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*The mission of Family Tree is to help people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness to become safe, strong and self-reliant.*

## Volunteer Spotlight: Marge Kammerer

"My wildest dream is to emcee Family Tree's next Denim & Diamonds fundraiser," mused Family Tree volunteer, Marge Kammerer. Then adds with a giggle, "I'll need to become famous first."

Marge has volunteered as a Women's Advocate since 2008. She continually proves to be an energetic, empathetic and enthusiastic advocate for victims in shelter and on the 24-hour crisis line.

Marge was initially attracted to Family Tree's Domestic Violence Training Symposium, offered quarterly to volunteers and the public. She recalls wanting to sign up for this training as a way to reclaim her identity after an abusive relationship that left her feeling powerless.

Once the Symposium concluded, Marge found herself drawn to volunteer for Family Tree. For more than three years she has volunteered weekly at the Women In Crisis Shelter. Marge serves as an advocate for women in the shelter, paints offices and playrooms, secures donations and plans activities. "Every week [volunteering at the Shelter] reminds me of the amazing resiliency of the human spirit."

Some people describe Marge as a "maverick." She admits she is not shy, nor afraid to ask people for what she needs. Perhaps these are some of the unique qualities that set Marge apart from others.

Chelsea Baldwin, Administrative Supervisor at the Women In Crisis Shelter and the Counseling & Education Program, has had the privilege of supervising Marge during her time

with Family Tree. Chelsea says, "Marge is truly one of the most compassionate, skilled and dedicated persons that I have known. In working with survivors of trauma, Marge always provides respectful, non-judgmental services to everyone."



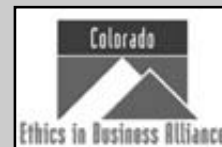
Marge Kammerer (left) at 2010 Denim & Diamonds.

Most recently Marge volunteered to be Silent Auction Co-Chair for Family Tree's Denim & Diamonds fundraising event on October 6th.

It is rare to have someone who can do it all. From embracing the challenge to end violence against women as well as rally awareness and funds that enable Family Tree's programs and service to grow, Marge is an integral part of the Family Tree team.

*Story provided by Jaclyn Wilmot, Family Tree Director of Volunteer Services.*

## Family Tree Receives 2011 CEBA Award



On March 31, Family Tree received the 2011 Samaritan Institute Award at the 19th Annual Colorado Ethics in Business Alliance (CEBA) Awards. The mission of CEBA is to promote, recognize and honor ethical standards in the Colorado business community by presenting annual ethics awards to corporations, non-profits and individuals and by hosting educational forums to discuss ethics, leadership and business success.

*Story provided by Dana Juniel, Family Tree Manager of Marketing.*

## A note from the director:

March 21 marked my one year anniversary at Family Tree. I celebrated the milestone, yet it was hard to believe it has already been a full year.

I have learned so much about about Family Tree, details about our 13 programs over 6 counties in three service areas. I met our dynamic staff and amazing volunteers.

Within the first few months the volunteer liaisons and I established a mission statement for our volunteer program: *to mobilize people who have interest, talent and ability to help drive our mission.*

The word "mission" is truly powerful because it describes the value of Family Tree's work. Despite all of our volunteers' unique qualities and differences, the mission is the one thing we have in common.

Volunteers wear many hats here at Family Tree. Collectively, volunteers support our programs and staff to help people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness in order to become safe, strong and self reliant. More simply, volunteers drive Family Tree's mission.

In return, we want to ensure our volunteers have a good experience. In April we invited all of our volunteers to fill out the Volunteer Satisfaction Survey. The purpose of this survey is to identify the strengths and areas of improvement for Family Tree's Volunteer Services. The results will inform our next steps for improving the volunteer experience at Family Tree. Our objective is to create a more enjoyable experience, while increasing the quality of our services to our clients. The results will be discussed at the Volunteers u-Night event in May. We believe in the power of volunteers and the incredible things we can accomplish together. Thank you, volunteers, for making my first year so incredible -- I look forward to another fruitful year at Family Tree!



