Lowe's and Rebuilding Together Make Denver Community Center "Look Beautiful"  »  "Making people safe and secure in their neighborhoods is what we aim to do," said Alyssa, one of the captains with Rebuilding Together, a non-profit organization which teamed up with Lowe's Home Improvement to refurbish the Adventist Community Services LIFT facility in Denver, April 14. Together with Pete, also a captain, they used a less busy time while lunch was served for more than 40 volunteers, to put down new flooring in one of the center's rooms.

Alyssa has been engaged with Rebuilding Together for four years and, like many of her colleagues, has been refurbishing homes and facilities and serving communities throughout the country.

The Denver two-day project, April 13-15, involved 120 volunteers and included four homes of low-income homeowners as well as the ACS community center. Lowe's donated $84,000 to the Denver rebuild project and much of the funding went to refurbish the ACS facility, giving them new showers, new flooring, remodeled classrooms, recognizing the critical services provided by ACS to the surrounding community, such as the food bank, medical care and developmental assistance.

"It's all about the community. We've learned that you can't just do one house here, one house there, but it's all a
concentrated effort and it's about partnerships, which is the fabric of community. This project is a demonstration of this," said Graham McDonald, manager of corporate engagement at the national office of Rebuilding Together in Washington, D.C.

Commenting for *NewsNuggets*, McDonald said that the Denver project meant more than 1,000 hours of service. "We were able to overcome some of the difficulties with the flooring and carpeting with the strength of our volunteers," he said, paying tribute to those involved with repairing the neighborhood.

Among the volunteers was Paul D. Lopez, councilman for the Barnum Neighborhood. Deborah Jackson, ACS LIFT Director, recognized the services given to her center as more than crucial, but also as a joint-community affair. Lopez's personal involvement is seen as an example of "being with the community."

Opened in 1951, ACS has been in continuous operation, serving up to 350 people per week, according to Navanta Antoine-Griffith, administrative assistant and bookkeeper at the Denver center. The center's staff believes that the newly re-done project will bring more clients.

A renovation of the ACS center "will make our clients feel that they are very much valued," said Jackson. "This place didn't always look very nice. But now, our clients will see this facility as beautiful, and they will see that they are valued. We will start our workforce development here, install computers and hold classes about healthy living, exercise and nutrition and we also hope to become a part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) through which we can actually qualify people for food stamps."

Jackson wants to have the center also be seen as environmentally friendly. "Our garden is organic and our food is natural. We are trying to meet people at their needs." The Lowe's involvement with the project included creating edible landscaping in the front area of the center.

People who are homeless also visit the ACS center. "Now, we will be able to increase the help we give in finding jobs, writing resumes, helping to find housing, things we were not able to do before," Jackson commented. But "we will need donations and will need to increase our promotion of the healthy lifestyle in the Denver metro community."

Jackson hopes that the church will "see how valuable this service is. The church responded and then we were in turmoil for awhile. We hope the church will see what value we offer. We are hoping that the church will not only help in volunteering, but also in the financial aspect of our work," she appealed.

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To assist ACS LIFT toward continuing to provide much-needed services, "we need the support of church organizations and individual church members through gifts, donations, volunteering and prayer," Jackson added.

Any amount of money will help. Visit www.ACSlift.org or mail donations to: ACS LIFT, 5045 West 1st Avenue, Denver, CO 80219. [Text and photos by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Project-Based Learning at Daystar Christian School: A Dynamic Classroom Approach to Learning »

Daystar Christian School is implementing something unique in the classroom called project-based learning (PBL). As defined by Edutopia, "Project-based learning is a dynamic classroom approach in which students actively explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire a deeper knowledge."

At the beginning of the school quarter, students were asked the question, "How can we help our community?" After two days of brainstorming and narrowing down ideas, the students came up with two more questions, "How can we help the homeless in Pueblo and how can we help raise health awareness?"

Their next task was to answer these questions by partnering with people in the community and incorporating science and writing elements into the project.

The students came up with "Healthy Helping Hands: A Daystar Christian School fundraiser for the Pueblo Rescue Mission and an event to raise health awareness."

They're working to make their event successful by making phone calls to the health department, to realtors and to local businesses. They've been writing and responding to emails, devising science projects and visiting the Pueblo Rescue Mission. Last week, they Skyped with the RMC's health director, Rick Mautz, to discuss general health topics and they have local healthcare providers coming to help them with their science projects.

Collaboration, communication, problem solving, time-management skills and research -- these are all real-world skills that cannot be learned from a worksheet.

Students have decided to have live cooking demonstrations, health education booths, nutritional science booths, a kid's corner and healthy items for sale at their event. They will also collect donations for food, clothing and hygiene items for the Pueblo Rescue Mission.

