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TOMORROW'S LEADERS GIVING BACK TODAY

By Lisa Raleigh, Director of Communications

Community service is a core value and has been a way of life at CRMS since its inception in 1953. John Holden said, "It is my firm belief that the happiest people in the world are those who serve their fellow man." Our students have always been compelled and encouraged to go beyond our robust academic and active

offerings, and to become productive, engaged members of society. One such opportunity to contribute in a greater and meaningful way is through our student clubs. On a daily basis, CRMS students, despite their hectic school schedules, are reaching out and helping those less fortunate or simply in need of assistance. From Operation Smile and Face AIDS to Soles 4 Souls and Random Acts of Kindness, CRMS student-initiated clubs and efforts are raising funds and awareness in our community and beyond. Most recently there has been a tremendous amount of student interest in global humanitarian causes, and our clubs reflect this social awareness.

OPERATION SMILE

Two years ago, current seniors Olivia Mertz and Mima Strong began an Operation Smile fundraising chapter on the CRMS campus. Operation Smile is a global organization that provides free surgeries to cleft-palate children around the world. Since its inception in 1982, Operation Smile has given over 135,000 children a new chance at life by providing them with safe, effective reconstructive surgery to correct their facial deformities.

Utilizing all-school meetings as a platform to raise awareness surrounding this organization and bake sales as their key fundraising mechanism, their club enjoys 11 student members, has raised over \$2,200, and has funded eight cleft-palate surgeries.



J.J. Worley and Kelsey Bohanon with their Soles 4 Souls donations (John Stroud / Glenwood Springs Post Independent newspaper)



FACE AIDS

Last year, junior Katie Grant was inspired by a passage she read in her sophomore history class from *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, which chronicled Dr. Paul Farmer's decades of service in Haiti and Africa treating patients with tuberculosis and AIDS. After much research and thought over the summer, Katie discovered Face AIDS, a student-based organization dedicated to mobilizing and inspiring students to fight AIDS in Africa, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Dr. Farmer's non-profit organization, Partners In Health (PIH). Since 2005, Face AIDS has raised over \$1.4 million for PIH to fight AIDS in Africa via their income-generating projects with HIV associations in Rwanda.

Katie debuted the new CRMS Face AIDS chapter at the beginning of this school year, and recently gave an inspiring all-school presentation encouraging our community with the following advice, "Sometimes what stirs your passion doesn't have a pre-existing structure. Sometimes you have to be the one to begin. When you find a cause that touches you, it becomes easy to dedicate yourself to it." She finished her presentation with the following advice, "With the coming holiday season, and a seemingly endless supply of food and gifts, it can become easy to forget how fortunate we are. This can be a time when we take our good fortune for granted, or we can use the holiday spirit to appreciate what we have, and to share it with others." To date the CRMS Face AIDS chapter has raised over \$500 and recruited 23 members.

SOULS 4 SOLES

This past summer, juniors Kesley Bohanon and J.J. Worley decided to help needy people around the world by collecting 500 pairs of shoes for the Souls 4 Soles organization, which ships shoes to villages in third-world countries where people cannot afford to buy them. Kelsey and J.J. were drawn to the project because the donations didn't involve cash, but rather discarded shoes. Thanks to the Aspen Skiing Company Family Fund, which paid to cover the shipping costs to the distribution center, the project was a big success and involved the CRMS community and beyond.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (RAK)

The newest club to debut at CRMS is RAK, a national non-profit created as a resource for people committed to spreading kindness. Senior Grady Lenkin learned about RAK while visiting a college campus. Upon further research he decided it was exactly the type of club he would like to initiate at CRMS. The entire premise is to simply ask "How can I help?" and to keep that question at the forefront of your mind as you move through the day. By encouraging members to reach out and make a small difference each day, an entire community can be uplifted. While Grady would like to see the club continue after he graduates, he is grateful for all that CRMS has given him and is excited about an opportunity to give something back. In typical CRMS style, upon introducing his new club at an all-school meeting a few weeks ago, he signed up 47 students and 14 faculty/staff members on the spot. With over a third of CRMS spreading Random Acts of Kindness, the groundswell movement is well underway.

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DID YOU KNOW . . .

This year's Scholarship Auction sold over 400 items with bids ranging from \$10 to \$6,000. The most unique item was the Harvey Ranch Cattle Drive; the biggest donation was "A Stay at a Romantic Private Villa in Montego Bay, Jamaica" including a butler, chambermaids, and a chef. The most popular items for the fourth year running were the glass sets created by the CRMS glassblowing work crew.

THANK YOU, SKI.COM



We would like to thank Ski.com for highlighting Colorado Rocky Mountain School in their 2009-2010 Destination Guide that is sent to all of their clients traveling to Aspen/Snowmass and Vail/Beaver Creek.

HELP US STAY GREEN

(DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?)

If not, please send your email address to lmccormick@crms.org

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S LETTER

INVESTING IN THE WORLD By Jeff Leahy

Ten years ago when I first arrived at CRMS and walked through the campus, I noticed the new garden building that had been constructed the spring before by families and friends of the school. The shed looked great and was a testimony to the generous time and energy that local community members devoted to ensuring that CRMS had a facility that would support the cultivation and growth of organic foods. Impressed by the external structure, I approached the entrance to take a closer look at the new straw-bale walls and noticed a group of students huddled around a central desk. The students were diligently working, but not on gardening. They were actually being led through a lesson in Spanish. The day was cool, the space cramped, and a Spanish class was taking place in the garden shed, because there was not enough space for classes to take place anywhere else in the community.

In my opinion, Colorado Rocky Mountain School provides one of the deepest and richest educational experiences that I know of, and over the last ten years we have been able to make significant improvements to our program, our people (through professional development and scholarships), and our facility. We have been able to improve our school through the generosity of our community members.

Even if each one of those students who were huddled together in the garden shed for that Spanish class had paid the full tuition,

those dollars would have covered only 73% of what it costs to run the overall program. Today's campus features a new classroom building with enough space for all our classes and a renovated barn where we all come together as a community. This past year we began insulating the Jewelry Hogan, upgraded our kitchen, expanded our garden, and created a new parking area for our buses. Through generous donations, we are able to support diversity initiatives that include scholarships for students from as far away as Rwanda and as near as this valley.

I never had the honor of meeting John and Anne Holden, but based on all the research I have done on their work I believe they would very much approve of the quality of the program, the facility, and - most importantly - the students. An Annual Fund or Capital gift to CRMS makes possible a program that truly values giving back. Our students go on to live extraordinary lives, and they love to give back to their communities. Supporting these students is an investment in the world. I am confident our students will go out and build gardens and garden facilities in other communities. They will help rebuild and actively engage in their communities throughout the rest of their lives. Thank you for supporting this promise that we make to the world.

OYSTERS' SOCCER 2009 - A SEASON TO REMEMBER

By Coach AO Forbes

The CRMS soccer season ended on the highest of high-notes with a 1-0 loss to Denver Christian (the probable State Champions) in the 3A division first round playoffs. We played an inspired game and surprised all the pollsters, as well as the other 3A teams, as our incredibly close loss was an impressive result. We came away realizing we could play with the best teams in our league with confidence and skill. Denver Christian went on to beat Basalt, our league champions, 4-1 and reached the finals finishing second overall. Our result was the product of a tremendous amount of hard work and heart. We are already excited about our prospects for a better season next year, perhaps even winning the State Championship.

Our success this year was a wonderful affirmation of our school and our students. We have built a strong team and are fortunate enough to have the majority of the team returning next year. Huge thanks go to Jeff Mohsenin for his dedication to our team and to soccer in general, and to Katy Hossli, who has given so much to our program over the past four years. A special thanks to this year's seniors Matt Myers, Stevie Roh, and Cole Kloster - we wish them well in their future soccer careers. Here's to a fantastic season!



