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The Tree House Center for Youth

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Bacon Family and El Pomar Foundations award grants to Tree House!



The Bacon Family Foundation recently sent a check for \$15,000 to support The Tree House Bistro program. The Bistro program teaches high school and college age youth community service and organizational skills and provides college scholarship opportunities.

The El Pomar Foundation, the state's largest, is awarding The Tree House a \$5,000 grant for general operating support. The check will arrive in June.

Thank you so much to both of these organizations for their faithful support and for believing in our mission to serve Mesa County youth.

Info

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Read on to see what's up in our world of teens!

And thanks for caring enough to receive our newsletter. You rock!



Upcoming Gigs

5/14/10 End of Year Party for Bistro Board at Old Chicago
6/5/10 Texas Hold 'Em Tourney at End Zone in Fruita
8/28/10 Gold's Gym Half-Marathon Run/Relay and 5k to support The Tree House (date subject to change -- call us!)



Poker Tournament Coming!

Last year we held our first poker tournament fundraiser (Texas Hold 'Em style) at the End Zone Sports Pub in Fruita (152 S. Mesa, just S of the circle) and are doing it again this year. It is a very fun and exciting event (so everyone told us last year, including Kohl's Dept. Store who came out for it), and we are building on that fun this year. It will be held on Saturday, June 5th from 4-7pm at the End Zone.

It's a fun, not a professional, event so players of all levels will have a blast. Prizes will be given out for those who last till the end, and giveaways for everyone will be handed out as well.

Please plan to join us! Entry fees start as low as \$20!

To register either call The Tree House at 241-8001 or go to

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registration should be up in the next couple of weeks, but we can take your phone registrations now!



End of Year Wrap Up

It's been another busy year around The Tree House. One of our Kids Kabana sites (downtown) has recently wrapped up its program for the year, and our Redlands Middle School site will be wrapping up next Friday, May 7th. Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons including lack of funding, we had to shut down our 3rd site at West Middle School back in February. We anticipate that we still have reached similar numbers as last year which will be close to 400 individual youth with a total program attendance of over 6,000.

The Bistro youth leadership development program concludes on May 14th with a party at Old Chicago's. We will award one of our Bistro Board participants with The Tree House \$500 college scholarship and will also recognize Terri Klements for her many years of service as the founder of our organization.

The FACT program is wrapping up with a series of WAIT Training classes at the Holy Family School this Spring. We have taught there for two years in a row now and plan to continue this important relationship so that we can get this healthy curriculum to the middle schoolers who attend there.

Be sure to check out our annual report when it comes out this summer as it will have our final numbers.



Fiscal Year News

Not to beat a dead horse, but the economy has certainly affected our ability to offer Tree House programs in the community. As mentioned above, we have gone down from 3 to 2 Kids Kabana sites. Most likely, we will only be running 2 sites next school year as well and will do so until we can secure the finances necessary for growth in the future.

Our fiscal year ends June 30, and even with the 2 foundation grants mentioned in this newsletter, we are projecting a \$30,000 deficit. Not only is it slowing down programs, this looks very bad on our financial records, and the foundations who support us will not look kindly at it next year when we go

health and stability in organizations they support.

We will be conducting an end of the fiscal year mailer in June to help shore up this deficit. Do you think we can end the year even? We sure hope so! Will you help us to make it? Consider playing in our poker tournament or making a gift to help us reach the black ink mark. We could use your help this year.

Please call Cody with any questions or to ask details about how you can help! 241-8001

Thank you for your continued support of our mission and for caring about today's teens. We couldn't do it without you. Really.

Cody Moore
Executive Director
The Tree House

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