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### Media: Press Release

**Burlington, Colorado** – Hosts the Northeast Rural Philanthropy Days Conference, June 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Burlington's Old Town Museum and Community Center.

Please join us....Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 4th-6th, 2008 in Burlington, Colorado for the Northeast Rural Philanthropy Days! Rural Philanthropy Days is a unique way that Colorado brings together grant seekers and grant makers to meet the needs of the communities in the rural areas. Rural Philanthropy Days began in the early 90s with the first edition of the Colorado Grants Guide. Community Resource Center discovered that only 3% of the funds granted by Colorado private foundations were awarded outside the Front Range. Rural Philanthropy Days became the bridge to connect the foundations with the rural nonprofits and provide a market place for networking, building relationships and educating each other on needs and service for their region.

There are tremendous benefits for attending the conference, just to name a few; a) interaction with the grant makers for a day and a half; b) learn success stories about other communities in the region; c) collaboration with partners; d) regional networking; and e) new opportunities among others.

Jeff Pryor with the Anschutz Foundation sums it well for both the grant makers and the grant seekers. It is worth your time....you'll gain insight about Northeast Colorado (learning about its economy, regional issues, and what is on the horizon). You will also serve to help call nonprofits, elected and government officials and other leaders to assemble, build capacity and advance valuable services. You will help strategize about serious opportunities of importance to Northeast and enjoy the hospitality of the region—the experience will pay off in many ways including making wiser investments. For the grant seekers it is worth your time....you'll join other nonprofits, government, business and elected officials to build a regional strategy to

help secure the future. In addition, you have the opportunity to participate in valuable training session, meet people who from the region share common interests and meet with grant makers-gaining increased understanding of resource development potential. And, the Northeast Rural Philanthropy Steering Committee will help you extend a warm welcome to grant makers and state leaders which will allow them to appreciate your love for Northeast Colorado and your dreams for the future.

Please visit [www.northeastrpd.org](http://www.northeastrpd.org) for complete details on registration, program agenda and to learn more about the conference. If you have questions, please contact Heidi Hillman, RPD Coordinator at 719.346.7689 or email at [northeastrpd@comcast.net](mailto:northeastrpd@comcast.net).

The Northeast Colorado Region consists of Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Yuma and Washington Counties.

This is an event you will not want to miss! We look forward to seeing you in June 2008!

Nici Bishop & Darlene Scott, Northeast RPD Co-Chairs