



DEEP's Second Anniversary Event



DEEP celebrated its second anniversary and fundraising event on Thursday, May 25, 2006.

Thanks to the many donors of scrumptious cakes, pastries, tamales, salsa, and specialty items; and to those who supported DEEP by donating money towards these wonderful goods, DEEP received donations in the amount of \$2,590.

The event featured a silent auction of cakes, pies, and other goodies. In addition, there were tables of individual pastries, tamales, and salsa. Live soft music filled the room making an enjoyable atmosphere; thanks to Mr. Gerald Endsley, Music Director of the Denver Municipal Band, on horn and Hank Troy on keyboard.

There were prize drawings that included recreation center memberships, golf games, a dinner certificate, a massage, and two Frontier Airline tickets!

Several exclusive bakeries donated exceptional cakes and pies. The bakery that donated the most was Vollmer's Bakery; they donated 88 Boston Cream Pies. The bakery that donated the biggest cake was Biscuits and Cream. All the baked goods were just wonderful!

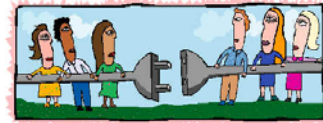
Special acknowledgements go to R.D. Sewald, with the Auditor's office, for being the highest cake bidder two years in a row.

This year and last, R.D. won the bid on the "spring fling" cake from the Market Bakery. This fabulous cake (*pictured below*) was donated by City Council. It was a full sheet cake with an as-



sortment of fresh fruit covering the top. And being the generous man RD is, he shared it with office staff...lucky them!

As always, the event was a huge success, thanks to all donors and volunteers once again for *supporting the city family*.



DEEP Board Seeks New Member

Due to a recent resignation, the DEEP board is seeking a new member.

We are looking for a dedicated city employee who will *bring energy, enthusiasm, and a passion for helping their fellow city employees*.

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Board Member Profile— Shirley Garcia



Shirley Garcia was one of DEEP's original champions. She was part of the initial group of three who came up with the idea of DEEP. She served as DEEP's first secretary and continues as an active and vital board member. Shirley is an incredibly kind and gentle soul with a tremendously compassionate heart.

From the beginning she has shown an enormous dedication to DEEP, spending more personal time on DEEP than any other board member. She has spent hours doing minutes, editing bylaws and creating informational materials. She has taken a special interest in the vital task of fund raising, spending many hours on events such as the kickoff celebration, the first and second anniversary celebrations, the DECC campaign and two silent auctions. She has reached out to the larger community to collect donations to be used as door prizes and auctioned off at our bake sales. She, along with Karen Brennan, has also spearheaded the "two can" food drives, which collect food for DEEP's partner the Senior High-Rise Food Bank.

Shirley's day job is as a Personnel Analyst with Career Service Authority, where she puts her kind heart and energy to work helping people get jobs with the city. She started with the city 21 years ago at Denver C.A.R.E.S., the Denver detoxification center. She moved to CSA after 8 years. Shirley is a native of Denver. She has two children and five grand children who she adores.

Without Shirley's energy and commitment to her fellow city employees the idea of DEEP would never have become a reality. **We all owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude!**

Dennis Gallagher— DEEP Contributor



Auditor Gallagher has been a vital supporter of DEEP from its inception. His incredibly generous donation of approximately \$7,000 through the 2006 Denver Employees Combine Campaign is by far the single largest donation DEEP has ever received. This generous donation is approximately one fourth of DEEP's total operating budget in 2006 and will assist almost 50 employees who are experiencing financial hardships.

As one of the first to contribute, Auditor Gallagher is a charter member of DEEP. He attended DEEP's original kickoff celebration offering encouraging words and a rousing song. He has continued to support the program attending events, participating in the DEEP auction for baked goods and supporting the drives to restock the shelves of the Senior High rise food bank, which provides food to city employees in need.

Auditor Gallagher is a true friend to City employees and DEEP is honored to have his support.

Next time you see him – let him know that you appreciate his generosity!



