



## OUR CHARITY OF THE QUARTER IS: NORTHERN COLORADO YOUTH FOR CHRIST

When you look at a skate park full of kids, what do you see? When asking Ryan, the director at Northern Colorado Youth for Christ (NCYFC), to describe their skate park, the Refuge, in three words, he said, "Welcoming, Encouraging, Hopeful."

The aim of all the ministries of Northern Colorado Youth for Christ: to offer hope to kids who feel hopeless and a home base to the those who feel homeless.

The combined efforts of all NCYFC ministries impact a generation of youth (13-19 years old). These kids typically come from disenfranchised settings and home lives. The outreaches accept them wholly and strive to provide a healthy family and home environment.

The skate park, the Refuge, is one of those outreaches. It developed out of the mentality to come to the kids and love them, then develop areas for the kids to pursue their interests. The pressures of today's society can be great and The Refuge removes those pressures to replace them with good influencers as the kids pursue their hobbies of skating.

Since being our Charity of the Quarter last year, NCYFC has opened a brand new skate park and skate shop. The new park and shop opened October and November, respectfully, and have reached over 200 youth so far.

We would love your help in supporting our youth. Each referral we receive from you this quarter, we will donate to NCYFC. The referred person does not have to buy an insurance policy for the donation to count. Visit [www.unioncolonyins.com/refer](http://www.unioncolonyins.com/refer) for more information.



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## 2017 BRINGS NEW CHANGES

AS WE START THE NEW YEAR, WE HAVE A NEW CHANGE IN OUR OFFICE. MARK IS BACK!

MARK GRANBERG RECENTLY RETIRED FROM AMERICAN AGCREDIT AND WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE HIM AROUND THE OFFICE FULL TIME!

As we enter the new year, we can't help but be thankful for many things.

A highlight from last year was supporting *Helping Heroes Fly* start as a new non-profit in our community. We are thankful for all our non-profits who help those in need. See more about *HHF* at [www.helpingheroesfly.com](http://www.helpingheroesfly.com)

It has been great to insure new small businesses in our community this past year. We appreciate the business owners who make this community unique and special. Thank you!

Lastly, we are thankful for you! Union Colony is here because of you. With the new year, we will continue to work to protect your assets and help manage your risk.

Here's a reminder for the new year. Have you done any updates, remodeled, or bought a new piece of equipment? Please give us a call for a policy update!



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## ALF - THE HEART MAN

Alf is one of our insured. He owns his own core drilling company and has lived an active lifestyle for years and years. He rides motorcycles, mountain bikes, and runs. Out of anyone who would have a major heart condition, Alf wasn't supposed to be a contender.

Last March, Alf suffered from Aortic Stenosis and needed a heart valve replacement.

He was out of work for 4 months. For someone who owns a business, this is frightening. But he remembered the old saying, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

His first step was being able to do his first push up. Two months later he ran & walked the Bolder Boulder on Memorial Day. Eight months later, on Thanksgiving, Alf ran in the 5K Turkey Trot hosted by the Northern Colorado Medical Center. He was able to run it under 30 minutes!

Alf wore his own costume for the Turkey Trot. His daughter created a heart costume to wear during the race to illustrate his story of strength. The heart resembles the cough pillows the patients receive. He won 2nd place in the costume contest! It should have been first!

## NORTHERN COLORADO GEMS: THE COLORADO MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM

This museum is a hidden jewel in Northern Colorado attractions. CMRM boasts a 5,500 sq. ft. model railroad display with over 2,500 train cars meandering through a Pacific Northwest landscape representing Coos Bay and Klamath Falls, Oregon. The museum took over 5½ years to design by hand. As well as the model trains, they have over 300 railroad artifacts including a life size caboose.

This Christmas, the museum hosted a Night Trains with Santa event. Over 800 visitors attended with children waiting over an hour to jump in Santa's lap. They have several special weekends throughout the year to entertain and educate kids.

Next time you are in town, consider making a visit to the Colorado Model Railroad Museum. It's located right around the corner from us at 608 10th St. For the winter, CMRM is open 10am - 4pm on Friday & Saturday; 1 - 4pm on Sunday.



