



news nuggets

Friday, April 5, 2019

RMC Employees Join Child Abuse Prevention Day at the Capitol; Plant Windmill Garden » More

than 150 CO4Kids campaign partners, those working to insure that Colorado is for kids, met Tuesday, April 2, at the Capitol in Denver to help launch Child Abuse Prevention Month. During a press conference, Governor Jared Polis addressed the crowd of several hundred, highlighting the recent lengthening of the statute of limitations in child sexual abuse cases in Colorado and honoring child advocates.



"In Colorado," said Polis, "we value children and are duty-bound to protect our youngest and most vulnerable citizens from abuse and neglect," said Governor Polis. "I am inspired today by the tireless work of our community members and child advocates, and by the dedication of these Unsung Heroes who have taken it upon themselves to support families in their communities and to help us build a Colorado for kids."

Representing the Rocky Mountain Conference, Noemi Borjon, HR Assistant, and Jackie Dunkin, HR Clerk, carried blue and silver Pinwheels for Prevention and planted them on the Capitol lawn after the press conference. The following day in front of the Conference office, Borjon and Dunkin led other RMC employees in creating a garden of Pinwheels for Prevention on the front lawn of the RMC Office.

Many voices are speaking out against abuse toward

"The work which Christ came to do in our world was not to erect barriers and constantly thrust upon the people the fact that they were wrong. He who expects to enlighten a deceived people must come near to them and labor for them in love. He must become a center of holy influence."

-- Ellen G. White, 6T 121, 122



Healthy Nugget

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."

-- Anonymous



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children and women within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Last September, the North American Division held an enditnow summit on abuse. Their aim was to keep “people in your church, school, and camp safe”. A global initiative, the enditnow group seeks to raise awareness and to advocate for the end of violence around the world by mobilizing Seventh-day Adventists and inviting other community groups to join them.



Similarly, a number of social groups have recently sprung up throughout the North American Division. Samantha Nelson is the CEO of Survivors A top-rated non-profit, The Hope of Survivors is a group based in the Rocky Mountain Conference that offers support, hope and healing for victims of pastoral sexual abuse. Their caring has expanded to Romania, Australia, and Canada.

A young millennial and member of Newday Church and student at Colorado Christian University, Katie McTavish desires to be “a voice for the voiceless in the fight to abolish modern-day slavery.” Her passion for this cause led her to volunteer last summer in Central America.

-- Carol Bolden, text and photos

International Events Flavor the Weekend » A weekend full of greetings from all over the world, colorful flags, and exotic food showed us the value of all cultures last weekend, March 30 and 31 when the Campion Church and Academy joined together to put on the international events. Many academy students contributed to these events by carrying in flags, extending greetings in different languages, and making and selling foods from around the world to raise money.

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Upcoming Events

**RMC Women's Retreat
Wyoming**
April 6-7

**Town Hall Meeting -- Grand
Junction**
April 6

**Town Hall Meeting -- Pinon
Hills Church**
April 7

Executive Committee
April 9

**Town Hall Meeting --
Campion Church**
April 13

**Town Hall Meeting --
Colorado Spr Central
Church**
April 14

GVR Board
April 16

**MAUC Presidents Council
Board**
April 17-18



Both International Sabbath and the International Food Fair were a big success in uniting church members and students in learning more about the cultures represented. “I thought it was really interesting to see a lot of the students from Campion represent their cultures,” mentioned Sandra Marin, a junior at Campion.

Putting together the program for International Sabbath took a lot of work, but all of the pastors were beyond grateful to everyone who volunteered to participate and help with the service. Not only did they carry in flags and sing bright, joyful songs, but the church was full of people wearing clothing from countries all over the world. “One of my favorite moments was when we sang “*Dame la Mano*” and people got up to shake each other’s hands. It really brought a piece of home over here,” said junior Fabiola Castrejon.



Following the service, Campion students were taken to the homes of church members where they enjoyed delicious, home-cooked meals. Together they ate and enjoyed games amid a lot of laughter. “It was fun to get to know more about people that I had never really talked to before. It was a really great experience,” explained Brisa Maldonado a freshman at Campion.