Photos courtesy of Katy Hossli



INTO THE WOODS - THE FALL MUSICAL

By Jeff Schlepp

Colorado Rocky Mountain School's fall musical was Stephen Sondheim's Broadway smash hit "Into the Woods," which featured a cast of nine girls and eight boys.

- >> An ambivalent Cinderella?
- >> A blood-thirsty Little Red Riding Hood?
- >> A Prince Charming with a roving eye?



Photos: Ed Kosmicki

They were all among the cockeyed characters in this fractured Grimm's fairy tale. When a baker and his wife learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door, they embark on a quest for the special objects required to break the spell. Everyone's wish is granted at the end of the play. What begins as lively irreverent fantasy in the style of "The Princess Bride" leaves all with thoughts of community responsibility and about stories we tell our children.

The cast (in order of appearance): Ben Mertz, JT Tran, Sam Kaufman, Katie Grant, Heidi Cao, Courtney Bender, Yang Yang, Cale Bonderman, Kyra Gabow, Taylor Gillman, Ethan Cranmer, Kelsey Freeman, Caelina Eldred-Thielen, Kelsey Bohanon, Gus Griffin, Olivia Mertz and Will Parker



DID YOU KNOW . . .

Kayo Ogilby was recognized as the River Educator of the Year by the Roaring Fork Conservancy for incorporating innovative and inspiring river and water education that impacts our community. Fellow CRMS science teachers Michael Hayes, Darryl Fuller and Jim Gaw were also recognized for their student-based research on the Cattle Creek watershed.

ORGANIC GARDEN UPDATE

By Linda Halloran, CRMS Garden Program

While there are approximately 300 pounds of carrots still in the ground waiting to be dug out, the bulk of the CRMS Garden harvest is complete. This season we grew 10,320 pounds of produce - up from 6,000 pounds last year. What that means for CRMS is that, until the end of the school year, we will be eating potatoes, onions, pumpkins and winter squash, which are now stored in the new cold-storage area built by Jeff Schlepp. We have carrots and green beans in the freezer, and we will continue to grow the sprouts for the salad bar every week.

As often happens at CRMS, the garden is productive because of the efforts of many: student work crews and the teachers who supervise them; garden assistants and interns who keep the garden going in the summer; the Development Office staff who raise money for the garden and get the word out about the garden both within and beyond CRMS; students and parents who help out with the annual Plant Sale; the Business Office staff who keep track of the funds needed to run the garden; the folks in the Maintenance Department who are always helping out in ways both large and small; the kitchen staff who take the raw materials and transform them into wonderful meals; and the administrators who provide the educational leadership that allows work crews to continue to be a part of the CRMS experience.

Thank you to all, and enjoy eating the fruits of all our labor!

SUSTAINABILITY DINNER

By Megan Larsen

Another wonderful meal was provided by our Garden and Kitchen Work Crews at this year's annual Sustainability Dinner. The menu included the following harvested fruits and vegetables:

- Carrot soup (30 lbs carrots, 15 lbs onions, 5 lbs leeks, 1lb misc)
- Green Salad (15 lbs lettuce, 2 lbs other veggies)
- Frittata (200 eggs from our chickens, 15 lbs onions, 10 lbs leeks, 5 lbs carrots, 1 lb herbs/ misc.)
- Steamed Green Beans (30 lbs green beans)
- Roasted Potatoes (75 lbs)
- Stewed Rhubarb & Raspberries (25 lbs rhubarb, 12 lbs raspberries)



Photo: This year's Sustainability Dinner (Nick Brown)

DID YOU KNOW...

Jeremy Wolf, a new CRMS faculty member (who teaches physics and pre-calc and coaches mountain biking and alpine skiing), comes to us with a Master's degree in Physics Education from Montana State University. Prior to pursuing his Master's degree, he spent four years teaching math and science in Milan, Italy at an American high school where he met his wife, Jennifer, who is a pre-K teacher.

STUDENT GREEN TIP:

Courtesy of CRMS Sustainability Work Crew

Problem: On average, each of our day students drives approx 13.4 miles per day coming to and leaving campus, getting approximately 27.2 miles to the gallon. With all 67 day students combined, we are using over 80 gallons of gas and spending over \$350 each day. While those numbers may not sound that significant, when you calculate them over the course of the school year, it results in 13,200 gallons of gas being consumed costing over \$59,000.

Solution: Since many of our day students live close to one another (whether it be in Glenwood Springs, Aspen, Basalt or Carbondale), if they would all pair up and carpool to and from school together it could save over \$30,000 in gas consumption annually.

WHERE IS THIS?



Be one of the first ten people to email in the correct PHYSICAL location of this object on our campus and receive a complimentary CRMS sustainable grocery bag. Please email your response and full contact information to lmccormick@crms.org

THANKS AND GOOD LUCK!



CRMS ALUMNI REUNION FEBRUARY 12-14, 2010

The 2010 Colorado Rocky Mountain School Reunion and Alumni Winter Weekend is only a couple of months away! CRMS invites alumni and former faculty to campus from February 12-14 from graduating years 1954-59, 1960-1969 and 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005 (and anyone else who wishes to join us) for a full weekend of events. Join fellow alumni, faculty, staff and students for Founders' Day speakers and panels, Telluride MountainFilm selections, outdoor winter fun, and more! Catch up with friends, attend classes, interact with former and current faculty and students, sample the fabulous food at the Bar Fork, and enjoy all that winter offers in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Unlike summer reunions, since school will be in session, you will need to secure lodging for the weekend. Many area motels and inns offer discounts to people visiting CRMS. For a list of area lodging and activities, please visit www.crms.org/parents/information-and-forms, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on Lodging, Dining and Recreation.

This is a great opportunity to connect with CRMS—past and present. We hope you will join us. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Laura McCormick '93 at 970.963.2562 ext. 131 or lmccormick@crms.org. We look forward to seeing you!



Photo: CRMS Reunion this past summer (David Clifford)

CRMS ON THE ROAD

Jeff Leahy, Head of School, traveled to Asia October 25 through November 5. Jeff visited with current parents and alumni and interviewed potential students in Seoul, Korea; Beijing and Shanghai, China; and Tokyo, Japan. Molly Dorais, Director of Admission, journeyed to Vietnam and India in November.

Laura McCormick '93, Alumni Director, braved a fall blizzard for visits with Boulder-area alumni and an Annual Fund phona-thon on October 28 and 29. Several hardy souls came out to reminisce and make phone calls for CRMS despite the storm.

A number of parent and alumni gatherings are planned for upcoming months. Jeff Leahy hosted a reception in Chicago on the evening of Thursday, December 3. Laura McCormick will be hosting an

informal gathering at the Lift in Carbondale on December 29 from 5 to 7 pm. Carolyn Hardin, and Ted Hepp '61 will host a reception at Ted's home in New York City the week of January 25th. Jeff Leahy will host another reception in San Francisco on Thursday, February 25, at 6:00 pm (location to be determined). Receptions are also planned for Aspen, CO and Santa Fe, NM in the Spring. We hope you can join us at one of these events to connect with others in the CRMS family and to hear about all of the exciting things happening on campus!

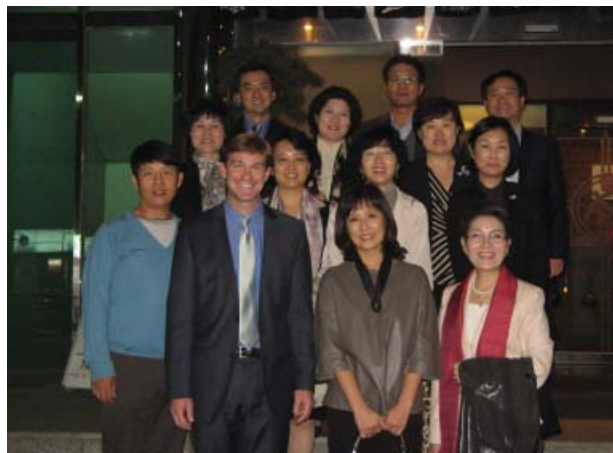


Photo: Head of School Jeff Leahy with CRMS Korean families (Jeff Leahy)

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

Online communication is becoming increasingly important at Colorado Rocky Mountain School. Communication via email to alumni, parents, and friends is timely and relevant, and it fits with the school's commitment to utilizing sustainable practices.