DEEP Board Members

Mike Aleksick
Karen Brennan
Shirley Garcia

Marinda Kincaid
Christine McGroarty
Loretta Martinez

Donna Smith
Chris Weimer
Chrisanne Wilhelmi

Letter from a DEEP Recipient

When I first learned about the Deep Program, and what they offered, I was so grateful when I needed the assistance and was not turned away. I was unable to work due to illness that I got behind on our bills. DEEP was able to assist me with Xcel Service after receiving a shut off notice and for my co-pay's on my prescriptions. This was a tremendous help for me and my family! This is a great program and I don't know what I would have done without it. **Thank you so much DEEP!**



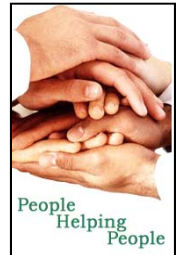
Spring Food Drive – by Karen Brennan

This spring, the Auditor's office and DEEP co-sponsored a canned food drive to benefit a local non-profit, the Senior High-Rise Food Bank. We collected 1,054 pounds of food. Donated items included: cereals, soups, pasta, and lots of peanut butter, tuna, powdered milk, vegetables, and much more!! Thanks to all the employees who donated food. DEEP would also like to THANK the Department of Solid Waste. Solid Waste supplies the containers for collection and assists in delivering the food.

The Senior High-Rise Food Bank supports the needs of low-income seniors in assisted living facilities. By cooperating with other charities and business partners in our community, they are able to meet the needs of many families on a weekly basis. In addition to supporting seniors, this organization has also provided food to City employees and their families. During the past year, they provided food assistance with 650 individual meals for people in the City family - which includes 300 meals for children. To support this partnership, DEEP held a second food drive to replenish the shelves at the Senior High-Rise Food Bank.

To those of you who participated in the food drive – **THANK YOU!** It was a big success.

Your food donations will help other City employees who are currently experiencing financial difficulties. This holiday season, DEEP will sponsor another food drive for this worthy organization.



DEEP Board Says Farewell to Donna Smith



It is with great regret that the DEEP board accepts the resignation of board member **Donna Smith**. Although we are sad to lose her, she is leaving the city to accept a fabulous opportunity as the executive director of Cleo Parker Robinson Dance and for that we are glad.

Donna has been a tremendous asset to the DEEP program since its beginning. She has shared her energy, enthusiasm, creativity, passion for people in need, and her enormous talent for organization and event management. Even before joining the board, Donna was vital to the success of our DEEP kickoff.

As a board member Donna has assisted in many areas, most especially on the first and second anniversary celebrations. When notified of Donna's resignation, co-chair Chris Weimer said "*Cleo Parker's gain is very much our loss. The DEEP program will greatly miss her energy, insight, motivation, experience and wonderful attitude, as will the city. Wonderful events will grow where Donna works.*"

Although we are all sorry to lose her, we are very excited that her hard work and talent has been recognized and that she will have the opportunity to shine! She will be missed, but we wish her the best and look forward to future opportunities to work together, once she has settled into her new position.



DEEP Board Seeks New Member (cont'd)

In the two plus years since its inception, DEEP has assisted over 150 city employees and their families to avoid eviction, keep the utilities on, and have food, to name only a few.

The board consists of 10 members, including nine city employees and one member from our non-profit partner. We are especially in need of members who can assist us with fund raising, outreach, events, and administrative functions.

Member responsibilities include attending quarterly meetings during business hours, and actively participating in program activities. Terms are three years.

If you would like to give your time and energy to assist your fellow employees in need, please consider joining our board. You can obtain an application on-line at

Denvergov.org/DEEP or by leaving a request at our voicemail box (720) 865-DEEP or (720) 865-5337.

Thank you in advance for your interest in joining our board. It is only through the support of so many talented and committed city employees that this program has been such a tremendous success!

2006 DEEP Data

January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006

Amount awarded - **\$8,813.50**
Number of awards- **57**
Average award- **\$154.61**

Recipients

Female 51 89.4%
Male 6 10.6%
Average # of children 2.5

Services paid

Utilities	32	\$2,713	31%
Rent	18	\$4,900	56%
Medical	6	\$900	10%
Funeral Assistance	1	\$300	3%

