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SAFE2TELL HOTLINE

For Susan Payne, helping young people to stay safe is more than a job – it's a passion.

“It's easy for an escalation of violence to occur when warning signs aren't reported and addressed on the front end,” said Detective Payne. “There's a code of silence among young people when it comes to reporting anything from bullying to weapons possession and domestic violence. That's why Safe2Tell is so crucial, because it offers both kids and adults an anonymous way to report suspicious activities, ideally *before* a tragedy occurs.”

Payne serves as Program Director of the [Safe2Tell Hotline](#). Safe2Tell was developed as an outcome of safe school plans created through the Safe Communities~Safe Schools initiative, along with the recommendation for a hotline from the Columbine Commission and the Colorado Attorney General. Since 1995, The Trust has supported a variety of initiatives to address the needs of children and youth including Violence Prevention, Safe Communities~Safe Schools, Preventing Youth Handgun Violence, CASASTART, Assets for Colorado Youth, After-School and Bullying Prevention.

In 2003, The Colorado Trust provided \$375,000 to help start-up and establish the anonymous reporting system. An additional \$375,000 over three years to Safe2Tell was approved by The Colorado Trust's Board in April 2006, based on the Hotline's early, positive results. The new grant is to help Safe2Tell build on the momentum of the program and to ensure its sustainability.

Safe2Tell calls are answered around the clock at a Colorado State Patrol communication center. State law and the procedures established by Safe2Tell for receiving and forwarding tips guarantee the anonymity of every caller. The Hotline has received an average of 600 calls per month requesting information, with about 180 of the calls since the program's inception resulting in “hard tips” that were acted on by law enforcement and school officials. The calls have come from 55 communities in 31 counties across the state. To date, reports of bullying accounted for 46% of the calls, 41% were reports of threats or assaults to youth, and the remainder were reports on weapons involvement, alcohol and substance abuse, gang activity, fights, Internet misuse and various other forms of harassment.



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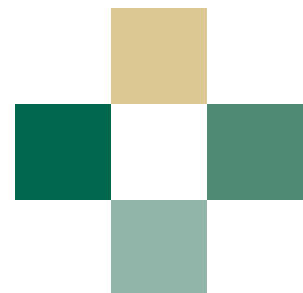
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“Safe2Tell has also resulted in 16 successful interventions for teens who were threatening suicide,” said Payne, stating that suicide is a leading cause of death among Colorado youth.

To further raise awareness and empathy levels among youth, Safe2Tell has partnered with [Companies for Kids](#). The nonprofit organization produces multimedia presentations to motivate youth to be proactive in preventing threats to their safety or the safety of others – an ideal complement to the Safe2Tell presentations that outline the resources available to youth and adults in addressing such problems. The powerful combined presentation has been made in schools across the state, and was demonstrated at The Colorado Trust’s March Learning Lunch.

Detective Payne also notes that while the program is unique to Colorado, other states are increasingly looking to the Safe2Tell model to develop similar anonymous reporting programs.

Click [here](#) for media coverage about Safe2Tell.



THE COLORADO TRUST'S PRESIDENT AND CEO TO RETIRE

John R. Moran, Jr., President and CEO of The Colorado Trust, announced that he will retire in 2006. John will remain in his current position until a successor is named.

John has been with The Trust since it was founded in 1985 – first as legal counsel, and from 1991 forward as leader of the grantmaking foundation. Under his leadership, The Trust's endowment grew from \$191 million to more than \$460 million, with grants totaling \$247 million having been made to nonprofit organizations in each of Colorado's 64 counties.

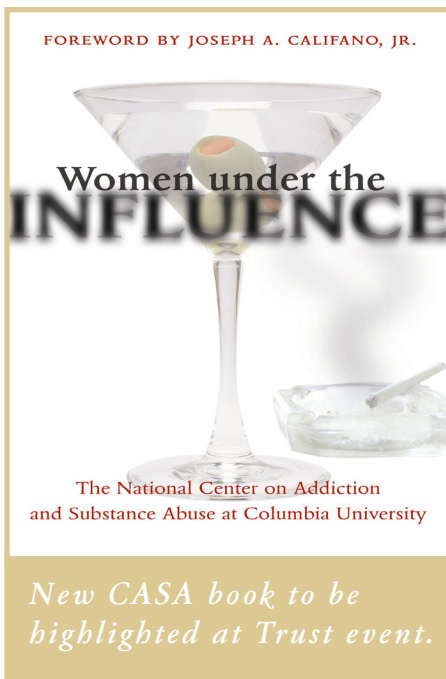
“The value of John's leadership in ensuring that The Colorado Trust remains an important resource to the people of Colorado cannot be overstated,” said Jerome M. Buckley, M.D., Chairman of The Trust's Board of Trustees. “John's extensive legal, financial, business and leadership experience would be an asset to any organization. But it was his unwavering commitment to the mission of the foundation, and passionate dedication to the people being served through The Trust's grantmaking that will be his true legacy. Through his work, John has earned the utmost respect of Trust staff, trustees and grantees, as well as colleagues in the nonprofit and health care communities. He will be missed tremendously by all of us.”

The Trust's Board of Trustees has selected EFL Associates to conduct a national search for a new CEO. For more information about the search, contact Mary L. Hobson, Executive Vice President & Managing Director, EFL Associates at 303-779-1724, ext. 13 or mhobson@eflassociates.com. Click [here](#) for additional information.