CRMS sends school news, donor communications, alumni news, notices about upcoming events both on and off campus, and more, electronically. Don't miss out. **Please send your current email address to lmccormick@crms.org.**

Another way to keep up with all that is happening at CRMS is to check out the home page of the website at www.crms.org for upcoming events, the current calendar, and press coverage. Parents and alumni each have their own section on the site—click on the tabs in the upper right for the latest. CRMS is working hard to keep you informed about YOUR school!

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2009-10 ADMISSION SEASON RECAP

By Molly Dorais, Director of Admission

Opening enrollment for the 2009-10 school year was 145 students. Approximately 60% of the students are boarding students. These students span the world. Domestically, students come from 21 states with Colorado leading the pack, followed by Texas and then California. Internationally, 30 students represent 11 countries: Angola, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Guadeloupe Island, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Rwanda, South Korea, Sweden, and Vietnam.

Perhaps the biggest change in the 2009-10 admission season was the increase in financial-aid applications. Thankfully, the school was in an excellent financial position to be able to go “above and beyond”

to support families during this difficult economic time. At present, more than 40% of CRMS families receive financial assistance.

The 2010-11 recruiting season is well underway. The Admission Office has already traveled to Washington, DC; Baltimore, MD; Portland, OR; Seattle, WA; Las Vegas, NV; Charlotte, NC; Denver, CO; Lake Placid, NY; and Boise, ID, with a trip to Chicago coming up in December. Internationally, the Admission Office and the Head of School are visiting China, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, India, and Mexico.

While the Admission Office makes a tremendous effort to travel and meet students, schools, and consultants, the very best inquiries come from you: alumni, parents, and friends of the school. Talking about CRMS and referring students is one of the most important ways you can support the school.

Contact the Admission Office if you know someone who might be interested in learning more about CRMS. Thank you in advance for helping make the 2010-11 season the best year yet!



Photos: Current students (Nick Brown)

SEEKING FUTURE PEARLS & OYSTERS

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- Over 75% of current CRMS students first learned about the school from alumni, current parents, or friends of the school?
- Please help us continue the legacy.
- Recommend future Pearls and Oysters at admission@crms.org or (970) 963-2562

Thank you for supporting the CRMS admission process!





Q&A WITH OUR SENIORS

GRADY LENKIN

Home: Colorado

Grade: 12 (Day Student)

Favorite subject: History and Philosophy. I really love any stimulating and provocative discussion I can participate in. And I love examining the reasons things occur; I view history not as names and dates, but as a never ending, cliff hanging story.

Favorite “Active” activity: Telemark Team

Favorite Work Crew: Tutoring

Interesting things about me: This summer I spent six weeks traveling on a cultural and trekking intensive trip in Peru. My favorite books are *Watchmen* and *Everything is Illuminated*. I play lacrosse for Aspen High School.

Best moment at Colorado Rocky Mountain School so far: Wearing a toga to philosophy class.

What made you choose Colorado Rocky Mountain School? The quality and quantity of the student body. I didn’t want a big and worrisome public school social setting. I was looking for more of a safe and socially stress-free environment. Also, the rigorous academics and unique sports program were big factors.

Most challenging experience/class/assignment thus far: Balancing out my junior year. A mix of regular and AP classes, four competitive teams, a 45 minute commute to and from school, SAT prep, my social life, and sleep.

Favorite food at the Bar Fork Dining Hall: Turkey pesto sandwiches on foccacia bread.

I never thought I’d... feel so safe in an academic and social setting. Also, climbing up an almost vertical canyon wall was something new.

Favorite on-campus activity: Relaxing in the Bar Fork after active.

Where I see myself after graduation: In college. Learning to surf and learning karate. After college, I think I would like to go to law school.

Advice for kids considering Colorado Rocky Mountain School: It is what you make of it.

JUAN PABLO

Home: Mexico

Grade: 12 (Boarding Student)

Favorite subject: Environmental Science with Jim Gaw

Favorite “Active” activity: Telemark Skiing

Favorite Work Crew: My favorite work crew was Riverwatch. We worked with the Colorado Riverwatch Program to test the water from the Crystal River (which flows through our campus). I enjoyed this crew because it was a very real application of what I have been learning in my environmental science class about river ecology.

Best moment at Colorado Rocky Mountain School so far: The outdoor program is so amazing. I have really loved all of the trips I have done – starting with Wilderness Orientation my first year.

What made you choose Colorado Rocky Mountain School? I chose CRMS because of the sports offerings. I was amazed that you could ski four days a week and was also impressed when I saw the school’s climbing wall that students help build.

Most challenging experience/class/assignment thus far: Being a boarding student was challenging at first because I hadn’t lived away from home before I came here. Since arriving here, I realize how valuable it is to live with your friends and teachers. I not only love the sports programs here, but I am benefitting from the structure of evening study and am more focused with my classes.

Favorite food at the Bar Fork Dining Hall: Fiona (our head chef) makes the best spaghetti!

Favorite on-campus activity: On the weekends, I play indoor soccer with my friends. There is an indoor soccer club that was started by students.

JEMIMA STRONG

Home: Colorado

Grade: 12 (Day Student)

Favorite subject: Chemistry/Biology

Favorite “Active” activity: Nordic Skiing

Favorite Work Crew: Gardening. Working in the school’s organic garden is so rewarding because we are planting and harvesting food that we eat in the Bar Fork (school cafeteria).

Interesting things about me: I love to bake pies, read classic literature, and lie in the sun.

Best moment at Colorado Rocky Mountain School so far: My best moments at school have been when I joined the soccer team, climbing team, or Nordic team. The friendships I made on a team last even after the season and the competition is what you make it; you are there to have fun.

What made you choose Colorado Rocky Mountain School? My great-grandmother and her son both taught at CRMS, and both my mom and brother were students at CRMS. Growing up, I went to summer camps on campus and I’ve wanted to be here for high school since 2nd grade. For some reason the smell of the hallways reminds me of my great-grandmother’s house!

Favorite food at the Bar Fork Dining Hall: I have a sweet tooth so my favorite food would have to be the chocolate marshmallow pecan bars, they are so good.

Favorite on-campus activity: The climbing competitions are great because our gym can hold so many people. I am also a fan of the “Make Your Own Milk Shake” nights on the weekends!

Where I see myself after graduation: I plan on going to college; I am in the process of looking and choosing colleges, but I want to study chemistry and biology and go into a pre-med program. I would like to become a doctor and work with the program Doctors Without Borders.

Advice for kids considering Colorado Rocky Mountain School: If you are looking for a place that is beautiful and full of adventure and fun, come to CRMS. Be prepared for some hard work, both physical and mental, and a small community where you know everyone.



Q&A WITH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER ROB STEIN

By Carolyn Hardin, Director of Development

Rob Stein joined the Colorado Rocky Mountain School Board of Trustees in February, 2009. Rob is a former faculty member at CRMS, and he has a long history with education and independent schools.

Rob was the Director of the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning. He later was Head of Graland Country Day School, and is nationally known as a leader in education reform.

In March of 2007, Rob was hired as Principal of Manual High School in Denver. According to the hiring committee, as a “graduate of Manual himself, Rob has deep roots in the Denver community and has a record of success bolstering student achievement and fostering strong teaching and learning communities. Throughout his twenty-five year career in education, Rob’s focus has been centered on improving student learning.” Rob is credited with turning Manual High School into a premier high school in Denver.

Rob has a BA from Middlebury, an MAT in Education from Stanford, and PhD in education from Harvard. He is married and has two children.