"PBL has been fun and exciting and it makes me feel important to be able to help the community," states Pedro Crisosto, a 6th grader at Daystar.

"I am thrilled to see my students understand that they have the skills and resources to make a difference in their world," states Michelle Velbis, teacher and principal at Daystar.
Daystar students will hold their event from 1-4 p.m. May 22 at the Pueblo Firefighters Historical Museum. If you have questions, call Michelle at 407-412-2294. [Text and photo by Michelle Velbis]

SHADOW EMPIRE IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE »

These are just some of the locations that will be hosting Shadow Empire. New locations are being added daily, so visit www.shadowempire.com to find the one closest to you!

COLORADO
Canon City, Cedaredge, Chapel Haven (Northglenn), Dove Creek, Franktown (later start date), Lamar, Loveland, Montrose, Woodland Park

WYOMING
Buffalo, Gillette, Lander, Newcastle, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Upton

Chapel Haven Church » Chapel Haven Church is hosting Shadow Empire April 28-30. Pastor Roy Weeden is the local speaker/presenter in conjunction with Pastor Shawn Boonstra and The Voice of Prophecy from Loveland, CO. Four meetings will be conducted at these times and dates: 7 p.m., April 28, 29; 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., April 30. A fellowship meal will be held between presentations 3 and 4. Register through the website: ShadowEmpire.com. Chapel Haven Church is located at 9911 Huron Street, Northglenn, CO (just north of Denver off I-25)

Montrose Church » Montrose will host Shadow Empire at 7 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings with an additional session at 11 a.m. Sabbath morning, April 28-30. The church is located at 1551 Valley Road, Montrose CO 81401.

Woodland Park » The rise and fall of the Christian church will be explained in a four-event seminar at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29 and at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sabbath, April 30, at the Woodland Park Church. Shadow Empire is produced by Shawn Boonstra who will also speak for each session along with Pastor Mike Kissner. For more information, go to www.shadowempire.com

Voice of Prophecy » There's still time for churches to sign up for Shadow Empire! This guest-friendly three-day (April 28-30) Voice of Prophecy event was taped on location in countries like Serbia, Turkey and Italy. Co-presented by Shawn Boonstra and your local pastor, the series (and accompanying book and lessons) will explore the Emperor Constantine's impact on religious freedom today. This direct-to-church series has been designed to bring people from YOUR community through the doors of YOUR church. Request a FREE event kit now at www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event, or call 1-888-744-1958. Want to attend? Find the location near you at www.ShadowEmpire.com New locations are added daily.

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Youth Department » Copper Mountain Lift Tickets for the 2015-2016 Season are available through the RMC Youth Department at an amazing rate. There are NO BLACKOUT DATES!

Adults and Children: $68/ticket
Order online at rmcyouth.org/tickets or call 303-282-3664 or email youth@rmcsda.org. Payment options are by check, cash or credit card. Add $3 to mail tickets.

The 2016 girls retreat, "Created Flawless," will focus on how we're made by our Creator -- flawless and perfect in His image. Join us April 29 to May 1. The cost is only $38 per teen girl which includes two nights and five meals. One sponsor per eight girls. Go to rmcyouth.org/teengirlsretreat for more information and to register today!

Wyoming Camp Meeting 2016 » Below is a link to the registration form for Wyoming Camp Meeting which can be emailed to WyCampmeeting@yahoo.com or mailed to 11395 W Zero Road, Casper WY 82604. For more information, contact Jodie Gage at 307-259-5301. Wyoming Camp Meeting will take place July 12-16 at Mills Spring Ranch, Casper, WY. David Asscherick will speak. Go to http://www.rmcsda.org/wyoming-2016-camp-meeting-registration-form.

Cheap Tickets to Washington, D.C. » Mile High Academy has four extra plane tickets to Washington, D.C. for May 1, leaving at 6:15 a.m., landing at 9:45 a.m., one stop. The flight back to Denver is May 8, leaving DCA (Ronald Reagan National Airport) at 12:25 p.m., landing in Denver at 4:05 p.m., one stop.

The dates and times cannot be changed, but anyone's name can be put on these tickets. They cost MHA a little more than $300 each and will sell for $225 each. Please contact Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org or 303-744-1069 if you are interested. You don't have to take all four! Great time to plan a last-minute family trip to D.C.

Prison Ministries Phone Conference » Thanks to all who were a part of the prison ministries phone conference last Sunday morning. It was a very informative two hours.

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: theWs (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.
Two more ministries within the conference were identified, making a total of 17 active prison ministries. A start-up ministry had many questions and one church representative was searching to know which direction to go. They were both able to get answers.

