

Benefit Concert Helps Achieve \$20,000 Goal for Tooth Fairy Fund



Dance Party

3 Twins' accordion player John Magnie draws concertgoers to the dance floor with rich, rhythmic melodies.

The roots-rock band 3 Twins, a side project of the Subdudes, electrified a packed Drake Centre Oct. 2 at a concert benefiting the Health District's Tooth Fairy Fund for Grown-ups.

Dubbed "3 Twins for Grins," the event raised more than \$5,000, bringing our \$20,000 fundraising goal easily within reach by the Oct. 31 deadline.

Our sincere appreciation goes to major sponsor Henry Schein Dental, cosponsors Lucid Audio and Enhance Printing, as well as Sheafor, a local band that opened the concert.

Thanks to a challenge grant from a local anonymous donor, the \$20,000 raised has doubled to \$40,000. That means we now have \$40,000 available in financial support for adults who need critical

dental care but who are unable to pay even the low sliding-scale fees at the Health District's Family Dental Clinic.

Fundraising got a big boost earlier this year through a \$3,000 donation from the Larimer County Dental Society and a benefit event hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The 3 Twins concert and donations from individual community members made up the remaining balance.

Although we've reached an important fundraising milestone, it's not too late to donate to the Tooth Fairy Fund for Grown-ups. The more donations we receive, the more people we can help get critically needed care.

Learn more about the Tooth Fairy Fund for Grown-ups and donate online at www.toothfairyfund.org.



Health District Joins Flu Fight

This fall, the Health District teamed up with the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment to host "Larimer Fights the Flu," a series of H1N1 (swine) flu mass-vaccination clinics.



Despite challenges, including a major snowstorm and an uncertain supply of vaccine, the two agencies were able to vaccinate several thousand county residents against the new flu strain. Staffing the clinics were nearly 1,000 "Flu Fighters," half of whom were volunteers who did everything from give shots to entertain children.

Their generous contribution — in addition to close cooperation

between the Health District and Health Department — helped make "Larimer Fights the Flu" a success.

Supplies of H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine continue to expand, and so does the list of groups eligible to be vaccinated. To find out who currently is eligible for H1N1 vaccine, and for all other H1N1 news for our community, visit www.larimerflu.org.

Meanwhile, the traditional flu season is also under way, and demand for that vaccine has been equally strong. Many community flu shot providers were out of seasonal flu vaccine by the end of October. As we move closer to the peak of the traditional flu season, more vaccine is expected to be in supply. When seasonal flu vaccine is available, people are encouraged to get vaccinated, especially seniors and those at risk for flu complications.

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advisory committee seeks new members

We are looking to fill vacancies on the Health District Compass Advisory Committee. The group meets four times a year at the Health District to review the previous issue and brainstorm possible future story topics of interest to the public. Candidates must live within the Health District. If interested, please fill out and send in this application.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____ Occupation _____

Why do you want to be on the Compass Advisory Committee? What knowledge/perspective would you bring? (Attach additional sheet if necessary.) _____

Mail application to: Compass Advisory Search, Health District, 120 Bristlecone Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524
Applications must be received by Dec. 31, 2009.