

## *Upcoming Events*

### COOL Science

**"Big Show"** - On Saturday, April 16, COOL Science will hold its annual event. Featuring hands-on activity tables, entertaining presentations and more, the event has something for every child. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Barnes Science Center. For more information contact Carolyn at [carolyn@coolscience.org](mailto:carolyn@coolscience.org).

### Lose the Shoes -

CC's first Barefoot 3v3 Soccer Tournament is on April 17! The tournament will benefit Grassroot Soccer, an organization that uses the popularity of soccer to educate African youth about HIV/AIDS. It's \$10 per person. Sign up in Worner at lunch or online at <http://www.grassrootsoccer.org/what-you-can-do/inspired-soccer/sign-up-to-play-in-a-tournament>.

### Grant Writing

**Workshop** - During the Thursday and Friday of 7th block break (April 21 & 22) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Center's Elizabeth Pudder will hold a workshop teaching the fundamentals of grant writing. It requires only a \$40 deposit. Similar classes cost \$500! There's limited space, so drop by the Center soon to sign-up!

### BreakOut Trip -

Still don't have plans for 7th block break? Help a community in need by going on a BreakOut trip! Locations are still to be determined. Stop by the Center and sign-up!

### Our Mission Statement:

*The Center for Service and Learning was created to promote an ethic of service and to develop civic-minded leadership among all members of the college community. Our purpose is to recognize and understand the civic and social challenges of our world and to act with others in pursuit of a just society.*