The devotional text came from Job 12:9: "The hand of the Lord has done this" and the conference was a perfect example of that.

The next phone conference will take place July 17.

Existing prison ministries should fill out and return the quarterly forms to Common Ground Church, Attention: Enid Almeida, PO Box 15640, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. These will be mailed to the North American Division in compliance with their request.

Email Enid at fokcee2@comcast.net for a copy of the forms.

Denver South Church  »  Jim and Cindy Hornung's "God's Simple Remedies for Complex Diseases" could not meet last Sabbath because of the snow. Please join them at 2 p.m. this Sabbath, April 23, in the chapel at Denver South Church. The church is located at 2675 S Downing Street, Denver 80210. Find out more at [www.mohlifestylectr.org](http://www.mohlifestylectr.org).

ACS LIFT  »  ACS Community LIFT community center received a wonderful facelift from our friends at Lowe's Home Improvement! Last Sunday's open house was cancelled because of the snow. Please join us for an open house from 1 - 3 p.m. this Sunday, April 24 and experience the blessing of our renovated food bank, classroom and waiting areas. Come see the fabulous "new" ACS LIFT and share in the positive changes in our community today! The center is located at 5045 West First Avenue, Denver CO 80219. For more information or to RSVP, call Navanta Antoine-Griffith at ngriffith@acslift.org or 303-935-7389.

Fire Rekindled 2016  »  Hear Maurice Valentine, executive secretary Lake Union Conference, for the final week of Fire Rekindled 2016. He will speak at 7 p.m. Friday, April 22 and 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sabbath, April 23. The Golden Church is at 3101 S Golden Road, Golden, CO 80401. Denver West Church is at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver CO 80219.

HMS Richards Elementary  »  Elementary students and their families are invited to our round-up and move-up day where you can visit classes the morning of Thursday, April 21. HMS is also hosting an open house and pre-registration from 5 - 7 p.m., Thursday, April 28. Come join us and see what it's all about.

Vista Ridge Academy  »  is accepting applications for Pre-K through 8th grade. Schedule a tour or visitation day that fits your schedule. New students can receive 10 percent off registration fees (20 percent for families with two or more children) when paid by May 16. Check us out on facebook at [www.vistaridge.org](http://www.vistaridge.org) or call 303-828-4944.

Upcoming Events

**MHA Alumni**  
April 16

**RMC Property & Trust Committee**  
April 20 -- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**GVR Board**  
April 21 -- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Campion Academy Board**  
May 9 -- 8 a.m. - Noon

**Finance Committee**  
May 17 -- 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Executive Committee**  
May 17 -- 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Mile High Academy Graduation**  
May 27

**Campion Academy Graduation**  
May 28

**Memorial Day -- Office CLOSED**  
May 29

Find out more...  
[Click here](http://www.mohlifestylectr.org) for info on any of these events.

**Upcoming Events**

**Mills Spring Ranch Board**  
March 26

**NE Colorado Town Hall**  
Campion Church  
March 29, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Cheyenne Church » Cheyenne members will hold a CREATION Health seminar at Laramie County Community College on Sabbath afternoons beginning April 2 and continuing through May 14. For more information, contact Lana Anderson at 307-632-9908.

ASI Mid-America Convention » Gary Thurber, president of Mid-America Union Conference, will present the morning devotional at the ASI Mid-America Convention April 21-24 at Denver Ramada Plaza Hotel, 120th and I-25.

The convention will kick off with Thursday evening’s keynote speaker, Steve Dickman, president of National ASI. Among other speakers is Doug Batchelor presenting on Friday evening, Sabbath morning and Saturday night, and Vicki Griffen will offer seminars.

A special feature, "Members in Action" will highlight the many projects funded by ASI. Exhibit booths can be perused and children’s programming will be available.

Meal tickets for Sabbath meals can be purchased before sundown Friday which will include Friday supper and Sabbath lunch and dinner. Special rates are available at the hotel for those attending the ASI convention.

An envelope for tithes and offering to go to individual churches will be available on Sabbath.

For more information, contact Barbara Taylor, president of Mid-America ASI, at 303-898-3133.

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Jump-start your summer with better health! Join us at our open house and sign up for our free 30-day fitness and diet challenges researched and designed by our 7th and 8th grade students and approved by experts in the field.

