



8605 Explorer Drive - Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Community Roundtable exists to demonstrate God's love to the local community through practical volunteer service and financial donations to worthy causes; and to exhibit to the public the positive significance of the actions and contributions of its parent organizations. "To break the cycle of poverty in people's lives in the Pikes Peak region." Simply put, the Community Roundtable exists to provide the Christian Non-Profit organizations of Colorado Springs with an opportunity to "give back" to our community, to be salt and light. Matthew 5:16 and Isaiah 58:10 are guiding Scriptures.

## **ACTION PLAN**

A "Parent Organization" must be a Christian Non-Profit headquartered in Colorado Springs whose ministry is directed to more than the Colorado Springs area (multi-state, national or international). These Parent Organizations have, through the Community Roundtable (CRT), had a major impact in our local community and more importantly in individual lives. The CRT actively pursues organizations that are working in our community toward breaking the cycle of poverty. Those organizations are invited to attend regular CRT meetings and share who they are, what they do, and what their needs are. The CRT and its Parent Organizations then have the opportunity to bring real help to those organizations.

We offer help in five ways:

- 1) Prayer support.
- 2) Expertise. Our Parent Organizations provide a wealth of talent in several areas such as technical support, accounting, human resources, development, grant writing, creative design, printing, and the list continues. Our Parent Organizations offer this expertise at no cost to our supported organizations.
- 3) Volunteers. Collectively we represent over 3,600 employees. When needed our Parent Organizations can raise significant volunteer support,
- 4) Financial resources. While limited, we can and do offer financial help to assist with significant needs.
- 5) Material resources. We provide free books, tapes, videos, music, office equipment such as computers, faxes, desks, chairs, etc. This support has made the difference for many local agencies.



### **History & Profile:**

The Community Roundtable is a local, donor supported 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to engage Christian non-profit organizations in the Pikes Peak Region as positive social contributors to the local community and to proactively promote the local economic and social impacts of its parent organizations to the public. In other words, the Community Roundtable helps unite local Christian organizations in jointly demonstrating we are good corporate neighbors – to both the economic and social health of the Pikes Peak region.

The Community Roundtable launched as an informal network of ministries in 1994 after a state ballot initiative failed to revoke the tax exempt status of religious non profit organizations. The ballot sponsors ran their campaign claiming non-profits consumed more tax funded services than the value of the benefits they contributed to their local communities and therefore should have their tax exempt status revoked. The Community Roundtable began as a network of Christian non-profits who sought to create an intentional, sustained and public presence in the region by collectively coordinating local volunteer efforts by their employees as well as gathering and reporting the positive financial impacts of its members in the local community. In 2003 the Community Roundtable matured from an informal network and organized as a 501(c)(3) non profit corporation as we sought to serve a permanent role that effectively connected Christian non profits to the local community. Our 501(c)(3) status letter from the IRS was received in April 2005.

Since our inception in the 1990s we have focused our community volunteer efforts on “breaking the cycle of poverty in people’s lives in the Pikes Peak region.” Through our 20+ parent organizations we have mobilized resources, talents and volunteer time to assist the less fortunate citizens of our city. Plus we gather local economic and social impact data from our parent organizations to create an annual report that is distributed to hundreds of local leaders in the government, business and social service sectors.

The Community Roundtable has met with dozens of social service agencies in the Pikes Peak region to observe their operations, meet their leadership and invite them to our monthly meetings where they explain their mission and share their needs. These needs are then communicated to the Christian non profits that make up our membership. Each

year the Community Roundtable “adopts” one of the organizations they have researched for a three-year term of sponsorship. At any given time at least three social service agencies are “adopted” by the Community Roundtable. During an adoption period the member Christian non-profits are urged to focus their employee volunteer efforts and financial assistance by helping these adopted agencies succeed and grow in their social service mission and community impact. This typically involves recruiting board members to help strengthen governance, promoting the mission and needs of sponsored agencies to employees, recruiting volunteer efforts, providing cash and in-kind donations of talent, furnishings, equipment and supplies. The goal is to help the adopted social service agencies become stronger and more effective in the community and to build healthy partnering relationships between them and the Christian non-profits located in our community.

**Community Roundtable Board:**

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