## "I GUESS I HAVE TO SELL THE DELOREAN!"

One day, Beth, came into our office after a car accident she had. Beth always comes in dressed smartly, usually with a bright colored scarf to compliment her gorgeous white hair. (Matching shoes too, of course!) While helping her figure out how to deal with someone else's insurance company, she sighed and simply stated, "Well, I guess I have to sell the DeLorean!"

Our jaws dropped to the floor when she said this. You mean, this sweet lady had her very own DeLorean, straight out of Back to the Future!?! "Yes", she replied, "And it breaks down as easily as it does in the movie!"

Lori says it is fun to learn about the people she insures and says that every day is unique and a fun puzzle. No day at the job is the same.



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# LANCE'S MAC & CHEESE

LANCE IS A DEAR FRIEND FROM TRAVELER'S INSURANCE. HE HAS A DETAILED, ENGINEER'S MIND. CHECK OUT THE EXPANSIVE, DETAILED RECIPE AT OUR BLOG : [WWW.UNIONCOLONYINS.COM/BLOG/LANCES-MAC-CHEESE-RECIPE](http://WWW.UNIONCOLONYINS.COM/BLOG/LANCES-MAC-CHEESE-RECIPE)



## 6-8 SERVINGS

### Ingredients:

- 6oz. Cheese Its
- 8 Tbs Unsalted Butter, divided
- 1 lbs Macaroni Elbows
- 1 1/2 Tbs Salt
- 6 Tbs Flour
- 1 1/2 tsp Powdered Mustard
- 1/4 tsp Cayenne Pepper
- 5 cups Milk
- 3 cups Pepper Jack Cheese
- 3 cups Extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1/2 cup Pickled Jalapenos

### Directions:

- 1) Make Topping: Cut 3 Tbs of butter into 6 pieces. Crush Cheese Its with butter until it's in fine crumbs. Set aside.
- 2) Heat broiler. Bring 4 quarts water to boil. Add macaroni and 1 Tbs salt. Cook until pasta is tender. Drain and set aside.
- 3) In large skillet, melt remaining butter over medium high heat. Whisk in flour, mustard, and cayenne pepper, continue whisking for 1 minute or until mixture deepens in color. Gradually whisk in milk and bring to boil, whisking constantly. Reduce heat to medium, let simmer for 5 minutes, whisking occasionally, or until thickened. Take off heat and mix in 2 cups of each cheese and remaining salt. Add pasta and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly about 6 minutes until mixture is heated through.
- 4) Transfer mixture to 9 x13in baking dish, sprinkle with remaining cheese and Cheese It topping. Broil until topping is golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Cool about 5 minutes.

Notes: For a kick, add the jalapenos when mixing in the cheeses. Hot Sauce at the table is a nice touch.



## USED ELECTRONICS DRIVE

FROM **FEBRUARY 1ST - FEBRUARY 15TH**, WE WILL BE COLLECTING OLD AND SMALL ELECTRONICS TO BE RECYCLED.

We enjoy partnering with Schaefer Enterprises because their businesses employ and teach valuable life skills to people with developmental disabilities. One business is SEI's Recycling & Bailing Center.

Colorado law makes it is illegal to throw electronics in the landfill. To make it easy for you, we are hosting an electronics drive. All you have to do is drop off your old personal, small electronics at our office, during the first two weeks of February, and Schaefer Enterprises will recycle them.

We will be accepting personal electronics such as: DVD players, Printers, Routers, Cell Phones, VCR's, Cables, Keyboards, Mouses, CD players, radios etc. **NO TV's and Appliances.** View list of approved electronics at [www.unioncolonyins.com/blog](http://www.unioncolonyins.com/blog)

SEI supports safe electronic recycling practices. They ensure any electronics with data will have the data destroyed properly. Read about the process at [www.greeleyrecycling.com](http://www.greeleyrecycling.com).

**DROP OFF AT OUR OFFICE AT: 1218 8TH AVE.**



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