Carolyn Hardin talked with Rob about his experiences at CRMS, why he joined the Board of Trustees, and what he hopes to accomplish during his tenure.

Q: Tell us about your time on the faculty at CRMS.

A: I was a faculty member at CRMS from 1984 to 1989, teaching Western Civilization, Spanish, and Anthropology among other subjects. I coached the Nordic program, and of course led or participated in work crews, Wilderness and dorm duty. I lived in the house next to The Lodge, in the basement. Gordo lived upstairs.

Q: What was your favorite thing about CRMS or how did it change your life?

A: CRMS was special to me because those were my formative years as an educator. I was in my 20s. I was excited about the field

of education and about teaching. CRMS was a great place to learn, because of the philosophies that guided the school, and because of the relationships with and mentoring of experienced faculty. I was very much welcomed into the community and helped along as an educator.

I was cross-country skiing with Franz Froelicher last year, and we were reminiscing about the “good old days” at CRMS, where we were able to have a balanced life. On the one end you had academic and intellectual pursuits, and on the other you had athletic and outdoor ones. Although there was a lot to balance on both of those ends, it was a well-rounded life.

Q: Why did you want to join the CRMS Board of Trustees?

A: Because I care so much about the school. It is a big part of my identity and who I am. So I wanted to give back.

Q: What do you hope that the board will accomplish during your tenure?

A: First, there are the present concerns that need to be addressed. We have challenges that need to be the highest priority. These include the challenging economic times, ensuring that the enrollment is stable, and the upcoming capital projects.

From my perspective as an educator, and a board member for other organizations, I see the need to improve strategic monitoring of the key indicators of success over time. In other words, we need to track the school’s health by setting reasonable goals in response to changing priorities in the near term, to move in the direction we need to go in the long term.

Q: What are your strongest hopes for CRMS in the future?

A: CRMS is already a great school. My hope is that more people discover the school and what is so great about it. Once that happens, CRMS will be able to take care of the enrollment and fiscal challenges that all schools and non-profit organizations face.



Photo: Rob skiing with wife Mariah, son Max (10), daughter Eliza (14) at Winter Park in 2008 (Rob Stein)



2009-10 ANNUAL FUND GOAL SET FOR \$500,000

By Carolyn Hardin, Director of Development

The Colorado Rocky Mountain School Board Development Committee has set this year's Annual Fund goal at \$500,000. The CRMS Annual Fund is *Vital to Our Success*. It helps to cover the costs of educating every CRMS student, as tuition covers approximately 70% of that cost. This is an optimistic goal, but we are confident that our loyal supporters will continue to give generously to the CRMS Annual Fund. Donations from parents, alumni, the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, and friends are all vital to ensuring that CRMS reaches each student with our life-changing program. Annual Fund donations are particularly critical this year, as more than 40% of the students are receiving some amount of need-based financial aid.

The Annual Fund supports all facets of the school's operations. Unrestricted gifts provide the school with the greatest flexibility, but gifts may be directed to any of the following funds: Academic Studies, Faculty/Salaries, Financial Aid, Head's Discretionary, Professional Development, Reunion Gift, Sports, Technology, Wilderness/Trips, and Work Crews/Physical Plant. To give online, please visit www.crms.org/support.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ON THE HORIZON

CRMS is beginning to plan a new comprehensive campaign. As outlined in the 2007 CRMS Strategic Plan Financial Strength and Facilities Goals, the goal of the campaign will be to "raise the capital necessary to fund Phases I and II of the campus master plan." Also included in this goal is working to "increase the value of the school's combined endowments to \$35 million in the next 10 years, while continuing to maximize operating efficiencies." The third element of the comprehensive campaign is the Annual Fund, which will continue to be an important source of funds to run CRMS programs.

The campaign will include three phases – assessment, planning, and implementation. The assessment phase is underway, and the planning phase will begin early in the new year. We will strive to have 60% of the funds raised (with Board of Trustees and major donor gifts) before the final or "public" phase of the campaign begins.

The capital part of the campaign, which is estimated at \$10 million, will enable CRMS to improve the dormitories and allow the school to meet its mission and goals, while preserving ranch buildings that are integral to the school's history. The bus and student parking project that was completed this summer has set the stage for the construction of two new dormitories between the Business Office and the Crystal and Roaring Fork dorms. Once the dorms are completed, the New Boys Dorm will be refurbished to house Administration and Student Support Services. Then the Holden House will be renovated to preserve this important building, and take it back to its original configuration.

All of the elements of this phase of the campaign have been assigned high priority by the campus and board Buildings and Grounds Committees, "based on community health and safety, energy and efficiency, marketing and appearance, avoidance of future costs, user comfort, budget, and programmatic needs."

Increasing the CRMS endowment is critical to maintain excellence in all of CRMS's programming in order to recruit and retain an outstanding faculty, and to attract a talented and diverse student body.

Finally, strengthening the Annual Fund is essential for the operations of CRMS, including faculty salaries, academic and active offerings and equipment, and campus life activities.

In the future, Phase II of the campaign will include a new science facility, moving and upgrading the library, and a language lab, which are also part of the Campus Master Plan.

This is an ambitious plan; however, CRMS is confident that everyone whose lives have been touched by CRMS will support this important campaign, which will preserve this historic and meaningful place, while ensuring that the school is sustainable far into the future.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Families flocked to Colorado Rocky Mountain School for the annual Family Weekend held October 23 to 26. Families had the opportunity to conference with faculty, visit classes, tour the campus, and most importantly spend time with their children. In addition to these activities, parents had the opportunity to hear Carolyn Williams of Colorado Educational Consulting speak on *College and Financial Aid*, and Kim Nuzzo of the Jaywalker Lodge addressed *Attentiveness with Our Teens and Alcohol and Drug Issues*. Highlights of the weekend also included the Gala Dinner and Roots Scholarship Silent Auction, and Coffee House.

CRMS families, students, faculty and staff, and friends as well as local businesses donated more than 400 items for bidders to purchase. As always, student and faculty art were among the best sellers, and several lucky bidders won fabulous trips to locations such as Ireland and Jamaica. Thanks to all of our sponsors, donors, and bidders and to all of our parent and staff volunteers, particularly to parent Auction Chair Renee Ramge who made this event so successful. Students and faculty performed to a packed Barn at Coffee House. For those who didn't get enough of the wonderful performances, they can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/crmscommunity>.



THE PAST YEAR IN REVIEW

By Carolyn Hardin, Director of Development

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT

Generous alumni, parents, families, friends, foundations, businesses, and faculty and staff contributed nearly \$600,000 in the fiscal year 2008-09, to ensure that Colorado Rocky Mountain School had the *Tools for Learning* to meet its mission of cultivating a learning environment in which students discover their potential to excel. In all, 738 donors made a total of 1,235 gifts to all CRMS funds.

2008-09 ANNUAL FUND SURPASSES GOAL

The Annual Fund goal for 2008-09 was \$420,000. The Development Office staff and the Board of Trustees, along with alumni, parent, and student volunteers raised a total of \$458,320 in the *Tools for Learning* Annual Fund campaign, which was 9% over the goal. This total was comprised of \$361,355 in unrestricted Annual Fund gifts, and \$96,965 in restricted Annual Fund gifts. Among the restricted gifts were \$10,067 in Scholarship Work Day proceeds, \$23,493 in gifts for the CRMS Organic Garden Learning Center, and \$24,634 in other scholarship gifts.

PARTICIPATION IS KEY

Participation rates are key to an independent school's success in raising funds. High participation rates send a strong message to major and foundation donors that the school's constituents value the education being provided. Participation rates for the 2008-09 Annual Fund were:

- Board of Trustees 95%
- Faculty and staff 58%
- Current parents 52%
- Alumni 17%
- Parents of alumni 8%

Thirty-one alumni who had never given before gave in 2008-09, and 100 alumni increased their donation over the previous year, in response to the Board of Trustees Alumni Challenge.

