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COMMUNITY SHARES OF COLORADO ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL AWARDS

Leaders in the Colorado community and champions of philanthropy will be honored at Community Shares' Summer Celebration on June 11, 2008 at the Belmar Center

Denver, Colorado – Each year, community leaders from throughout Colorado gather to honor those who have made significant strides to embrace the spirit and impact of individual philanthropy and inclusive social change in the Colorado community. On Wednesday, June 11 at the Belmar Center in Lakewood, Community Shares of Colorado will host its annual Summer Celebration to pay tribute to these individuals and workplaces. In advance of the event, Community Shares announces the recipients of its prestigious awards: Community Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Giving Campaigns of the Year, and the Steve Graham Memorial Scholarship.

In recognition of a lifetime of impassioned service and dedication the 2008 Community Leader of the Year will be presented posthumously to Greg Truog who passed away in April. Truog's body of philanthropic work included 14 years of service as Community Shares of Colorado's Executive Director where he stood for inclusive and democratized philanthropy.

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes the contribution of countless hours of time, effort, and continued service to Community Shares. This year the award goes to Denise McMahan, Web Publisher at CausePlanet.com, longtime board member, and President of Community Shares in 2007.

Community Shares also acknowledges American National Bank, Elevations Credit Union, Great-West Life, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) as the Workplace Giving Campaigns of the Year for their commitment to promoting individual philanthropy through employee contributions. Over the past five years Community Shares has raised over seven million dollars for charities across the state thanks in part to the workplace giving program.

The Steve Graham Memorial Scholarship is an annual \$500 award given to an employee who has distinguished themselves within Community Shares' member agencies and who embodies Steve Graham's commitment to community activism for the disenfranchised. This year's scholarship goes to Stacie Gilmore of Environmental Learning for Kids to be used for training, consulting, or leadership coaching services at the Community Resource Center.

Tickets to the Summer Celebration can be purchased at www.cshares.org. The awards ceremony follows an evening of special events to benefit Community Shares at the Belmar Center in Lakewood. Guests include many of Colorado's nonprofit and community leaders.

About Community Shares of Colorado

Founded in 1986, Community Shares champions the impact of individual philanthropy and raises funds for over 110 Colorado charities through 160 workplace giving campaigns and 250,000 employees and potential donors each year. Learn more about Community Shares at www.cshares.org.