



Southeast Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days | SEPTEMBER 15—17, 2010

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## It's not too late to attend Southeast Rural Philanthropy Days!

### Who couldn't use more money to help operate their non-profit organization?

Southeast Colorado will host Rural Philanthropy Days on Sept. 15-17, 2010. This three-day event will be held at Otero Junior College in La Junta and benefit non-profit organizations throughout our eight-county region (Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero and Prowers). This is a perfect opportunity for area non-profits to not only learn ways to improve their organization's efficiency, but to meet one-on-one with foundation representatives and receive direct invitations to apply for funding.

We are expecting over 50 foundation representatives to attend. They will spend the entire event with non-profit organizations, maximizing the amount of time organizations spend with them. This event is held locally only once every four years, so the opportunity for this interaction is rare.

### So, who should attend Rural Philanthropy Days?

Organizations – or their representatives – who have never attended a previous event:

“The opportunity to have one-on-one time with funders? Why wouldn't I attend Rural Philanthropy Days?”

–Arthur Espinoza Jr.

Executive Director

Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre

Organizations that have previously attended, that have solid relationships with funders but who continue to seek funding sources for their programs:

“In 2006, Bent County HealthCare Center attended our first Rural Philanthropy Days event. The year before, we had received \$12,000 in grant funds. The year after attending RPD, we were able to raise \$225,000 and the amount continues to increase every year. This is a direct result of building relationships with funders and learning the key elements of successful grant proposals.”

–Alisha Hall

Resource Program Director

Bent County HealthCare Center

### What is the impact of Philanthropy Days?

The last time Philanthropy Days was held in the southeast region (2006), the eight counties reaped a tremendous benefit: as a direct result, 13 funders made 412 grant awards totaling \$7,466,239! And that doesn't include other grants that non-profits applied for after learning the process.

### What does it cost?

Participants of Rural Philanthropy Days get a lot for a little: the registration fee for the three-day event is just \$100 per participant, which covers five meals, a series of workshops and a round-table event that allows non-profits to pitch actual projects to funders. And it's right in our region!

### How do I register?

It's simple: go to [www.southeastrpd.org](http://www.southeastrpd.org). There, you'll find a complete schedule of events, a list of attending funders, information on facilitators and much more! But, you might want to hurry. Registration officially closes on Sept. 1. To have your organization included in the event's printed materials, you'll need to act even sooner and register by Aug. 20. Either way, don't delay, because space is limited.

**We've got a lot planned for Southeast Rural Philanthropy Days. We'll see you there!**