SPECIAL EVENTS - PARENTS SUPPORTING COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

The *Lights, Camera, Auction Scholarship Silent Auction* was a smashing success! Proceeds from this event (sponsorships plus sales) were the highest they have ever been. The event netted \$44,136 for scholarships for CRMS students.

Telluride Mountain Film on Tour was also a success, with net proceeds (sponsorships, ticket sales and concessions) of \$7,238.

CAPITAL GIFTS FOR MUSIC & TECHNOLOGY

Capital Fund gifts totaled \$18,100. These gifts were made for two projects – the revision of the CRMS website that took place in 2008-09, and the future planned Music Building. CRMS hopes to obtain the rest of the funding needed for this building to be able to begin construction in the fall of 2010.

ASSURING THE FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledge payments for the 2002-05 *Assuring the Future* Capital Campaign totaled \$64,025 in 2008-09. This brings the total raised in that campaign to \$5,341,205. These funds were used to build the Jossman classroom building and to renovate the historic CRMS Barn.

ENDOWMENTS

Colorado Rocky Mountain School has more than 35 endowment funds that have been started and built over the years by donors who wanted to ensure that funding would always be in place for the school. Endowment donations totaling \$16,365 were received for six endowment funds in 2008-09.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

A wealth of in-kind gifts were donated to CRMS in 2008-09. Gifts included more than 300 items for the Scholarship Silent Auction, furniture, curtains, sports equipment and bikes, computer equipment, and much more.

ALUMNI EVENTS

A number of successful and well-attended alumni events took place in 2008-09. These included the '90s-era Alumni Reunion on campus in June and alumni receptions held in Denver and Chicago, as well as the annual Friday Night of the Fair gathering at Ella during Mountain Fair and the holiday gathering at The Lift, which were both held right here in Carbondale.

THANK YOU!

The Development Office would like to thank all of our supporters who gave their time and treasure to Colorado Rocky Mountain School in 2008-09. You are all critical to the school's success in preparing our students for extraordinary lives!

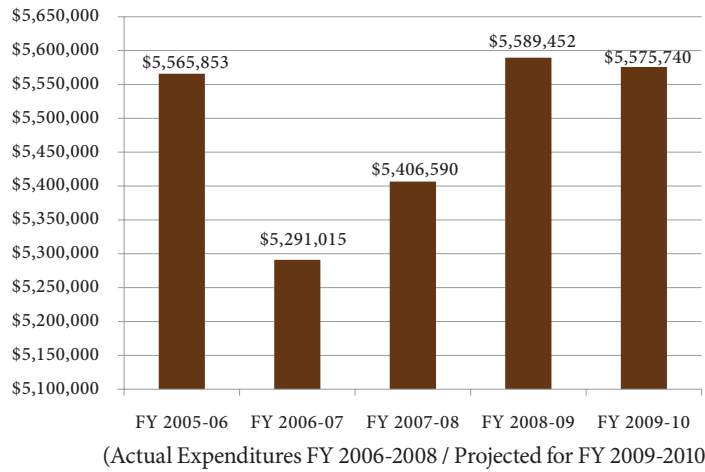


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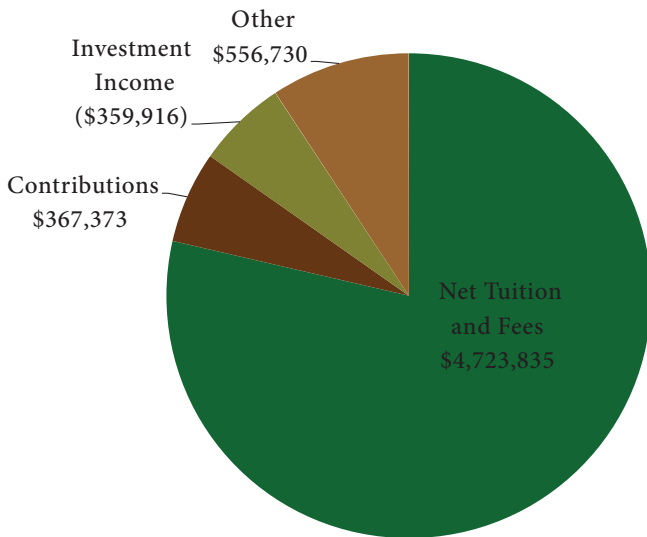
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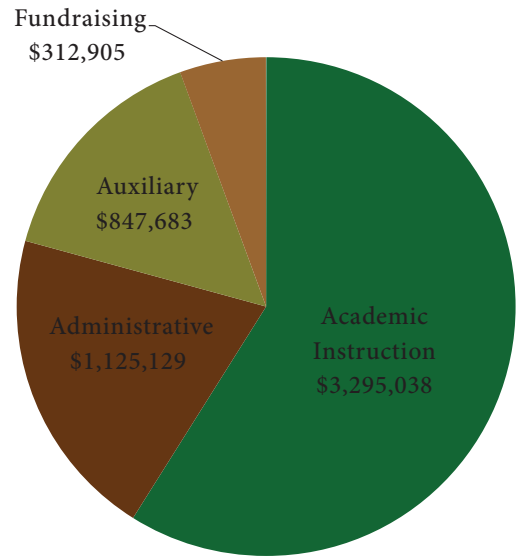
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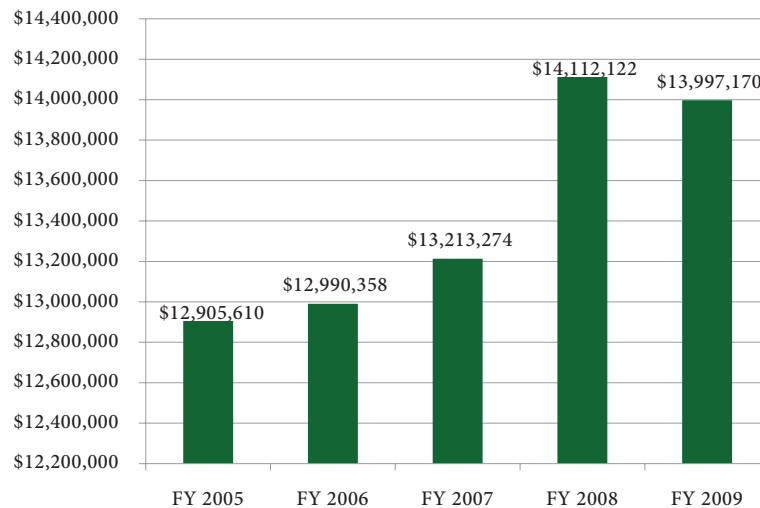
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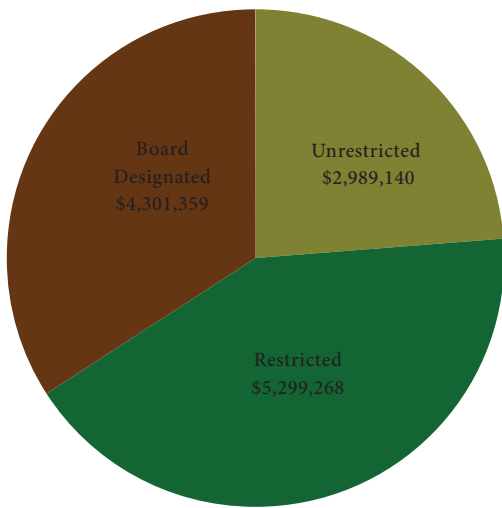




