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Colorado banks
missing TARP
payments, but
there's a catch.
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Colo. Health Foundation backs pediatric programs

The Colorado Health Foundation made a two-year, \$1.5 million grant to the Colorado Pediatric Collaborative, comprised of Children's Hospital Colorado, Physician Health Partners and Colorado Pediatric Partners. The money will be used to create, expand and implement pediatric health initiatives for Denver-area children, with the goal of increasing the number of kids with health care coverage and to help those from low-income families.

STEPPIN' OUT: Families First raised more than \$140,000 at its annual spring fundraiser, Steppin' Out at The Ritz With Gritz, which benefitted the Children's Treatment Center and was held March 16 at the Ritz-Carlton, Denver hotel. The money will go to Families First programs, which provide resources for Colorado families, such as a statewide support line, classes and support groups. Sponsors include the PBJ Reece family, Summit Investment Management LLC, DEX Media and MDC Richmond American Homes Foundation.

RECORD RAISED: KCNC-TV and The Adoption Exchange raised a record \$125,000 from "A Day for Wednesday's Child," held April 4. That will be enough money to help more than 65 children in Colorado find permanent homes. Sponsors included Red Robin, Wendy's, Colorado Business Bank, Boondocks Family Fun Center, UPS and Rotary Club of University Hills.

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DENVER-AREA BUSINESSES HELPING OTHERS

as part of a celebration of Shaw being named the 2012 national Time Dealer of the Year.

HOT SHOTS: Murphy Houston, KOSI (101.1 FM) morning show host of the "Murphy and Denise" show, scored the most points and won \$5,000 plus two round-trip Southwest Airlines tickets for his chosen charity, Volunteers for America, when the airline held its "Mile High Hot Shots for Charity Basketball Challenge" at the Southwest Court at Skyline Park on April 11 in downtown Denver. Each participant won two round-trip tickets for their chosen charities. They were Ferd Belz, board chairman, Downtown Denver Partnership, playing for Civic Center Conservancy; Gloria Rubio-Cortes, president, National Civic League, playing for the league and the All-America City Awards; Kittie Hook, chairman, Denver Sports Commission's Women's Final Four Committee, playing for the Denver Botanic Garden Flourish Capital Campaign; Kevin Krone, vice president of marketing sales and distribution, South-



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SCHOLARSHIPS: The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado, with support from the American Public Works Association, awarded a total of \$29,000 in scholarships to 10 Colorado college students who are pursuing engineering degrees. Among the recipients were **Meral Sarper**, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and **Hannah Cooling** and **Eric DePinto** of Colorado School of Mines.

BACKPACKS: The Staples Foundation made a \$25,000 grant to the **Kids in Need Foundation**, which will help provide backpacks and school supplies to 2,100 disadvantaged students at five Denver-area elementary schools. This is part of the Expedition: School Success 2012 program.

MULTIPLE GRANTS: The Avs Better Halves — who are the wives and girlfriends of Colorado Avalanche players, coaches and management staff — made grants to **Ronald McDonald House** (\$7,500), **The Gathering Place** (\$5,000), **Freedom Service Dogs** (\$2,500), **Home Front Cares** (\$2,500) and **Miracles on Ice** (\$2,500).

SOFTWARE HELP: Application Experts LLC in Broomfield is giving \$10,000 in software help to **The Chanda Plan Foundation** in 2012. The Denver-based foundation seeks to help people with physical disabilities via education and programs to access integrative therapies, including acupuncture, massage, chiropractic care and yoga.

FOR BOY SCOUTS: Ally Financial Inc. (formerly GMAC Inc.) and Denver auto dealer **Mike Shaw** donated \$10,000 to the Boy Scouts of America Denver Area Council

west Airlines, playing for **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Denver**; **Jamie Van Leeuwen**, senior adviser for Gov. John Hickenlooper and Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, playing for **One Book 4 Colorado**; **Lonnie Porter**, men's basketball coach and ambassador at Regis University, playing for the **Porter-Billups Leadership Academy**; Denver attorney **Dan Queen**, playing for **Concerts for Kids**; **Mark Randall**, Denver Nuggets community ambassador, playing for **Kroenke Sports Charities**; and **Guillermo "Bill" Vidal**, president and CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver, and former Denver mayor, playing for **Escuela Tlatelolco Centro de Estudios**.



Guillermo Vidal

NEW RAMP: The Home Builders Foundation of Metro Denver performed a home-modification project in Thornton for a wheelchair-bound, 39-year-old man who endured a brain injury from a motocross accident 16 years ago. **Nathan Colburn** of **Accessible Systems** was the project captain for the team that rebuilt a ramp, and his company donated some of the cost of labor and materials.

FREE CLEANING: **Building Restoration Specialties Inc.** of Denver has agreed to remove all graffiti for free from Denver's **Civic Center Park** for the rest of 2012.

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