The weekend ended with an annual International Food Fair. Church members, international students, staff, and some classes prepared meals and drinks from the countries they represented. All were filled with brilliant, eye-catching colors

**Property & Trust
Committee**
April 17

**NAD Human Resource and
Secretariat Conference**
April 21-23

**Native American Camp
Meeting**
April 27-28

**RMC Women's Retreat --
GVR**
April 26-28

INTEL Class
May 3 - 4

**Union College Graduation
Weekend**
May 4 - 5

Staff Meeting
May 7

**Hispanic Music Festival --
FEJA**
May 18

**Mile High Academy
Graduation**
May 25, 8:30 p.m.

**Campion Academy
Graduation**
May 26, 10 a.m.

INTEL Class
May 31 - June 1

Staff Meeting
June 7



and decor. Students enjoyed purchasing and consuming their supper from this bountiful feast. Sophomore Nelly Salinas exclaimed, "I only got to try a couple of the booths and it was so hard to choose which ones to go to because everything looked and smelled terrific!"

-- Stephanie Salinas; photos by Jill Harlow

Middle School Students at MHA Serve Seniors

» Middle School students at Mile High Academy are helping those in need through food drives for Meals on Wheels. According to Meals on Wheels, one in six seniors face the threat of hunger and many more live in isolation. Meals on Wheels offers people from city and county governments, non-profit organizations as well as agencies that work with seniors opportunities to learn more about their program with a tour of their facility. Our students toured the Littleton Meals on Wheels facility and came away blessed by those who work there and aware of the huge need in our community.



Since January, students have been asking the school community, churches, neighbors, family, and friends to participate in this project. So far, students have collected enough to fill 4 of the 70-quart utility bins of non-perishable items to donate to the Meals on Wheels pantry.

When students were asked why this is an important project, they overwhelmingly responded that it is the impact it makes in the local community that caught their interest. "Participating and helping in this project gives me a sense of doing something to help my community", said Andrew, an 8th grader. "It feels amazing."

Seventh grader, Jonas says that he wasn't aware of the great before taking this Real World Learning class and that's why he is glad he's in it. It also makes him feel like he's doing his part.

Mr. Jerson Malaguit teaches the RWL class as part of the service value at MHA. Students learn about their community and how to make a real difference.

-- Agape Hammond, text and photo

Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. **Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.**

MHA Students Experience Learning Adventure in Moab » On an adventure-learning trip that began March 25, fifteen Mile High Academy students and three teachers drove seven hours to meet up with RMC assistant youth director Brent Learned in Moab, Utah. There, they enjoyed learning the arts of mountain climbing, mountain biking and trail maintenance.



Adult chaperones provided an an engaging worship thought each morning, after which they breakfasted and set out for adventure. On Tuesday, students hiked to the iconic Delicate Arch and canyoneered (a mixture of rock climbing and hiking) through U-Turn canyon, the perfect canyon to explore for those new to the sport. It contains four repels ranging in height from 10 feet to more than 80 feet in length. Students learned how to use equipment correctly on the first two small repels before venturing on to the significantly longer final two repels.

Emotions ranged from a moderate fear of heights by some to excitement and exhilaration by others as each student learned to trust their guides (RMC assistant youth director Brent Learned and MHA math teacher Brian Howard), trust each other as a canyoneering team, and trust the repelling equipment. One by one, they stepped over the cliff edge to begin their gentle decent toward the ground below.

Wednesday started early with everyone working together to complete more than three miles of mountain bike trail maintenance in the Klondike Bluffs mountain bike trail system. This was accomplished under the direction of four trail building experts from a local non-profit organization fittingly called “Trail Mix.” Students learned how to sustainably build world class mountain bike trails for thousands of people to enjoy this summer and for years to come. After completing the assigned trail maintenance, the majority of the group mountain biked the trails that they had just repaired along with several additional trails located within the Klondike Bluffs area.

After mountain biking, students hiked to a nearby site

containing fossilized dinosaur tracks. Students examined the tracks and discussed the type, age, and size of the tracks



present.
Thursday was rock climbing day. Brent Learned and Brian Howard taught students to climb up a sixty-foot, near vertical rock face. They learned not only how to tie rock climbing knots

and use the gear correctly, but they also learned rock climbing body moves and belaying techniques to safely and effectively climb to the top of each route. Each climber was cheered and encouraged up the wall by their friends. Whenever a climber reached a point where they thought they could climb no further, the students on the ground would cheer them on each step all the way to the top of the route.

