

# FOUNDATION F RUM

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## WHY YOU MATTER

### English Language Link Helps Residents Overcome Language Obstacles

If you lived in Broomfield but couldn't speak the English language what would you do? Non-English speaking adults 18 years and older can now turn to English Language Link, which provides low-cost English as a Second Language (ESL) via educational tools and classroom instruction for non-English speakers. The program currently serves students from Albania, Cambodia, Mexico, China, Korea, Eritrea, Vietnam, India and Nepal with a wait list for other countries.

The Broomfield Community Foundation recently provided a grant to English Language Link so that they will be able to offer increased services to non-English speaking Broomfield residents. The program improves community literacy, helps parents take a more active role in their child's education



*Volunteer teachers work with English language learners in a recent class hosted by English Language Link.*


and removes the need for children to be translators.

"Learning English provides a base for students to prepare for GED, citizenship, higher education and better careers," said Shereen Fink, English Language Link Executive Director. "Support from the Broomfield Community Foundation means that we will

be able to widen our program reach in Broomfield."

Typically students will meet with volunteer teachers three times a week in a classroom setting. The language program is based on the Oxford University Step Forward curricula, and Oxford University Picture Dictionary program. It is standards-based, covering many standards including CASAS – the standards approved and adopted by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor. Students learn all

the basic skills required for success in the workplace, community, and family.

English Language Link depends on volunteers to teach the classes, community organizations to provide classroom facilities and donations. If you would like to learn more about how you can help this effort, please go to [www.englishlanguageink.com](http://www.englishlanguageink.com). 



## Newsworthy Notes

-  The Foundation's audit report and 990 are available for review upon request.
-  The next application deadline for non-profits to apply for grants is January 2, 2010
-  Coming in 2010 - **Dancing with the Broomfield Stars!** Stay tuned for additional details.
-  You can now donate online at [www.broomfieldfoundation.org](http://www.broomfieldfoundation.org).

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Broomfield Community Foundation is to develop charitable giving to support civic projects, human services, arts and humanities, seniors and education.

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# Volunteer Spotlight

## The Grant Committee

*Larry Beck, Virginia Belval, Nancy Clark, Anne Crouse, Laura Ditges (Chair), Sue Leenerman, Ange Melaragno, Randy Mensing, Ben Sigmond, and Greg Strong*

Over the past 16 years the Broomfield Community Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$900,000 to 100 plus deserving organizations that help Broomfield residents. This wasn't done by chance or by pulling names from a hat, but through a rigorous screening process conducted by the Foundation's Grant Committee.

The Grant Committee is tasked with the heavy responsibility of choosing how best to use the gifts that have been so thoughtfully given to the Foundation. The committee is made up of 10 diverse community volunteers. They bring a wide variety of experiences and perspectives to the granting process.

Annually there are three granting cycles, and in any given cycle, the Foundation has received up to 28 applications. The committee members consider each applicant's mission, program description, history, target audience, goals and objectives, evaluation and budget. They review standard agency documents that must be included in the application. In short, they find out, in detail, about the many great organizations that help Broomfield.

After reading and considering all the applicants' information each grant committee member individually completes a criteria sheet. As a group the committee determines if any information is missing and decides which applicants to call in for interviews. The next step is to discuss the merits of each application and recommended grant dollar amounts. Dollars are based on the funds available for distribution during each cycle. These recommendations then go to the Foundation's Board of Directors for final approval.

Through feedback reports from recipients, the committee members along with the Foundation's Board of Directors are able to follow the grants out into the community and see just how the money was used and how many people were helped. It is this final step that makes the process so rewarding.

The Foundation would like to recognize and thank the dedicated members of the Grant Committee who give of their time and expertise. Over the years the members have changed but the dedication has remained constant. ❤️

**Thank you. You make a difference.**

## The Gift that Keeps on Giving!

As 2009 draws to a close, the Board of Directors and staff of the Broomfield Community Foundation wish you and your family heartfelt good wishes for the holiday season and the new year.

We invite you to ensure a brighter future for our Community by making a tax-deductible gift to the Foundation. Tribute gifts can be made in honor or memory of a loved one, a friend, neighbor or anyone you think deserves recognition. You can also give an alternative holiday greeting gift.

Checks may be sent to the Foundation office, P.O. Box 2040, Broomfield CO 80038 with a note concerning the tribute. You may also contribute with a credit card by calling 303.469.7208. If you would like an acknowledgement sent, please include address information. ❤️

# Advisory Committee Helps Broomfield Youth

The Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee helps high school aged teens learn effective grant making, fund development, and philanthropy. We believe that young people are valuable community resources learning now about the rewards of giving and developing a philanthropic spirit that can become a permanent part of their life.

