

Climbing For Life News

January 2007 Edition

From the Executive Director

Our 2006 season was very rewarding and I anticipate 2007 to be as successful. In 2006 we enjoyed climbing programs with I Have a Dream Foundation (IHAD), Catholic Charities, Goodwill Industries, Big City Mountaineers, Girls Inc. and Colorado Youth at Risk. We are beginning 2007 with a new program client, Devereux Cleo Wallace, and are excited about working with truly at-risk youth who clearly benefit from climbing and interaction with our volunteers.

I am working to add grants to our sources of income in 2007. The Denver Foundation (Forest Heights Lodge Fund) was a great supporter of CFL in 2006. I have requested funds from several new Denver and Boulder area organizations and foundations. We received about \$3000 in private donations through our direct mail campaign. Thanks again for your generous financial support.

In other news, CFL moved out of the office in the American Mountaineering Center. A new museum is being built in the AMC that will need gift shop space including the small office we occupied. We are in the process of moving to a Louisville office that will be much more convenient for our gear storage and my commute!

In 2007 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

Congratulations

Todd and Dorthea Levi recently married and asked their friends to donate to CFL in lieu of wedding gifts. We received many donations from their friends and family, and also received matching corporate donations. Todd and Dorthea have been supporters of CFL for many years. We appreciate their continued support of our organization, and wish them many years of happiness together.

Steve Sloan and Meghan Tobias recently became engaged and are beginning their new relationship with an adventure in South America and a commitment with the Peace Corps.

2007 Program Schedule

January 13 (Saturday) 10 am at Devereux facility
January 26 (Friday) 6 pm at Devereux facility
February 9 (Friday) 6 pm at Devereux facility
February 23 (Friday) 6 pm at Devereux facility
March 9 (Friday) 6 pm at Devereux facility
March 23 (Friday) 6 pm at Devereux facility
April 7 (Saturday) 10:00 am at Paradise Rock Gym *
April 20 or 21 (Friday or Saturday) at Devereux or the Spot Climbing Gym*
May 5 or 12 (Saturday) outdoor program *
* these sessions are pending approval by Devereux

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.

Devereux recently added a climbing wall in their gymnasium. CFL is working with Devereux to provide a safe recreational and mentoring opportunity for their youth. CFL volunteers show the youth how rock climbing requires trust, teamwork and a positive attitude. We hope to take them climbing outdoors this spring and summer.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meghan Tobias and Steve Sloan began volunteering for CFL in 2005. They have participated in programs with I Have a Dream, Catholic Charities, Goodwill Industries, and Devereux. Steve and Meghan use a sense of humor and enthusiasm to engage the kids and teach climbing skills.

Steve and Meghan recently became engaged and plan to spend a few months traveling in South America and then join the Peace Corps. We wish them well on their adventure, and will miss them at our 2007 program with Devereux.



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