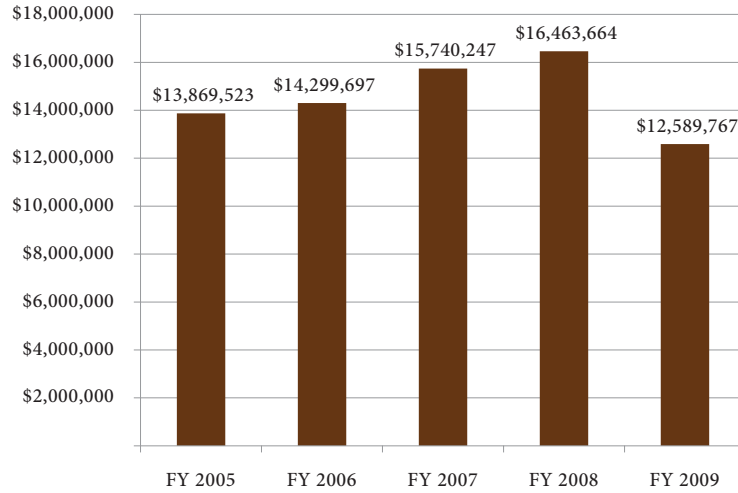
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ENDOWMENT

Endowment Fund Summary



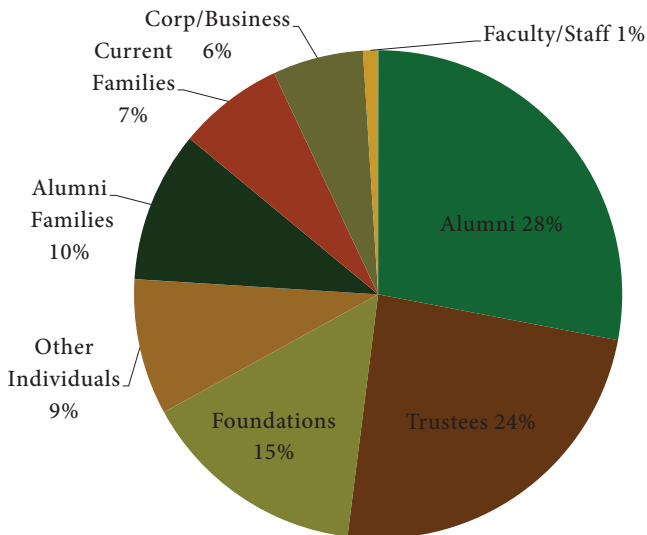
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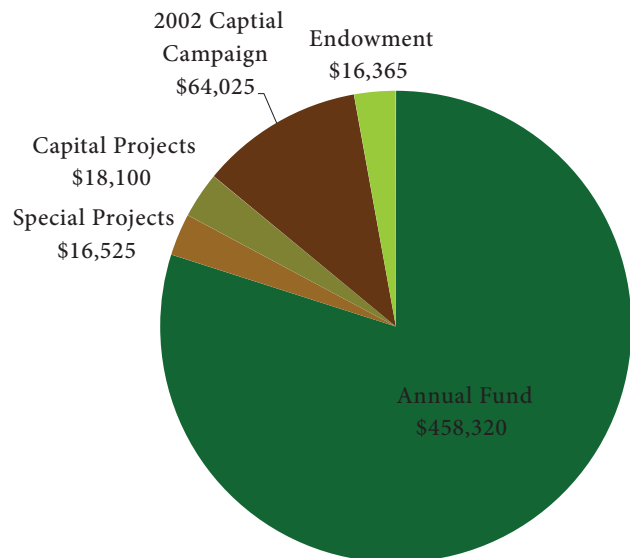
2008-2009 GIVING

CRMS donors remain an essential part of CRMS's financial position. Gifts to CRMS totaled \$573,335 this year.

Gifts by Donor Type



Gifts by Category





GIVING BACK TO CRMS

Colorado Rocky Mountain School depends on the generosity of alumni, parents and friends to support its mission of cultivating a learning environment in which students discover their potential to excel as individuals, contribute to their communities, and participate thoughtfully in the world we share.

The following lists acknowledge gifts to various funds, including the Annual Fund, made July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Gifts to Colorado Rocky Mountain School's Annual Fund provided the *Tools for Learning*, ensuring that the school could successfully deliver the CRMS experience to all students.

Capital Project donations included funds earmarked to go towards the new CRMS website and the planned Music Building in 2008-09. Nine donors also made gifts to several CRMS Endowment Funds, and 33 donors made gifts to the Special Projects Fund.

The Cornerstone Circle recognizes those donors who have given cumulative gifts of \$100,000 or more to Colorado Rocky Mountain School. And the Holden Circle recognizes those donors who have included CRMS in their estate planning.

Thank you to all of our supporters!

It is important to us that we acknowledge your gift(s) properly; please inform us regarding any omissions or errors in listing your name or gift by contacting Diane Darrrough at 970-963-2562 ext. 132 or ddarrrough@crms.org.

CORNERSTONE CIRCLE

(\$100,000 or more over lifetime)

SOPRIS CIRCLE

(\$1 Million and above)

Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation

CRYSTAL CIRCLE

(\$500,000 to \$999,999)

Geary Atherton '68, William Knox Holt Foundation

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Tom and Noel Congdon

Sherri Draper and Will Ferry

Gates Family Foundation

Mary Whitford Graves '60

Harold* and Patricia Pabst

Lynde B. Uihlein '63, The Brico Fund
Anonymus

FOUNDERS CIRCLE

(\$250,000 to \$499,999)

Ralph Beck '73 & Elizabeth Goodbody,
Beck Foundation

Ted Beck, Tad Beck Fund, Beck
Foundation

Tony '58 and Bernadette Cherin

George and Margot Greig

Ted Hepp '61

Virginia Touhey '74, U.S. Charitable Gift
Trust

Cynthia Yates Price '72 and Lester Price
Anonymus

BAR FORK CIRCLE

(\$100,000 to \$249,999)

Todger Anderson

Boettcher Foundation

Kay Brunner, Pascal Shirley '99, BKS
Family Charitable Foundation

George and Anne Bunting

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May Duncan*

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Erika Glazer '75

Chris Guenther

Vinod Gupta

Gladys & Roland Harriman Foundation

Curtis and Jill Kaufman

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Connie and Bruce Ourieff '69

Ilsa Perse '66

Evelyn Petschek '68

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George and Patti Stranahan, The
Needmore Fund

John T. Watson* Trust, University of
Colorado Foundation

Francis Whitaker*

John and Charlotte Yates

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(Designated CRMS in Estate Planning)

Mike Adler '58

Emily Allen '61*

Towne Allen '69

Kat Bradley Bennett '67

Inez Black

Emily Bray '75

Barbara Buchanan '65

Tony Cherin '58

Sara Bunn Chesney '77

Beach Clow '77

Katherine Dumont*

Bill Dumont '57

Leila Gass '82

Andy Gould '60

Katherine Gould-Martin '61

Mary Whitford Graves '60

Anne McNiff Gwathmey '78

Beth Finder Harris '60

Erin Hayne '95

Ted Hepp '61

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnston

Steve and Karen Lynn Keith

James Koons '72

Starr Lanphere '60

Betsy Lauber '66

Lynn Bradley Leopold '60

Margaret Lewis

Jan and Amos Melendez

Mary Wilmer Mills '72

Loulie Molloy

Edith Morris

Sandra Mowry

Kate Paddon '80

Tony Perry '55

Ramelle Cochrane Pulitzer '68

Barbara Ross

Rob Sayre '58

Colin Bunnell Schieck '78

John Schweppe*

Jonathan Siegel '71

Pat Stein Spitzmiller '60

John Stickney '57

John T. Watson*

Tad Whitaker '94

Ashley Whittaker '89

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ANNUAL FUND

RED HILL

(\$25,000 and above)

Mary Whitford Graves '60

George and Margot Greig

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(* indicates deceased)

**ROARING FORK****(\$10,000 to \$24,999)**

Aspen Community Foundation
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 David Bonderman and Laurie Michaels
 Eric and Mary Calhoun
 Sherri Draper and Will Ferry
 Frank and Gayle Eby
 Ted Hepp '61
 William Knox Holt Foundation
 John and Charlotte Yates
 Anonymous