Jaclyn Wilmot  
Director of Volunteer Services

# Volunteers u-Night

Where:



7260 W. Alaska Dr.  
Lakewood, CO 80226  
(Belmar)

When: **Tuesday, May 24, 2011**  
**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

Details: Family Tree values each and every volunteer helping to drive our mission forward. We hope Family Tree's "Volunteers u-Night" event is a time for appreciation, mingling and camaraderie. Additionally, we will present results from the recent Volunteer Satisfaction Survey.

Family Tree will provide finger foods. Beverages (alcoholic and non) will be available via cash bar. We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP by emailing Jaclyn Wilmot, Director of Volunteer Services at [jwilmot@thefamilytree.org](mailto:jwilmot@thefamilytree.org) or calling Family Tree's main number: (303) 422-2133. Please leave your first and last name.

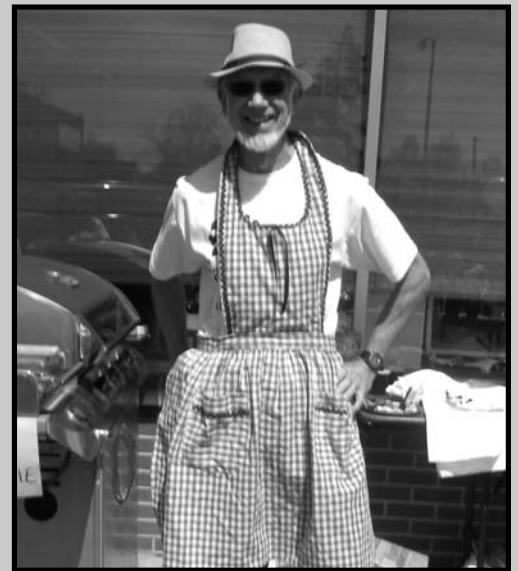
Parking: Free parking is available in four different lots near Baker's Street Pub & Grill in the Belmar area.

Please join us for  
a casual evening . . .

**Mingling, Food and Fun!**

# National Volunteer Week Filled with Food and Fun

Family Tree Volunteer Director, Jaclyn Wilmot was thrilled to announce National Volunteer Week held April 10-16. Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially each passing year. With literally thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week around the globe, National Volunteer Week is a unique way to show appreciation for the volunteers whose commitment helps make Family Tree a successful agency. Inspiring stories and experiences were shared, Colorado Rockies tickets were given away, and there was plenty of food to go around. Hats off to Family Tree volunteers for “helping drive the mission.”



Volunteer groups make a lasting footprint at Family Tree. Check out the most recent community involvement impacting Family Tree:

### Kaiser Permanente, 1/17/11

Two teams from Kaiser Permanente partnered with Family Tree in a big way for Volunteer Engagement Day as well as Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January. They made a huge impact at Women In Crisis and House of Hope.



### CCU Enrollment Department, 3/31/11

Six employees from Colorado Christian University's Enrollment Department spent a day out of the office. They helped Treasure Trunk Thrift store staff prepare for a massive April garage sale.



### CCU Life Directions Center, 4/4/11

The word about Project IMPACT is out as another team from the CCU volunteered to ensure smooth and successful April Garage sale.



**Next Generation**, Family Tree's young professionals group teamed up with Karlis Family Center and Gemini for two projects in April.



### Get Involved

Family Tree invites individuals, corporations, civic groups, faith-based groups and the community at large to participate in Project IMPACT. For more information or to sign up today, visit [www.thefamilytree.org](http://www.thefamilytree.org) "Give Your Time."

# Upcoming Trainings

**At-Risk Youth Trainings**  
June 14th (6 - 9 p.m.)

**Homelessness 101**  
July 12th (6 - 9 p.m.)

**Domestic Violence Training Symposium**  
August 2nd, 4th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 18th

**Volunteer Orientation**  
Last Saturday of every month

For more information visit [www.thefamilytree.org](http://www.thefamilytree.org).  
To RSVP, contact Jaclyn Wilmot at [jwilmot@thefamilytree.org](mailto:jwilmot@thefamilytree.org).



Join Family Tree and other young professionals as we introduce you to **Family Tree NEXT GENERATION**, an opportunity to use your passion, professionalism and commitment to philanthropy to make a difference in our community.

For more information on upcoming events, contact Nancy Tomb at [ntomb@thefamilytree.org](mailto:ntomb@thefamilytree.org) or (303) 422-2133.

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