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## **COMMUNITY SHARES' SUMMER CELEBRATION A SUCCESS**

*Leaders in the Colorado nonprofit community gather to celebrate community*

**Denver, Colorado – June, 2008** – Community Shares' CEO Alyssa Kopf tonight invited all in attendance at the 2008 Summer Celebration to become Shares Holders of the community. "Just as a shareholder owns a company, we own our community. We have the potential to contribute and make our community thrive, and we face tremendous loss of health and humanity if we don't devote attention to our community and demand investment in our shared future."

Kopf's remarks were met with immense applause from the 330 guests in attendance. The event raised over \$19,000 for Community Shares and closed the 2008 Giving Campaign which once again provided over \$1.5 million to nonprofits throughout Colorado.

The evening was topped by an emotional tribute to former Community Shares director, Greg Truog who was honored in memoriam as the Community Leader of the Year. Truog served as Community Shares' Executive Director for 14 years and passed away in April of this year. A memorial fund was established in Truog's honor and Kopf was pleased to announce that over \$14,000 has been collected in his honor.

In other awards and honors, Denise McMahan, a seven year member of the Community Shares' board of Directors and President of the organization in 2007, received the Volunteer of the Year award. Executive Director Stacie Gilmore of Environmental Learning for Kids was honored to receive the second annual Steve Graham Memorial Scholarship. Representatives from American National Bank, Elevations Credit Union, Great-West Life, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) were all recognized as Workplace Giving Campaigns of the Year for their commitment to employee driven giving.

The well-attended Summer Celebration is a tradition for Community Shares of Colorado. Each year member organizations, individual donors, workplace giving representatives, and leaders in the nonprofit community gather to celebrate the end of the annual giving campaign, recognize those who have made outstanding contributions, and raise funds through silent auction items donated by Community Shares' member agencies.

### **About Community Shares of Colorado**

Founded in 1986, Community Shares champions the impact of individual philanthropy and raises funds for over 115 Colorado charities through 160 workplace giving campaigns reaching 250,000 employees each year. Learn more about Community Shares at [www.cshares.org](http://www.cshares.org).