BARN**(\$5,000 to \$9,999)**

BKS Family Charitable Foundation
 The Brico Fund
 Kay Brunner
 Catto Charitable Foundation
 John Catto
 Curtis and Jill Kaufman
 Norquist Robinson Foundation
 Elliot and Caroline Norquist, Jr.
 Bruce Ourieff '69
 Qwest Communications International
 Dorothy Reed '68
 Dwight Pascal Shirley '99
 Thendara Foundation
 Lynde B. Uihlein '63

LOG HOUSE**(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

Yeom Hong An and In Ok Park
 Aspen Skiing Company Environmental
 Foundation
 Beck Foundation
 Ralph Beck '73
 The Community Foundation of Greater
 Greensboro
 Dick and Robin Danell
 EJL98 Charitable Trust
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 Gail Dearden '75
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 Scott Gilbert
 The Howard Bayne Fund
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 Seung-Hoe and Jin-Suk Kim
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 Ilsa Perse '66
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 Program
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 Stan Wattles '80
 St. Clair and Estelle Yates

HOGAN**(\$1,000 to \$1,499)**

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 Alpine Bank
 Todger and Mary Ellen Anderson
 Thomas and Suzanne Blue
 Syd and Peg Boyne
 Emily Bray '75
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 Alison McKelvey Clayson '59
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 James Koons '72
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 Joanna Miller Runeare '74
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 Lowell Hall
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 Linda Halloran and Andy Taylor
 Linda Hayes
 Alex Helfenbein '83*
 Dan and Judy Hobby
 Dru and Charlie Horn
 Katherine Hubbard
 Sam and Ann Johnson
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(\$100 to \$249)

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 Adria Davis Hartman '94
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(\$1 to \$99)

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Naomi Alfini '95
Tory Amorello
Jim Amos '60
Conrad Anker '81
Tamim Ansary '66
Brad Ansley '67
Ben Armitage '98
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Carol Baily '69
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Sherri Duncan Bennett '73
Kate Bennis '82
Jack Bethel '07
Kathy Biehl
Tom Bingham '73
Nick Bourg '59
Bryan and Debi Boyle
Nellie Bracker '76
Drew and Thalia Brennan
Mia Brooks Brenner '75
Seth Brown '91
Katie Browne '95
David Brudzinski
John and Margaretta Bruegger
Hope Tyler Buckner '58
Matt Cahn '05
Rick and Lorrie Carlson
Douglas Carman '76
Charles Carrington '71
Bart Chapin '66
John Chase '60
James and Pamela Christian
Hannah Clark '99
Nina Clark '05
Steve Clark '77
Len and Regina Clarke
Seth Cobb '99
Rebecca Collett
Tom and Helen Collins
David and Melissa Contouris
Clint Cook '95
Frank Cooley
Bonnie Baldrige Coryell '63
Kevin and Thisha Craig
Steve and Jan Crowley
Tyler Daenzer '91
Amy Daggett '78
Peter Darrah '86
Diane Darrough
Matt Davies '86
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Molly Hall Dorais and Scott Dorais
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Leslie Dougall-Sides '71
Leslie Doyle '07
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Alexandra Corson Dujardin '63
Bill Dumont '57
Rachel Duncan '98
David Durrance '63
Dick Durrance '60
Amanda Dworski '90
David Edwards '83
Elizabeth Ellis '76
Elsie Falconer
Katie Fales '07
Winnie Koch Fernandez '57
Forbes Fisher '04
Burch Fisher '99
Nora Fisher '58
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Bob Ford '83
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Fred Franz
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Gale Vagneur Gates '73
Caleb Gaw '00
Jim '64 and Khara Gaw
Mia Gaw '03
Abe Geasland '83
Terry Friedman Gelfenbaum '74
Teri Gelineau
Mary Beil Gerdeman '54
Diane and Victor Gerdin
Jake Gesner '81
Peggy Goin-Harding '75
Karen Good
Ursula Goodenough '60
John and Keven Goodwin
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Margaret Graham '65
Eleanor Graves '89
John Graves '59
Anne Greene
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Tipper Hassig '05
Michael Hassig
Betsey Stevenson Hassrick '56

Meg Haughey '02
Adele Hause and Les Bickel
Kit Havice '58
Michael Hayes
Harry Heafer '75
Gretchen Heitzman
Tom and Susan Henderson
Severo and Cruz Hernandez
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Missy Hoagland-Scher '71
Gretchen Hofmann
Mitch Hoke '06
Ben Holden '57
Molly Holmes '08
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Ken and Eleanor Hubbard
Grace Huffman
Arthur Hughes '62
Ingrid Blaufarb Hughes '62
Nelson Jay '83
Elizabeth Johnston '00
Kathleen Jones
Emma Juniper '03
Fletcher Kasmer '02
Stephanie Goehrig Kassels '97
Ted Kauffman and Leigh McGown-Kauffman
David and Angela Kellaway
Sarah Daney Kelly '90
Mr. and Mrs. Oran Kirkpatrick
Kiwanis Club of Glenwood Springs
Ashley Krest '94
Eric and Anne Krimmer
Charlotte Quack Kroher '84
Mary Kuntz-Cote '69
Carolyn Landes
Chris Landry '67
Josh Lange '93
Hannah Laufe '74
Larry Lederer
Michelle LeMarr '01
Nick Lenssen '78
Dan Levin '92
Graham Lewis '63
Tyson Lien '94
Jennie Ostrem Lock '75
Amy Lozier
Rob Mackinlay '80
Anne Woessner Macquarie '71
Kevin and Diane Madigan
Forest Mannan '06
Ed and Betsy Marston
Matt Masciocchi '03
Katherine Masden
Will McCall '83
Gaelen McKee '03

Nina McKee '82
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Sylvia McLaughlin
Paula and Art Mears
Mike Mechau '55
Ed Merritt '70
David and Shannon Meyer
Brock Micklow '75
Thomas Mitchell '73
Tim Moore '57
Kathy Lovett Moritz '67
David Mork and Nanna Schov
Chris Morrison '64
James and Kathleen Morrissey
Jon Muir '99
Brian Muller '74
Helen Muller '62
Leslie Newbury
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JESSE L. BOYCE III '70

Jesse L. Boyce III died Nov. 6, 2009. He was 57.

Jesse grew up in Grand Junction. He graduated from Colorado Rocky Mountain School in 1970. He later returned to the school, in September of 1986, to teach science, including aquatic and river biology. He was also the "Weekend Specialist," driving students to the bus in Glenwood Springs and doing all of the late night checks in the dorms.

In addition, Jesse was the parent of CRMS alumna, Elizabeth, who graduated from the school in 1999.

Jesse was a scientist, and he saw much of the world that way. He received his doctorate in biology in 1984 from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. He led an incredibly adventurous life; he had put himself through graduate school working the oil rigs throughout Africa. He also worked with the Aspen Global Change Institute before starting Internet Outfitting, the first Internet company in the Roaring Fork Valley. He also lived in Europe for many years.

Jesse was a humble man but one of great intellect, humor and grace, he lived and died with those qualities very present.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis June Bronson, Ph.D., and stepson, Gordon Bronson, both of Aspen, Colorado; daughter, Elizabeth of Albuquerque; brother, Tom of Miami, Fla., and sisters Julie of Grand Junction and Shelley of Telluride.

A memorial service was held for Jesse at the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies on Nov. 19.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to: Biochemical Research Foundation; c/o Phyllis Bronson, Ph.D. at the Biochemical Research Foundation; P.O. Box 11389; Aspen, CO 81611.

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DR. CHARLES RUSSELL NEALE JR.

Dr. Charles Russell Neale, Jr., 82, formerly of Asheville, NC passed away Friday, May 22, 2009, at Deerfield Skilled Nursing Center.

A native of Massachusetts, he was the son of late Charles Russell Neale, Sr. and Alleda Florence Guyton Neale. Mr. Neale resided in Salt Lake City, Utah for many years, moving to Boone, N.C. in 1978. In 2001, he and his wife, Nancy, moved to Asheville, where they have lived at Deerfield Retirement Community.



