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**Ooey-Gooey, Blood-Pumping, Community-Serving Fun
at Family and Youth Summit
CSUnity Volunteers Help Make it Happen**

Larimer County, CO—Many CSU students gave up their regular activities last Saturday to give back to the community. CSUnity volunteers spent the day wielding hammers, drills and paint-brushes as they built props to transform the **First National Bank Exhibition Hall at The Ranch /Larimer County Fairgrounds** into a fun-filled setting for **The 2006 Family and Youth Summit** to be held on **Saturday, April 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

The Summit, a one-day conference for youth (12-18), parents, educators and youth-service providers, will include a project to honor **Earth Day** - the opportunity to plant flowers or vegetables to take home, courtesy of Loveland Youth Gardeners. A special **National and Global Youth Service Day** project will benefit Project Linus where participants can help make security blankets for seriously ill and traumatized children. Other Summit activities include:

- The one and only “Salt Shaker Media,” a hands-on movie-making experience, hosted by The Integrity Center
- Ooey-gooey, surprising science experiments, courtesy of The Girl Scouts-Mountain Prairie Council
- Blood-pumping, rope-jumping, hacky-sack contests, courtesy of CSU Sports Camps.

The Summit, being hosted by the Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC), also will feature keynote presentations and interactive sessions that focus on helping youth and families make healthy lifestyle choices, build character and overcome obstacles to reach their goals. To register for The Summit online, go to www.healthylarimer.org. To receive a registration form by mail or for more information, contact HCC at (970) 495-7503 or krs4@pvhs.org. Prices are \$15 for students, \$30 for adults, and \$50 for a family of three or more; includes lunch. Scholarships are available. The deadline to register is April 15.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County is an alliance of nonprofit, education, health, business, government and citizen leaders who collaboratively identify, develop and implement strategies to improve the health and well-being of county residents. Established in 1994 and located in Fort Collins, Colorado, HCC’s special focus since 2002 has been on improving the lives of our youth.