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E-Newsletter



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Record Numbers and a SpinATHon report!

Hello faithful Tree House supporters. Thank you for all you do for us! Without you we could not serve the youth of Mesa County and provide important prevention programs for youth.

Record Numbers!

This school year The Tree House is on pace to serve more youth than we ever have in the history of our organization. Through January we have served 230 individual youth in the Kids Kabana after-school program with a total attendance of nearly 3,000! (the number of times each child has attended) We now have a 3rd site open for Kids Kabana -- Redlands Middle School. These record-pace numbers only represent 2 sites (downtown and West Middle School), but now that our program has increased in size by 33% (and we are expecting to open a 4th site in Clifton in the Fall), we are really on track to make a difference in a huge number of Mesa County middle schoolers. The new Redlands site has started off with a bang. From just the first day to the second, the program septupled (7x) going from 3 kids to 22! There are a number of Redlands middle schoolers and their families who can use The Tree House's support, and we are glad to provide it.

The Bistro high school and early college age program is also seeing significant attendance this year. It has served nearly 250 individual youth to date with a total attendance of over 500. In fact,



We passed our audit with flying colors!

The Tree House is pleased to announce that we successfully passed our annual audit. Doesn't it feel good to know that the dollars you contribute are used faithfully to serve the mission for which you intended them? The Tree House is committed to fiscal responsibility and contracts with Jeff Wendland CPA of Fruita to perform external audits in order to demonstrate compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. We also use the firm of Birr, Wilkenson, & Co. to perform monthly bank reconciliations and to prepare monthly P&L and balance statements which are reviewed at the Tree House monthly meetings of our board of directors.

We know that it is important that you know just how your contributions are put to work to serve Mesa County youth. You can be sure that we take every measure to be financially accountable. We believe that our kids are too important not to do so. The Tree House exists to work with these youth, and we can do so only because of your trust in us.

Thank you!

The Tree House has plans of taking the Bistro program to a commercial coffee shop location in order to reach more youth, to teach them entrepreneurial business skills, and to become a self-sustaining nonprofit program. We are currently searching for funding to do so. Start-up costs are approximately \$125,000. If you or anyone you know may be interested in helping us to fund this unique youth leadership development program, please contact Cody at 970-241-8001.

[It's nice to hear some good news instead of all the bad news about the economy, isn't it?](#)

SpinATHon a Success!

Our 3rd annual SpinATHon was on January 31st at Gold's Gym and raised over \$15,000. This was our first year at Gold's Gym, and we are grateful for them and for our many sponsors including Turnkey Consulting, Qdoba, Magic 104.3, KREX Channel 5, Skyline Contracting, Intellitec massage program, Western Slope Auto, Rottman Eye Care, Grand Valley Atrium, Timberline Bank, and many others!

Eight teams representing over 120 riders spun on exercise training equipment for 50 minute intervals throughout the day. These riders were coached along by their team captains with many pokes, prods, and jokes. Everyone had a great time, got a good workout, and helped out a wonderful cause!



["Team Cheerleaders" The top fundraisers!!](#)



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