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DENVER POST COMMUNITY OFFERS GRANTS TO RIDE THE ROCKIES HOST COMMUNITIES

DENVER, CO – Denver Post Community will be awarding grants in each host community during the 27th annual Denver Post Ride The Rockies Bicycle Tour, June 9-15. These grants will support local nonprofit agencies with programs serving children, youth, recreation, and literacy efforts.

Beginning in 2001, agencies from each of the towns on Ride The Rockies route were invited to apply for funding as part of the Ride The Rockies community grant program. Over the past eleven years, a total of 81 grants have been distributed, totaling over \$445,000. The grants are awarded in each community on the same day the cyclists are in town.

“The grants are our way of saying thank you,” said Chandler Smith, Tour Director. “It’s a privilege to give back to these communities that help make Ride The Rockies possible.”

Grant applications are available only to nonprofit agencies in towns where Ride The Rockies makes an overnight stop or finishes. These towns include: Gunnison, Hotchkiss, Carbondale, Leadville, Granby, Estes Park and Fort Collins. Award announcements for the 2012 Denver Post Community/Ride The Rockies grant program will be made the first week of April.

Denver Post Community strives to improve and enrich the quality of life of the communities it serves through support of programs that benefit children and youth; arts and culture; education and literacy; and the provision of basic human services. For more information on these programs, please visit www.denverpostcommunity.com.

For more information or to request a grant application, please contact Elizabeth Norris, Community Relations Manager, at (303) 954-6703 or enorris@denverpost.com, or visit www.ridetherockies.com.

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