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UPCOMING LEARNING LUNCH: “WOMEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE”



On July 18, The Colorado Trust will host a Learning Lunch to promote awareness about substance abuse among women and girls. The event will feature Susan Foster, Vice President and Director of Policy Research and Analysis for the [National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University \(CASA\)](#), in a presentation about *Women under the Influence*. This 292-page book is the result of 10 years of exhaustive research funded by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

“The research findings summarized in *Women under the Influence* illuminate the causes and effects of substance abuse among women – including racial and ethnic differences, and physician failures – as well as recommendations about how to best tackle this problem,” said Ed Lucero, Senior Program Officer for The Colorado Trust. “We want to share this helpful information resource with local medical professionals, social workers, teachers, policymakers and others.”

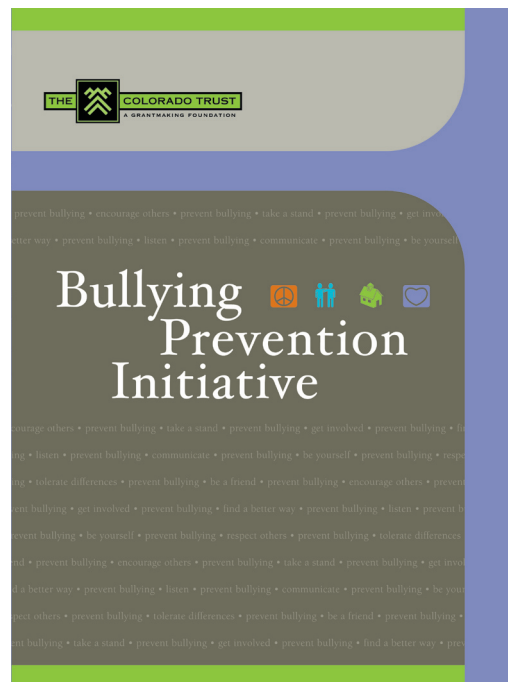
CASA is the only national organization that brings together all the professional disciplines needed to study and combat substance abuse as it affects society. Previously, The Trust supported CASASTART (Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows), a community-based, school-centered program to help keep high-risk youth free of drug and crime involvement.

SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS HONORED

Nearly 500 K-12 students from 14 schools in the Roaring Fork Valley were honored for their efforts to stamp out bullying in their schools and communities. The special luncheon was held at the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs and was hosted by the Children’s Health Foundation. The Foundation is one of 45 grantees under The Colorado Trust’s \$8.6 million, three-year [Bullying Prevention Initiative](#).

The elementary, middle and senior high students are all “student ambassadors.” Through the Safe School Ambassadors Program, these students receive special training to learn how to spot cruel teasing, taunting and other forms of bullying – much of which may go unnoticed by adults. They also learn how to safely and effectively intervene and put a stop to bullying activities.

As Trust program officer for the Bullying Prevention Initiative, Ed Lucero was on hand for the event to honor the young people’s efforts. “It was a really powerful day, filled with energy, commitment and enthusiasm,” Ed said. “These young people are doing what’s needed to make things better for everyone. Not only are they putting a stop to a lot of cruel behaviors based on differences, the ambassadors are helping both their peers and adults to better see the strength of differences.”



2005 TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

The Colorado Trust's newly released [2005 Annual Report](#) is available in a new format that allows easy access and selected browsing without needing to open or download a PDF version of the entire report. The online report features include:

- Information on how The Colorado Trust conducts its grantmaking
- A summary of all Trust initiatives, focusing on health care and children, youth & families
- A look at The Trust's four newest initiatives, addressing:
 - ▶ Mental health care
 - ▶ Quality of hospital care
 - ▶ Racial and ethnic health disparities
 - ▶ Coordinated community health care services
- Key findings from concluded evaluations for two Trust initiatives: after-school care and minority health
- A synopsis of grants paid and financial results for 2005.

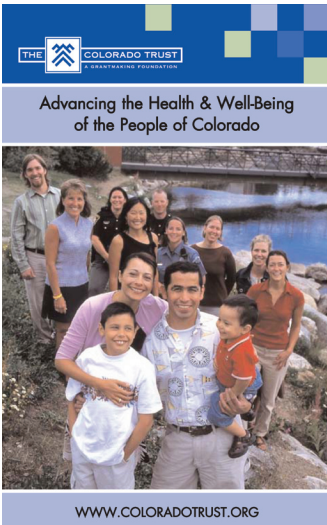


GRANTEE-ONLY WEBSITES

The Colorado Trust maintains [grantee-only websites](#) for its [Bullying Prevention](#), [Preventing Suicide in Colorado](#), and [Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Families](#) initiatives to provide current initiative news, publications and other communications, as well as access to related resources.

Grantees of these initiatives are assigned a user name and password to access the grantee-only websites. If you know your user name but do not remember your password, click [here](#). If you have forgotten your user name and/or password, please contact Rachel Mondragon at 303-837-1200 or rachel@coloradotrusted.org.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Efforts by The Colorado Trust and its grantees to advance the health and well-being of the people of Colorado included Trust support for the following recent events:

- Colorado Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado – Black Tie & Boots Gala
- Reception for Legislators – Co-hosted by the Colorado Association of Funders, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, the Junior League of Denver and The Colorado Trust
- Summit on Healthy Aging
- Urban Peak – Ninth Annual Climb the Peak Fundraiser