

Board Bank Needs Volunteers to Serve as Leaders in the Community: *Training Session April 14, 2008*

The United Way Volunteer Center is recruiting skilled, interested and available volunteers for the Board Bank program. Currently, there are over 40 non-profits in Fort Collins, Loveland and Berthoud that need the skills, passion and enthusiasm that so many community professionals have to offer. The next Board Bank training will be on Monday, April 14, 2008. All interested volunteers looking to serve on a board are encouraged to attend.

The Volunteer Center recruits and trains community professionals to become valuable board members, and assists in matching volunteers with the needs of local non-profits. With so many non-profits looking for board members, volunteers can strengthen ties to their community by taking an active role in a non-profit agency. This is all made possible through the Board Bank Program of the United Way Volunteer Center. Volunteers with a wide range of leadership skills, backgrounds and interests are in high demand and are needed to serve on non-profits' board of directors to help meet the mission of the organization.

The Board Bank training session will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Harmony Branch of the Fort Collins Public Library located at 4616 S. Shields. The cost is \$20 per person. Interested volunteers should register for the training by completing the Board Bank candidate application, which is available by contacting Julie Phillips, Volunteer Center Specialist, at 970-407-7054 or jphillips@uwaylc.org or online at www.uwaylc.org.

For volunteers, the Board Bank program is a great way to serve the community in a leadership role. The program matches volunteers' interests with a variety of board opportunities and allows volunteers to develop their managerial, organizational and decision-making skills. For non-profits, Board Bank offers increased visibility to potential candidates, reduced time and resources spent on recruitment, and improved board efficiency.

The Board Bank program follows a simple, three-step process. First, nonprofits and volunteers submit applications. Second, volunteers attend a training session. This training gives volunteers an overview of the expectations and general policies of serving on a Board of Directors, provides a book on the basic responsibilities of a board member, and presents volunteers with information about possible non-profits to be paired with. Finally, volunteers select the non-profit they are interested in serving and will be contacted by the agency to schedule an interview.

The founding sponsor of the Board Bank program is First National Bank, a recognized leader of local community efforts, especially volunteerism.

The Board Bank training is one of several volunteer opportunities available in April through the United Way Volunteer Center to celebrate National Volunteer Month.

For more information about the Board Bank Program please contact Julie Phillips, Volunteer Center Specialist, at 970-407-7054 or e-mail jphillips@uwaylc.org.

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United Way of Larimer County serves as the Information, Volunteer, and Referral Center for northwest Colorado, helping community members find the resources they need.

Here in Larimer County, United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. We invite you to be part of the change. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.