

THE ADOPTION EXCHANGE DESERVING RECIPIENT OF THE 2005 JAMES GRAFTON ROGERS AWARD

The City Club will present the 10th annual James Grafton Rogers Award to the Adoption Exchange at the Holiday luncheon on December 20, 2005. The award, named after the City Club's first president, is presented to the Adoption Exchange in recognition of its extraordinary and timeless contributions to the quality of life in the Denver region.

The Adoption Exchange creates the connections between difficult to place children in foster care and families who adopt them. Since its founding in 1983, the Adoption Exchange has connected at least 4,380 waiting children with permanent adoptive homes. There are approximately 7,000 children living in foster care in Colorado. About 875 of them are legally free for adoption. These children have been through traumatic abuse, neglect or abandonment. Many are considered "hard to place" because they are older, parts of sibling groups and often are coping with physical or emotional challenges. The Adoption Exchange's goal is to get these children out of foster care and into a permanent, adoptive home, as children who remain in foster care have significantly higher rates of behavioral and emotional problems, school failure, and teen pregnancy. A child who emancipates from the foster care system without finding an adoptive family is much more likely to succumb to substance abuse, crime and poverty. The Adoption Exchange knows these children deserve better, and knows that there are families who will welcome these children into their homes.

Exchange's excellent website, government agencies, private adoption service entities, churches and through an expanding variety of alternative outlets. These children also obtain exposure through the "Wednesday's Child" segment you may have seen on Channel 4 News. The Adoption Exchange devotes a significant part of its efforts to educating and collaborating with public and private child welfare professionals, and provides extensive educational resources to adoptive families both before and after adoption.

We hope that you will join us to honor the Adoption Exchange at the City Club Holiday Luncheon on December 20, 2005. Representatives of the Adoption Exchange will be present to accept the award and talk about their programs. We are excited to greet the holidays with such a joyous event. To learn more about the Adoption Exchange you can visit its website at www.adoptex.org.

This article was contributed by Bill Slamkowski, a member of the 2005 James Grafton Rogers Award Committee. We thank Bill, and the other members of the Award Committee — Steve Schonberger, Ed Shackelford and Matt Hogan — for their fine work in selecting this year's awardee.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- December 20 Holiday Luncheon and
James Grafton Rogers
Award Presentation to The
Adoption Exchange. *Please
join us for a Cash Bar at
11:30.*
- January 3 First District
Congresswoman Diana
DeGette
- January 10 Will Shafroth, Executive
Director of the Colorado
Conservation Trust
- January 17 Richard Celeste, Colorado
College President and former
Governor of Ohio, former
United States Ambassador to
India, and former Director of
the Peace Corps
- January 24 *Westword* Editor Patty
Calhoun
- January 31 Former Senator Gary Hart

SPECIAL EVENT JANUARY 2006

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

A visit to the National Western Stock Show will be a City Club Special Event in January 2006. The National Western Stock Show and Rodeo is celebrating its 100th year. Watch for details as to date and time to be announced at a City Club Tuesday meeting and via email. Interest in this event was sparked by recent City Club speaker Pat Grant, National Western President and CEO. Pat Grant explained that during its 100th year, the show is facing challenging decisions about its future, including whether to continue in its current Denver location. City Club members will have a chance to enjoy attending a rodeo event associated with this venerable Denver institution and also have an inside tour of the

National Western facility to better understand the show's expansion decision options.

Watch for your opportunity to sign up for this January City Club Special Event.

For more information or to suggest additional City Club Special Events, please contact Nancy Widmann, nlwidmann@msn.com or 303-322-6942.

BECOME A CITY CLUB TELEVISION BROADCAST CORPORATE SPONSOR

For the past 12 years, Channel 8 — the cable TV channel of the City and County of Denver — has taped selected City Club Programs, which are then broadcast several times a week. And last year, Channel 8 began making these tapes available for rebroadcasting on Colorado Public Television's Channel 12. This provides wide access to City Club's excellent programs and is a continuing source of new members.

Denver Channel 8 is an acknowledged leader amount Municipal Access Television facilities. Its productions receive continual professional recognition including numerous ACE, TELLY and Regional Emmy awards. Denver Channel 8 is fully programmed and operates on a 24 hour, 7 day-a-week basis and reaches every Denver subscriber in the local cable system. That equates to about 115,000 homes.

Colorado Public Television (KBDI/12) is a multi-media, public telecommunications service for the Colorado Front Range and beyond. KBDI has received numerous awards and accolades within the media industry as well as from organizations such as the ACLU and the Urban League of Metropolitan Denver. KBDI reaches over one million households along the Colorado Front Range and is viewed in more than 450,000 households per week — an average of over one million weekly viewers.

The costs of this important City Club public service program have traditionally been underwritten by our Television Broadcast Corporate Sponsors. Our arrangements with Channel 8 compensate them for costs

associated with their contracting with the independent TV projectionists who tape at least 18 of our 36 annual luncheon programs and for the distribution costs for Channel 12 rebroadcasting.

This year we are pleased to announce that we have two types of Television Broadcast Corporate Sponsorships available:

The \$1,000 Sponsorship. As a benefit of this sponsorship, your company's logo will be displayed on the City Club web page and on each of the broadcast headers for City Club programs. Four \$1,000 Sponsorships are available.

The \$1,500 Sponsorship. As a benefit of this sponsorship, your company's logo will be displayed on the City Club web page and on each of the broadcast headers for City Club programs. In addition, your company's name will receive voice recognition at the beginning of each City Club broadcast. Three \$1,500 Sponsorships have been filled, with one Sponsorship remaining available.

If your company would like to become a Television Broadcast Corporate Sponsor and help City Club maintain this important service, please contact Frances Koncilja at 303-675-0900 or fkoncilja@koncilja-associates.com.

For links to Channel 8 and Channel 12 program schedules, consult the City Club web page at www.CityClubofDenver.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Michael L. Barry (Retired, Telairity Semiconductor, Inc.)

Cathy Havener Greer (Attorney, Wells, Anderson & Race LLC)

Suanne M. Dell (Attorney, Wells, Anderson & Race LLC)

Patricia J. Fiske (Retired President/CEO in International Marketing)

Kay Greene (Financial Advisor, GCG Financial)

Claudia R. Hill (Retired Marketing Consultant)

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William (Bill) H. Maher (Commercial Real Estate: Assistant Director, Studley, Inc.)

James (Jim) R. McMaster (Attorney, Sherman & Howard LLC)

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***CHRONICLE* EDITOR**

The City Club Board is looking for a volunteer with a talent for writing to take over as Editor of the *Chronicle* next June. The *Chronicle* Editor is in charge of coordinating the production of each issue of the Club's newsletter, which currently appears every two months between September and June. This involves collecting and editing information from City Club Board Members and others via e-mail as well as drafting articles on various topics. Page layout and final copy distribution are handled by staff. To bring about a smooth transition, the person selected to be the next *Chronicle* Editor will be immediately invited to attend the monthly City Club Board meetings — typically held at noon on the third Thursday of each month — and observe the production process in the months prior to June. If you would like to help City Club and assume this important, and extremely interesting role, please send a letter (or e-mail) expressing your interest and including information about yourself to:

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