Brighton Church and Brighton Adventist Academy: A Centennial Celebration of Christian Education » The Brighton Church opened its first school in 1916. The 2016 alumni weekend will be a celebration of 100 years of Christian education in the Brighton and Fort Lupton areas. BAA students will present music and a drama called "No Compromise" at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29. Kent Kast, former principal and teacher, will speak for the Sabbath morning church service. A haystack lunch will be provided and the day’s activities will include a tribute to Letha Hoos who will retire at the end of this school year after 41 years of teaching. Alumni and friends are invited to join the celebration. Visit www.baaconnect.org for a complete schedule of activities.

Twin Peaks Church » Presented by Tim Jones, a five-week prophecy seminar is planned for 7 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, Sunday, Mondays and Wednesdays beginning March 18 and continuing through April 23 at Twin Peaks Church. You can RSVP to Annette Tapp by calling 720-890-3767. For more information, go to www.twinpeakssda.org or www.RelevantSeminars.org/Louisville. The church is located

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Lighthouse Christian School » The first annual Rake-A-Thon will be held by Lighthouse School May 1. Students, parents and church members are geared up to rake, clean up or spruce up every yard in northeast Colorado -- well, at least a few dozen yards, anyway.

Lighthouse has scheduled this event as a community service project to share a "sermon in shoes". Our school is dedicated to providing funds for EVERY student who requests financial aid, so students are seeking sponsors for the Rake-A-Thon. "We want to do something nice for our neighbors and raise $5,000 for students to come to our school," reports Clara Aakko, grade 2. If you would like to sign up as a donor for the Rake-A-Thon, call the school at 970-397-5511.

Black Hills School of Massage » Want to have a career that might also be a ministry? Black Hills School of Massage Therapy will be starting their next state-recognized, 600-hour massage school session May 16. If you feel that God is calling you to a career in massage therapy, call us at 605-255-4101. Check out our facebook page -- https://www.facebook.com/blackhillsmassage/ -- or our website at www.bhhec.org/school-of-massage. It's not too late to start a career-ministry where you can touch lives for Jesus!

Montrose Church » A Western Slope Life Coaching workshop will be presented at 11 a.m. May 21 and 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. May 22 by Rick Mautz, director of RMC Health Ministries. The church is located at 1551 Valley Road. Contact montrosesda@gmail.com or 970-249-4942 for details and registration.

Golden Church » Learn about natural remedies for optimal health, massage therapy, hydrotherapy, healing herbs, and more FREE at the two-day workshop presented by Eden Valley.

Attend one or both sessions: God's Healing Way from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21 (sanctuary) and Natural Remedies Hands-on Seminar from 2-5 p.m., May 22 (gymnasium).

Featured speakers include Leasa Hodges, RN; Balazs Kunli, Herbalist; Eunice Kunli, Therapist. Golden Church is located at 3101 S Golden Road, Golden CO 80401. For more information, call 303-918-5557.

Selah Concert » Campion Academy and Friends are sponsoring Selah in concert at 7 p.m., May 22, at Loveland High School. The concert will benefit the CA Student Aid Fund. Purchase tickets at itickets or call 1-800-965-9324. For more information, call 303-885-4793. Loveland High School
Mile High Academy is looking for a full-time accountant. The accountant is a key member of the Business office, reporting to the VP of Finance. The accountant's tasks include general ledger, adjusting entries, restricted and non-restricted fund management, A/P, A/R, collections, payroll, banking and more. For a full job description and application, visit http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/. To apply, send your resume to jaalborg@milehighacademy.org.

Mile High Academy is looking for a Humanities Instructor. For more information about the position and how to apply, please click on the following link.
http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities/6080

Associate Director -- Media, Production & Programming: Do you think and dream in the visually creative space? The Voice of Prophecy is seeking a creative professional who desires to use their talents for soul-winning and evangelism. Prospective candidates should be proficient and experienced in many creative areas such as: print design, brand creation, web design, UX design, motion graphics, 3D graphics and presentation graphics. Proficiency in the areas of video production and photography a plus.

Mailroom Assistant Supervisor: Are you someone who loves logistics and has an eye for detail and a knack for supervision? If so, you might be the perfect candidate for the Voice of Prophecy's Mailroom Assistant Supervisor position! In this position, you would assist with the development, implementation, coordination and monitoring of all phases of mailing services in addition to supervision of mailroom staff. As a direct result of your work, people worldwide would receive resources like Bible lessons and make decisions for Christ thanks, in part, to your efforts in getting resources to them in a timely manner.

Junior Accountant: The Junior Accountant assists with the accounting records for VOP's Gift Planning & Trust Services. This includes all aspects of accounting (receivables, payables, general ledger) and federal and state fiduciary tax reporting.

Ministry Relations Representative: The Ministry Relations Representative (Regional) serves the Voice of Prophecy by cultivating and growing relationships with new and current supporters.
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.

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

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