When students were asked about their favorite part of the trip, many cited the wide variety of adventure activities. Others highlighted a specific adventure activity that they found particularly interesting, and some mentioned how much they liked the evening worships around the campfire. When Abby Harris was asked what her favorite part of the trip was she simply said “Everything!”

-- Brent Learned, text and photos

PERSONNEL CHANGE

Christian Martin, current pastor of Denver South Church, has accepted a call to the Potomac Conference where he will work with Elder Mark Finley and his team. "As a family," Martin states, "we have come to love the Denver South congregation and sister churches and believe that God has something special in store for both the local church and Rocky Mountain Conference."

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Grand Junction Church (light supper provided at 5 p.m.)	Sabbath, April 6
Pinon Hills Church	Sunday, April 7
Campion Church	Sabbath, April 13 (new)

All Town Hall meetings begin at 6 p.m.

CAMP MEETINGS

Native American -- La Vida Mission, April 26-28, Speaker: Ed Barnett

NE Colorado -- June 7-8, Speaker: Dan Jackson

Cowboy -- Location: Uncompaghre National Forest near Silver Jack Reservoir, July 10-14, Speakers: Ron Price/Ed Barnett

Wyoming -- Casper, July 16-20; Speakers: Ron Halvorsen Jr. (adults); Joe Martin (youth).

Western Slope -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker: Pastor Rodney Palmer, undergrad teacher at Andrews University

Hispanic Camp Meeting--Glacier View Ranch --August 30-September 2.

HELP NEEDED

The Texas Conference was recently called by a non-profit agency requesting help in providing clothing for the influx of immigrants coming from Central America. The following items can be ordered from Amazon or Walmart who will deliver directly to the Gonzaleses at the Texas ACS Depot: new tops, pants, shorts, underwear, and socks for boys and girls, Sizes 0-16.

If using UPS or Federal Express:

Community Services Depot

Attention: Marshall or Julie Gonzales

702 N Old Betsy Road

Keene TX 76059

If sending by USPS:

PO Box 35

Keene TX 76059

ANNOUNCEMENT

Twin Peaks Church » Dr. Neil Nedley's "Optimize Your Brain" program is being hosted by Twin Peaks Adventist Church (9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027) on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m., **March 11 - April 22**. This program is designed to maximize your intellectual and emotional intelligence in the areas of brain nutrition, thought and character development, and relationship skills. The \$99 per person cost (\$225 retail value) includes these resources: "Optimize Your Brain" workbook, DAAT Emotional Quotient

(EQ) Assessments, Brain Enhancing Music CD, and a light, nutritious meal each evening. Registration required. Call 720-890-3767 for more information.

Twin Peaks Church » Dr. Clarence and May Ing will present a Lifestyle Wellness Seminar at the Twin Peaks Adventist Church (9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027) Friday evening, **April 5** (7 p.m.), and all day, Sabbath, **April 6** (9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.). Dr. Ing is the former Medical Director of Weimar Institute's NEWSTART Lifestyle Program and has an extensive background in preventative medicine. In this seminar, he will address a variety of topics including optimizing energy, cancer prevention, phytochemicals, high protein diets, weight loss, and immunity--the mind body connection. Those planning to attend are welcome to bring a healthy potluck dish and join us for lunch. A light snack will be provided for an evening meal. For more information, contact Rosemary Cook at (303) 465-4010.

Franktown Church » Concert pianist Jerry Nelson will be in concert at the Franktown Church this Sabbath, **April 6** for the 11:15 worship service. You won't want to miss this musical feast from an artist who has arranged more than 5,000 pieces, including several dozen original songs. Proceeds from his concerts enable occasional trips to the Congo and Rwanda where Jerry performs concerts and teaches music while wife Rachel works with AIDS victims.

Vista Ridge Academy Dinner Theater » The first and second-grade class at Vista Ridge Academy will present a dinner theater experience, featuring *The Little Red Hen* on Thursday, **April 11**. The soup dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the play following at 7:00 p.m.. All proceeds will be added to the first and second-grade class fund. Tickets will be on sale beginning Wednesday, March 27. Ticket pricing: Ages 0-2 Free; Ages 3+ \$10. Ticket sales end Monday, April 8. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Vista Ridge Academy at 303-828-4944 or hello@vistaridge.org. Vista Ridge Academy located in Erie, Colorado.

