

Climbing For Life News

January 2009 Edition

From the Executive Director

2008 was a year of new experiences for Climbing for Life board members and volunteers. We coordinated a successful fundraising event at the Spice of Life event center in Boulder. Summer programs included client organizations we have not worked with for several years, including Girls Inc. of Denver and the Challenge Foundation. We also added a second outdoor program with Devereux Cleo Wallace.

CFL received a generous grant again in 2008 from New Belgium Brewery in Ft Collins. We received about \$3000 in private donations through our direct mail campaign. Thanks again for your generous financial support.

In other news, the CFL board is planning programs for 2009. We will continue our emphasis on the BELAY format. Our client organizations favor the mix of indoor climbing gym sessions and an outdoor top-rope session. We are establishing longer programs with increased contact with kids from our client organizations. Our volunteers are making a difference by connecting with the kids on a more long-term mentoring basis.

CFL welcomes volunteers as program facilitators, site managers, medical support, BELAY program coordinators, and mentors. Please sign up for our programs, and offer to help with the office and program activities. We need all the help we can get and appreciate your support. - Gary gprice@climbingforlife.org

Thank you

Lakeshore Athletic Club provided use of their climbing facility to CFL again this season for indoor sessions with Girls, Inc. of Denver. LAC also has donated facility use for CFL volunteer training.

New Belgium Brewery awarded CFL with another grant for the 2008 season. The grant money was used to purchase necessary climbing equipment and liability insurance for operations.

Thanks again to our many private donors who give us support through donations and gear.

CFL volunteers continue to provide mentoring and climbing experience to the youth that we serve. CFL would not exist without their dedication.

2008 Programs

In 2008 Climbing for Life completed programs with Devereux Cleo Wallace, the Challenge Foundation, and Girls Inc. of Denver. Overall, over 50 at-risk youth participated in our indoor and outdoor programs.

CFL completed 8 indoor sessions with youth from Devereux Cleo Wallace. We also provided two outdoor sessions at Golden Cliffs with Devereux. Volunteers donated 130 hours of personal time climbing with and mentoring Devereux kids. Devereux Colorado is a residential treatment facility for children and adolescents that have significant health and behavioral needs. They provide services for males and females ages 8 to 21.

CFL also conducted an outdoor session with youth from the Challenge Foundation. The program included 15 youth and adult mentors.

Girls Inc. of Denver youth participated in an indoor session at the Lakeshore Athletic Club. An outdoor session with the group is planned for the summer of 2009.



Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers at the Challenge Foundation program made it happen on a very hot July day. 15 participants and mentors drank liters of water and made it a very enjoyable day.



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