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IMAGINE! CELEBRATION SET FOR JANUARY 27



Specialty auction items at this year's Imagine! Celebration include a California wine tasting trip with a stay at the La Bellasera hotel, 20 club level suite tickets to a Colorado Avalanche game, and a week at a Greek island villa.

The 11th annual Imagine! Celebration has some great new live auction items to share, as well as the reappearance of some truly wonderful favorites! Picture a week in a private home in beautiful Ouray, the “Switzerland of America,” compliments of Jay and Kathy Montgomery. Or, join the cheering in a club level suite at center ice with 20 of your friends on March 3 as the Colorado Avalanche battles the Pittsburgh Penguins, thanks to a donation by Colorado Business Bank. Or perhaps wine tasting in sunny California (donated by Cain Travel) is more to your liking. George Karakehian, who will emcee the Celebration, and his wife Kristin have donated a week at their lovely Cape Cod home, as they have for many years, and Don Sullivan and Paige Lawrence will again offer their exquisite mountain home in Durango – perfect for a family reunion. A highlight of the live auction will again be a week at the gorgeous Greek island villa of the Palmos Family. Be sure to check out all of our live auction items preceding the event at <https://secure.imaginecolorado.org/ssl/celebration.htm>.

But there is much, much more! You will be able to browse among approximately 200 silent auction items, see Imagine! client and sculptor savant Alonzo Clemons turn clay into a work of art right before your eyes, and hear the lovely background harp music of Imagine! client Tanya Alford.

Please put Friday, January 27, 2012 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on your calendar! And come early for a free glass of champagne!

Purchase tickets and tables online at <https://secure.imaginecolorado.org/ssl/CelebrationRSVP.htm>.

And check the Imagine! website (www.imaginecolorado.org/foundCelebration.htm) and the Imagine! Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Imagine/268474025494?ref=nf) for the latest updates!



GREENBACK PROGRAM TO BENEFIT IMAGINE!

The Imagine! Foundation has been chosen as the primary beneficiary of a new Colorado Daily Instant Savings Program called GreenBack Colorado. GreenBack is a completely new “reverse advertising” concept for businesses and individuals, which allows businesses to obtain advertising at no cost including radio, outdoor, and Facebook advertising. Individuals save money through exclusive GreenBack offers that are available each and every day of the year. All offers may be used on multiple occasions. In turn, through card sales, GreenBack helps companies reduce advertising costs and increase traffic to their places of business. Rather than clipping coupons or having to remember to use time-limited discounts, individuals may use the personal GreenBack card to obtain special pricing at more than 100 locations in the area everyday. Businesses will include not just restaurants but also companies providing products or services in the areas of autos, chiropractic care, pets, bikes, day care, coffee, amusements, movies, flooring, furniture, bars, casinos, hair, nails, massage, fitness, and much more.



Each GreenBack card costs \$40 for the year, with \$5 being returned to the Imagine! Foundation. Once each business has reached its baseline for free advertising, GreenBack will donate \$10 to Imagine! from every card sold.

GreenBack Colorado CEO Janice Charles says, “Our goal is to be Colorado’s Premier Savings Card Program, and we’re not going to stop until we reach that goal. We chose Imagine! as the primary recipient of our ‘GreenBack Gives Back’ philosophy because of the wonderful work it does in the community. This is a completely new concept in advertising, as everyone really does win – businesses, individuals, and the Imagine! Foundation.”

GreenBack will start by opening the new program to businesses that support Imagine!, as GreenBack is a semi-exclusive category program. “We believe it is important for us to initially contact businesses that donate to Imagine!, as they possess our passion for Imagine!,” said Charles.

For more information about becoming a GreenBack business or to obtain a card, please contact Janice Charles at 303-666-7725.



COLORADO GIVES DAY BRINGS IN MORE THAN \$13,000 FOR IMAGINE!

The second annual Colorado Gives Day on December 6, 2011 was a big success for the Imagine! Foundation. A total of \$12,707 was raised from 57 donors, and a portion of this amount – \$308.19 – was matched by the FirstBank Incentive Fund, bringing our total to \$13,015.19. This day to encourage philanthropy in Colorado was coordinated through the GivingFirst Program at the Community First Foundation. The total amount raised across Colorado was \$12.7 million for 928 non-profits!



The Imagine! Foundation has elected to have donors go straight to the Community First site year-round from the “Donate Here” buttons on Imagine!’s website. Donating through Community First eliminates bank charges, which are otherwise up to 5% of every online contribution. Community First also allows donors to set up monthly draws from bank accounts, individual web-pages for raising funds for a particular non-profit, and other options to increase support for Colorado non-profits. Visit www.givingfirst.org to find more information and to see the Imagine! Foundation page there, or simply go to www.imaginecolorado.org and press the “Donate Here” button on the home page.



ZOLO THANKSGIVING HONORS IMAGINE! FAMILIES

Dave Query and the Big Red F Restaurant Group again hosted a free Thanksgiving Dinner for Imagine! clients and their families at Zolo Southwestern Grill in Boulder. This is the eighth year Query has hosted this event, and he could be found busy back in the kitchen cooking alongside chef Brett Smith and all of the other volunteers. The event was once again a huge success. A total of 360 meals were served in three seatings – turkey, dressing, all the trimmings, and pumpkin pie. Donations by guests to Imagine! came to \$816, and one generous person left a check for \$500. What a great day! Thanks to Dave and all the Big Red F and other volunteers for creating another special Thanksgiving for people Imagine! serves.



Dave Query poses with Imagine! Foundation Director Susan LaHoda this past Thanksgiving - the eighth year Query has hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner for Imagine! clients and families.



Residents of Imagine!'s Bob and Judy Charles SmartHome were among the 360 people who received a free Thanksgiving dinner courtesy of Dave Query and Zolo Southwestern Grill.



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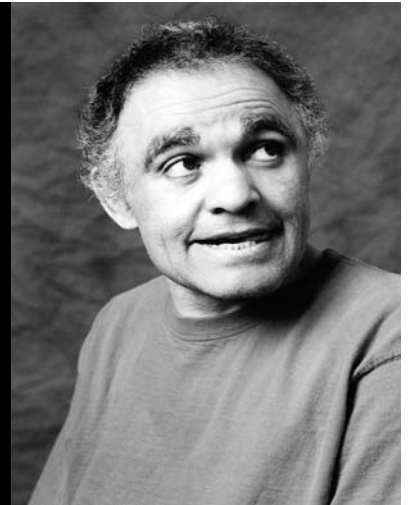
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