Academy Days at Campion Academy » Are you or someone you know interested in potentially attending Campion Academy? Academy Days is designed to give prospective 7th-11th grade students the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat cafeteria food, tour the campus, make some new friends and just get a feel for

academy life.

This year's Academy Days is scheduled for **April 12-13**. All visiting local students are asked to arrive on Friday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. Students traveling from a distance are asked to arrive on Thursday, April 11 between 6-8 p.m.

"He knows me by name" is the theme and will feature Virtual Reality station games, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food. Can't wait to meet you! [Academy Days Registration Page](#)

Lighthouse School » You are invited to attend the grand celebration of a half-decade of educational excellence at Lighthouse Christian School. "Forever friends In loVe with JEsus" or FIVE, will begin at 6:30 p.m. on **April 18** at 700 West Meeker in Fort Morgan, Colorado. This fine arts spring program will include hand-chimes, choir, three comedy skits, and a video yearbook presentation. The evening will conclude with classroom displays of students' projects, as well as K-8 registration for the 2019-2020 school year. The Master Teacher has a mighty plan for His school in Northeast Colorado. Come, rejoice with us!

Journey to the Cross and Beyond Weekend

» The Adventist Chorale of Northern Colorado, directed by George Swanson, will present a cantata, "The Shadow of the Cross" by Lloyd Larson at 7 p.m. Friday, **April 19** in the Champion Church Sanctuary..

On Sabbath, April 20, you can visit the old Jerusalem market place as it might have been the Passover weekend when Jesus was arrested. Tours begin at 1 p.m. (the last tour begins at 6 p.m.) on Sabbath, **April 20**. Interact with priests, Pilate, merchants, tax collectors, Roman soldiers, beggars and more just before the witnessing the drama featuring the crucifixion and resurrection. Then visit the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a display of Roman artifacts.

Both programs are handicap accessible and free, but guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the House of Neighborly Service. Bring your family and friends to witness this awesome event.

Mile High Academy » Join Mile High Academy at their Annual Alumni Golf Tournament Friday, **April 19** at The Ridge at Castle Pines North. Registration is at 8 a.m. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m., weather permitting. \$175/golfer; \$700/foursome. You can find sponsorship opportunities by visiting the website: www.milehighacademy.org/golftournament/ or by emailing Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org. All proceeds benefit MHA's Annual Fund.

Revive Us Again Prayer Conference » Please join us **April 19-21** for the *Revive Us Again Prayer Conference* featuring Pavel Goia, author of *One Miracle After Another*, editor of Ministry magazine, associate Ministerial Secretary of NAD, and great advocate of prayer. You can find more information and registration availability at www.rmcsda.org/prayer or by contacting deeannb@rmcsda.org.

The Beach is Calling! » Calling all Teen Girls (and your moms!). Did you know Women's retreat is for YOU, too? This year, our RMC youth department is helping to sponsor a track for teen girls ages 13-17! Talk to your mom, aunt, grandma or trusted church friend, and c'mon up to "Anchored in Christ" at GVR **April 26-28**. Special rates for teens and scholarships are available! www.rmcsda.org/women.

National Day of Prayer » National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2. Find inspiring ideas for your church by going to www.nationaldayofprayer.org and getting involved. This year's theme: "Love One Another."

Voice of Prophecy » Join the VOP for the believe conference, held **May 5-8** at the North American Division headquarters. Free for NAD administrators, pastors, and lay leaders, the conference will feature Pastor Shawn Boonstra and other guest speakers. Discover the latest tools and practices for growing your church. Learn more at vop.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

La Vida Mission Openings » La Vida Mission has staff needs for next school year. Do you want to be a missionary for Jesus? Are you a retired teacher and wanting to use your talents for the Lord? La Vida Mission, right here in your own backyard in New Mexico on the Navajo Nation will have the following openings: teacher for grades 5-8, a married couple for girls' dorm parents, student missionary, student teacher, etc. Please send an email to steve@lavidamission.org if you are interested or know someone who is.

Voice of Prophecy Opening » The VOP is looking for a full-time producer for their children's program DiscoveryMountain. They are looking for someone with exceptional organizational, communication and people skills with a foundational technical knowledge and a desire to serve God. The full job description and a link to apply are here: <http://www.adventistmediaministries.com/departmental-associate-director-producer/>

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FROM THE EDITOR

We want to share your news -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

NOTE: Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, *NewsNuggets* will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers

should be provided for additional information.

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see: <http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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