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— MT. EVANS QUALIFYING HOUSE —

2011 ANNUAL

PERFORMANCE REPORT

— MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR —

2011 started out with a series of events that led to one of the best years in our program. The Clear Creek County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a 10 year Special Use Permit for us to continue operation in the county. We were fortunate to have several neighbors, community leaders, employers and partners turn out at multiple public hearings to offer support both verbally and in writing. Our program was recognized as being a valuable part of our community and for providing many opportunities to young men to have new experiences and provide a variety of services to our neighbors.

The young men that have come through our program have consistently remarked on our quiet and inviting community. They are continually amazed by the wildlife that walks through our front yard (including bears, deer and foxes) and by how many outdoor activities they can experience, including learning to ski and snowboard, geocaching and fishing.

All of this would not be possible without the amazing dedication of the wonderful staff with whom I work. A combined 31 years of experience is brought to the table, as the staff provide their best in care and direction for the young men in our program. Their enthusiasm is only matched by their innovation and creativity in projects and adventures for our team. We enhanced our partnerships with other ROP programs by providing a Color Guard for graduation ceremonies at Lookout Academy, as well as Flag Day Events at Ridge View Academy, Lookout Academy and the Betty K. Marler Center. We also held our first ever prom for the Qualifying House (Q-House) and the Betty K. Marler Center.

All of these opportunities and events have improved our overall operation and have built up excitement for the prospects of 2012!

Troy Erickson,
Program Manager



— 2011 HIGHLIGHTS —

- A student won the spike driving contest at Mining Day competitions
- A student won a bicycle for being the Gilpin County Fair bicycle rodeo champion
- 18,684 hours of community service completed by students
- Certificates for student contributions to the community were received from the City Council of Idaho Springs
- Awarded a plaque from The Victim Advocates of Clear Creek County in recognition of contributions to victims in the community
- \$89,695 in wages earned by students
- \$26,244 in restitution paid by students
- First prom held with the girls at the Betty K. Marler Center and sponsored by community members
- 100% student employment maintained throughout the year



Family & Community Engagement

— FAMILY CONNECTIONS —

Students' families have the opportunity to be involved in monthly visits. In 2011 there were:

- 57 family visits provided
- 826 telephone calls made

During the summer months, visits frequently are held at a large park in the Denver Metro area to allow families to BBQ and engage in recreational activities with students. Families often coordinate bringing food to contribute to a meal shared by all. These visits promote opportunities for families to strengthen and build stronger relationships through healthy and positive activities in a normalized environment.



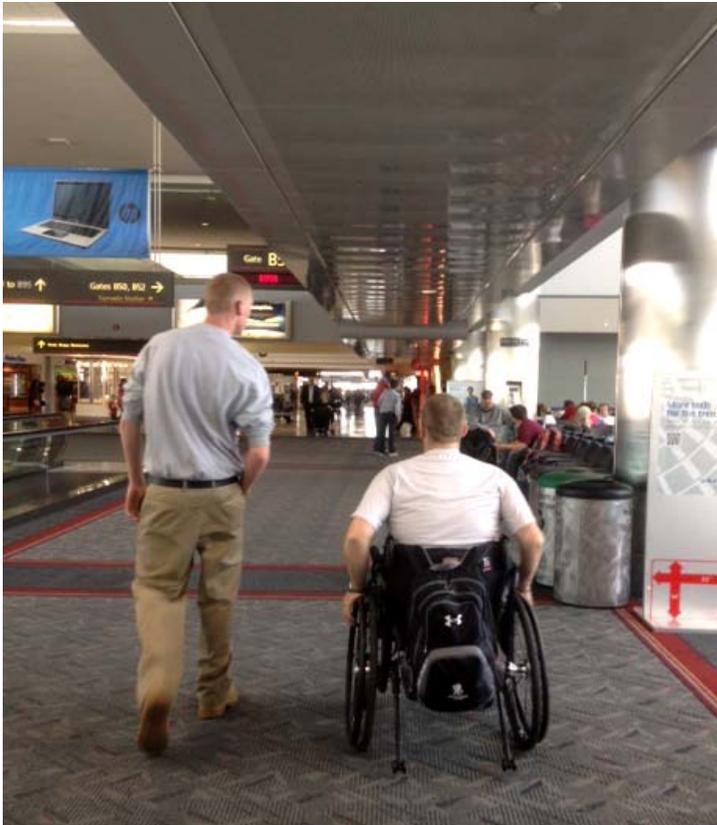
— COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT —

The Mt. Evans Qualifying House provides opportunities for student engagement in the community. These include everything from recreation activities to community service projects to being employed by local businesses.

In 2011, the students experienced the extreme adventures of hiking to the top of a 14,265' mountain (Mt. Evans) and touring a local mine, which allowed them to descend approximately a half of a mile down.

Community service projects in 2011 included:

- Partnering with local American Legion for 1st Annual POW*MIA Banquet and 9/11 Remembrance Event
- Assisting the Town of Georgetown with a water emergency
- Providing support to Disabled American Veterans flying into Denver
- Volunteering at a local animal shelter
- Repairing grave site and installing fence for a Confederate Soldier



— KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS —

- Students exceeded the Community Service goal for 2011, providing 3,455 hours to the community
- Students performed 3,745 hours of Student Services and Athletics, exceeding the goals set for 2011
- 53 tours provided
- 11 meetings with Community Advisory Board





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We are honored to have been integrated into a community that regards the young men at the Mt. Evans Qualifying House as a true part of the community, contributing to the quality of life for residents. The poem below is the second poem written for and about our students, also referred to as "The Guys With Ties," by a dear member of the community of Idaho Springs.

*As I was walkin down the street
It was the "guys with ties" I did meet
They were walkin..., strollin with a beat
Then along came Robin
Whose stride was "a-bobbin"
As I looked around
Much to my surprise
This what I found
Along our Colorado Blvd.
At three churches there were no longer weeds
Not only distasteful but with some
Pollen which peoples allergies feed.
Oh, thanks you "guys with ties"
Our City in many ways
You help beautify
Both with your essence
And things you do
For usn's....truly wonderful.
Each one of you is so SPECIAL*



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