Russ was a clinical psychologist in private practice both in Utah and in North Carolina, and he was on staff at the mental health center in Watauga County in the 1980s.

Surviving is his loving wife of 50 years, Nancy Kester Neale; daughters, Leda Neale of Asheville and Erica Neale of Black Mountain; son, Graham Neale and his wife Diana, of Bozeman, Montana; and grandchildren, Isabella Yeager and Kester Neale.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 28, 2009, in the St. Giles Chapel at Deerfield Retirement Community, with the Rev. E. Morgan Gardner officiating. Interment followed in the Deerfield Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (1-800-708-7644), or the National Parkinson's Foundation (1-800-327-4545).

An online register is available at www.ashevilmortuaryservices.com

BILL TREICHLER

"If you were a student at CRMS in 1967 or 1968, you were probably invited to the Log House to join the Treichler family for dinner as former faculty member Bill Treichler wanted to ask each student to join them at least once. I learned this on a visit to the Treichler farm in October '09 where I felt a need to visit and absorb the kindness and enthusiasm for self-sufficient, sustainable living they embraced long before it began to appear necessary. Bill died July 22, 2008 in the farmhouse (circa 1825) near Hammondsport, NY where they had lived for 37 years. His family was with him. I asked Martha to describe his interest in organic farming. . . You probably remember her as well as Rachel, Joe, George, Barbara and John, all now addressing this issue in their own ways." --Adele Hause

Martha Treichler writes, "Bill was a great admirer of John Holden and his ideas on education. And John admired Bill's ideas on organic farming and gardening. About 1966, John invited Bill to come to CRMS and start an organic farm and garden. Bill arrived at CRMS in the early Spring of 1966, and his first project was an apple orchard. He planted young apple trees in an area near the Bar Fork, with student help. He practiced his grafting skills, and learned about irrigating and water rights.

"After the Spring term was over, he returned to Iowa to pick up his wife and five children, and move them to CRMS.

"For two years, he grew vegetables, especially potatoes and carrots. Both did very well there, and the carrots came to about 700 lbs. He helped run the Student Work Program, and was impressed with the good-natured enthusiasm of the students. They made hay, worked in the gardens, helped check the irrigation ditches, and helped build the new Hogan for long-time silver-working teacher Steve Schanzer.

"When a new Headmaster succeeded John Holden at the end of his first year, Bill felt the school was less interested in organic farming and gardening. He moved to another college preparatory school with a farm, The Mountain School at Vershire, Vermont.

"Bill's interest in sustainable farming and gardening started when he was a young boy growing up on an Iowan farm. When he was nineteen, during World War II, he was in the Air Force sta-



tioned in East Anglia in Britain, and found that his base was near the Haughley Farm, where the newly-formed Soil Association ran its experiments on organic farming. Bill worked at the farm on his days off, became a charter member of the Soil Association, and found a friend in the owner of Haughley Farm, Lady Eve Balfour. Lady Eve was a staunch supporter of the Soil Association, and gave her farm to the Association to be used for its research.

“Bill was able to buy books recommended to him by Lady Eve, including books by the men and women who started the movement to save the soil of the planet. These included books by Sir Albert Howard, *Soil and Health, Farming for Health or Disease*, and *An Agricultural Testament*. The list also included *The Living Soil* by Eve Balfour, *Alternative to Death*, by the Earl of Portsmouth, *The Farming Ladder* by G. Henderson, *On Humus and the Earthworm*, by Charles Darwin, *Humus and the Farmer* by Friend Sykes, and *Harnessing the Earthworm* by Thomas Barrett. These books were the foundation of Bill’s education in organic farming, and meant more to him than his agriculture courses that he took later at the State University of Iowa at Ames.”

Colorado Rocky Mountain School benefitted greatly from Bill’s enthusiasm for gardening and a more sustainable way of living. Some of his apple trees are still thriving at CRMS, and certainly organic gardening has taken root at the school and flourishes as the school continues to expand the Organic Garden Learning Center to feed the hungry masses in the Bar Fork, each day.

ALEXIS PAUL SHELOKOV ’73

Dr. Alexis Paul Shelokov was an orthopedic surgeon specializing in treating scoliosis patients, and he understood the importance freeing patients from debilitating pain and physical disabilities.

He was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed cycling, skiing and hiking, and he strived to improve the lives of those with curvature of the spine.

On August 3, 2009, Alexis had just finished an exhilarating mountain-bike ride in Telluride, CO on The Prospect Trail. This ride is 10 miles long and begins 10,500 feet above sea level ending with a thrilling downhill series of switchbacks.

Alexis, 55, died of an apparent heart attack after completing the ride while pedaling back to the trailhead. He was a veteran cyclist and had no known heart condition, his family said.

“He felt like he was making a very substantial difference in people’s lives,” said his brother-in-law, Fred Gibson of Washington, D.C. “It was much more than a cosmetic type of issue. He dealt with people who had profound deformities, many of whom had not had successful results from previous surgery. He was helping people live much more normal lives.”

Alexis was one of the few surgeons in the nation who could rebuild a spine to correct a deformity, said Jerri Garison, president of Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano, where Alexis was director of the Baylor Scoliosis Center.

Scoliosis can cause debilitating pain, prevent normal breathing and bring on depression.

“He was just so wonderful with his patients. He was so emotionally tied to them,” Ms. Garrison said.

Alexis was born in Washington, D.C., where his father, Dr. Alexis Ioann Shelokov, was a researcher with the National Institutes of Health.

He grew up traveling the world as his father investigated infectious diseases and the vaccines to prevent them.

Alexis attended CRMS through his junior year of high school. He received his bachelor’s degree in zoology from the University of Texas at Austin and his medical degree from what is now UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where he met his wife to-be, Georgiana Gibson, who became a radiologist.

After an internship at Parkland hospital, Dr. Shelokov did post-graduate studies at Harvard Surgical Service and Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston, where he was chief resident at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Dr. Shelokov started his medical practice at the Texas Back Institute in Dallas. He later founded and was president of Consulting Orthopedists. He had been director of the Baylor Scoliosis Center since 2005.

In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by a son, Nicholas, and a daughter, Lara.

The family requests that memorial gifts be made to Doctors Without Borders.



SABRA PALMER STEELE ’57

We recently received news that Sabra Palmer Steele ’57 passed away on October 16 after a battle with brain cancer. Please see the Spring Newsletter for an In Memoriam.

JESSE COHEN

Colorado Rocky Mountain School has received notice that Jesse Cohen, who attended the school in 1994, passed away in October 2009.



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PUMPKIN BREAD

From Fiona Pax O'Donnell

Makes 1 loaf

1 ¾ cup flour

1 cup brown sugar

2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon nutmeg

¼ teaspoon cloves

1 cup pumpkin puree (fresh or canned)

1/3 cup water

½ cup oil

2 eggs

½ cup chopped pecans (optional)

Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a greased loaf pan. Bake at 325F for 45 min or until tooth pick comes out clean.

CARROTS WITH GINGER

From Fiona Pax O'Donnell

Serves 6 people

2 lbs carrots peeled, cut diagonally in quarter inch rounds

¼ cup butter

2 Tbsp. brown sugar

1 ½ Tbsp ginger chopped finely

¼ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. fresh ground black pepper

1 cup fresh orange juice and zest

Place all ingredients in a saucepan; cover and bring to a boil. Simmer for 3 minutes. Uncover and simmer until liquid glazes the carrots approx. 10 minutes. Serve with chopped parsley.

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DID YOU KNOW...

CRMS students and faculty harvested over 2700 pounds of organic potatoes this fall. The CRMS kitchen will be boiling, baking, mashing, frying and roasting five different varieties—each grown for a different taste and purpose: Maris Piper, German Butterball, Rose Finn Apple Fingerling, Red McClure and Yellow Finn.