During the past year the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) developed a program to help Broomfield youth participate in activities that will have a positive influence on their lives. In order to fund this program, YAC received two grants. The first grant of \$800 was from Elevations Credit Union and the second for \$1500 was from the Jared Polis Gift Fund held by the Boulder Community Foundation.

The program benefits low-income and at-risk youth at Broomfield High School and Legacy High School. Referrals to the program come from the school counselors. Assistance can be given for such things as

payments for on-line classes, tutoring, and equipment/materials for school or extra curricular activities.

The Youth Advisory Committee has also awarded grants to help Broomfield youth. Recent examples include Broomstock, Broomfield Summer Youth Players, the BATL (Brave and Active Teens) program at Legacy High School and help with dental screenings



*A Dental Aid participant is all "smiles" after receiving care. The Youth Advisory Committee gave a grant to help children receive dental screenings*

at Emerald Elementary. YAC participates in community service activities and is planning a fundraising project for next spring.

Those currently participating in YAC are Hannah Carpenter, Tyler DePriest, Leanne Ertle, Melanie Ferraro, Scott Fiedler, Mitch Kusick, Kristen Leenerman, Peyton Lindbloom, Tara Lundquist, Cody Oser, Michelle Smith and Monica Stokes.

Monica Lindbloom is assisting as an advisor.

If you know of a student that attends high school in Broomfield and would like to be a part of YAC, please call Karen Smith at 303.469.7208. ❤️

ONLINE

A community calendar is available at [www.broomfieldfoundation.org](http://www.broomfieldfoundation.org)  
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## Corporate Corner

Joan Pallone has been helping with the real estate needs in Broomfield and the surrounding north end area for twenty years. About nine years ago, the business became Pallone and Associates when she was joined by her son Dominic. Their team, which is a business under Metro Brokers, gives the personal touch. They look at the big picture and know that they need to be flexible, especially in today's economy. Daily, they meet many people and do their best to help enrich the lives of all they meet. Joan says that when someone is moving, there is usually some other



major happening that is affecting their life. A realtor needs to be aware of all needs and adjust accordingly.

Years ago, one of the Foundation's Board members approached Joan and asked if she would consider giving a donation. Joan believes in giving back to the community at whatever level one can at any given time. From that first request, she has supported the Foundation. A thirty-year Broomfield resident, she has seen Broomfield grow from 10,000 to the current 50,000 plus population. She is very happy to be a part of the

community and shows that by giving back to make Broomfield a better place to live.

Joan was recognized as a 2007 Heart of Broomfield winner in the Gene Frank category. She has given selflessly to the community and has, on countless occasions, gone above and beyond what is expected professionally to help struggling families who were in hard times with their real estate needs.

When asked about the future, Joan stated that "the market is starting to turn in a positive direction". She is always willing to give advice to those that need real estate assistance. Joan can be reached at 303-810-9647.

The Broomfield Community Foundation thanks Pallone and Associates for continued support. ❤️



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### IRA Rollover Option Available until December 31, 2009

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act's IRA Rollover provision has been extended through December 2009. It permits donors age 70-1/2 and older to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRA, up to an annual ceiling of \$100,000. Please consider this opportunity to make an investment in the Broomfield Community Foundation.

## Nineteen Non-Profits to Receive Grants this Month

The Broomfield Community Foundation will be awarding \$23,500 in grants to 19 non-profit groups that help people in Broomfield at a reception on December 17. These grants are from the general Partners Fund, the Rotary Clubs' Donor Advised Fund, the ARC Fund and the Levy Fund.

- A Precious Child – \$830
- Alliance for Choice in Education – \$5,000 (Donor Advised)
- Ballet Nouveau Colorado – \$1,000
- Boulder Chamber Orchestra – \$750
- Broomfield Fine Arts Festival – \$600
- Broomfield High School J.A.M. – \$2,000
- CASA – \$2,170
- Colorado Repertory Singers – \$750
- Dance Arts Studio – \$500
- English Language Link – \$750
- F.R.I.E.N.D.S. – \$2,000
- Healthy Learning Paths – \$1,000
- HospiceCare – \$1,750
- Marvelous Musicales – \$400
- Adult Day Program-Presbyterian Church – \$1,000
- Project Angel Heart – \$1,000
- Spellbinders – \$400
- Standley Lake High School After Prom – \$800
- Women's Health (for education in schools) – \$500