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## For-Profit Group Works for the Benefit of Local Long Established Non-Profit Organization

BY MAREN SORENSEN

Family Life Services (FLS) Executive Director, Julie Abel, watched last week as a local company partnered with FLS to give it some much-needed help. Employees from both Resource Land Holdings, LLC (RLH) and FLS installed an iron gate, a children's swing and a new gazebo. They also helped with various landscaping projects. Abel called the project simply "fantastic. It's always exciting when a for-profit takes an interest in a non-profit. They were all on board," she said, noting that it was unusual for a company to give of its time and resources during the fall season.

Family Life Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving single mothers and their children here in Southern Colorado by providing a residential program that offers low-fee housing and ongoing counseling for up to two years. Begun as an orphanage in 1942, FLS is one of the longest running 501(C)(3) organizations in the city.

In the '80s, the mission of FLS changed due to the way adoptions were handled by the foster care system. Abel said that the idea of a support system for single moms and their kids "kept coming up," and FLS found their new mission - to provide a residential community for single moms and their kids. Now FLS helps move these families



RLH employees work with Family Life Services on site to install a new gazebo.

from "on the edge" survival to emotional and financial stability. Family Life Services also provides counseling services to individuals and families on a sliding scale. They also give moms time and space to receive counseling, courses in managing of finances, parenting and goal setting, as well as kid's classes. Some of the families come from trauma situations and others from poverty. FLS endeavors to give families time, space and affordable housing to recover and get back to normal life.

Abel said the projects RLH helped complete were ones the non-profit needed to have done for a while. The iron gate will help immensely with security for the moms and their children, as kids on the property number nearly 20. Family Life's grounds cover up to 2.5 acres and butt up to Cheyenne Blvd. The gazebo will provide moms with a place for some peace and quiet when needed.

Family Life Services was selected

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## El Paso County Formally Commemorates 150 Years of Service to Citizens Saturday: Public Invited to Help Celebrate

BY MAREN SORENSEN

El Paso County will host its official 150th Anniversary Commemoration event Saturday from 11-1 p.m. at the Pioneers Museum—the original County Courthouse dating back to 1903. Activities slated for the two-hour gathering include an outdoor display of vintage and modern-era county fleet vehicles and equipment, a video documentary on El Paso County's illustrious past and an opportunity to browse the many story-lined exhibits of yester-year displayed throughout the Pioneers Museum. El Paso County's award-winning 150th Anniversary Float also will be on display and will serve as the presentation platform for the official program from 11:30-12:30 p.m. The county parking garage will be open and free for all of the events.

Public Information Officer for the county, Dave Rose, said the planning for this event has been long in coming. He said that the presentations and displays will be more anecdotal, and not at all like a history class, which will hopefully encourage many citizens of all ages to attend. Rose said that the county tries to incorporate the younger crowd as much as possible, and bands and ROTC members from local high schools will take part in the festivities.

The 150th Anniversary Commemoration program will include short presentations from County Elected Officials reflecting on historic milestones and anecdotes related to their offices, in addition to a demonstration by the Sheriff's Office Rifle Drill Team and a special appearance by the U.S. Honor Flag presented by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. The U.S. Honor Flag rose above the rubble of the fallen Twin Towers following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and has since flown at proceedings for over 1,000 fallen soldiers, firefighters and police officers, in addition to appearances at services and ceremonies honoring active and former military and public safety personnel.

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## Denver Based Anschutz Corporation Acquires Broadmoor Hotel

As of last week The BROADMOOR has a new owner, only the third in its long history. After the death of Spencer Penrose, the world famous hotel was owned for decades by the El Pomar Foundation. In 1988 the Oklahoma Publishing Company (OPUBCO), under the direction of Edward L. Gaylord, purchased a controlling interest, later acquiring 100 percent ownership in the hotel.

When Gaylord passed away in 2002, his daughter, Christy Everest, became the third member of the Gaylord family to lead OPUBCO as its chairman and CEO.

Last week, Everest announced the sale of OPUBCO, which includes the historic BROADMOOR Hotel, to the Anschutz Corporation, a

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Philip Anschutz

Courtesy Forbes Magazine

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for assistance by Excellence in Giving, LLC, ([www.excellenceingiving.com](http://www.excellenceingiving.com)) which partners for-profit organizations with non-profits in order to better the community. Jessica Bocker of EiG said, "Our goal at Excellence in Giving is to help our clients experience the difference they can make in their charitable giving. RLH put a lot of energy into these projects. That makes their gift even more meaningful." Abel said that EiG had worked with the Family Life organization before, but not for about 10 years and Abel was thrilled to again be partnering with a community company.

"We are proud to be recommended by Excellence in Giving as a well-performing organization serving Colorado Springs. Jessica made the connection [with RLH] and had already done the research. It was such a blessing," Abel said. "And we're thankful for RLH's generosity and hard work."

RLH does a project of this

nature every year with the help of local philanthropic advisory firm Excellence in Giving. "We believe it's important for our company to invest in the community, and we want to encourage our employees to do the same," said Joe Leininger, one of the Partners at RLH.

For more information on FLS, visit [www.flscs.org](http://www.flscs.org).

Resource Land Holdings (RLH), a Colorado Springs-based investment firm, invests in agricultural, timber and mining properties in the United States. RLH has built portfolios of resource-rich real estate that produce income for investors and promise long-term appreciation. RLH has developed a significant corporate philanthropy program that nurtures a culture of generosity among its employees. Once a year, RLH employees go beyond financial giving and invest their time and energy in improving community services. For more information, visit [www.rlholdings.com](http://www.rlholdings.com).

## Help the Environment and Make Children Safer

Almost any parent faces the question of what to do with an old car seat. Unlike most hand-me-down baby items, car seats are considered unsafe to re-sell or re-use. You can toss one in the trash, but that can be wasteful and can even pose a risk to children. Some parents have been known to fish out used car seats from trash bins.

That's why Memorial is proud to announce a car seat recycling program for parents in Colorado Springs. In partnership with Kohl's and Bestway Disposal, Memorial is providing a way for parents to drop off old car seats, free of charge, to be dismantled and properly recycled. This not only helps the environment, but prevents the risk of parents putting those car seats back into use when they may be unsafe.

About 95 percent of a car seat is able to be recycled. The plastic can be melted down and used for new car seats, toys, reusable plastic cups and a host of other products. The same goes for buckles, straps and other parts.

The program kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Healthy Baby Fair at The Citadel Mall. Car seats will be collected from 10 - 2 p.m. outside the Burlington Coat Factory. Parents who cannot drop off car seats at that time can take their used car seats to the Kohl's department store during normal business hours. Just take it to the customer service desk.

## Non-Practicing and Part-Time Nurses' Assn. to Hold "Building Blocks for Better Hearing" Program Oct. 5

The NP & PTNA will offer a program entitled "Building Blocks for Better Hearing" Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 846 E. Pikes Peak Ave (across from the old St. Francis Hospital). The speaker will be Jay Tinglune, Audiologist. For more information, call Betty Lou Avinger at 599-7588.

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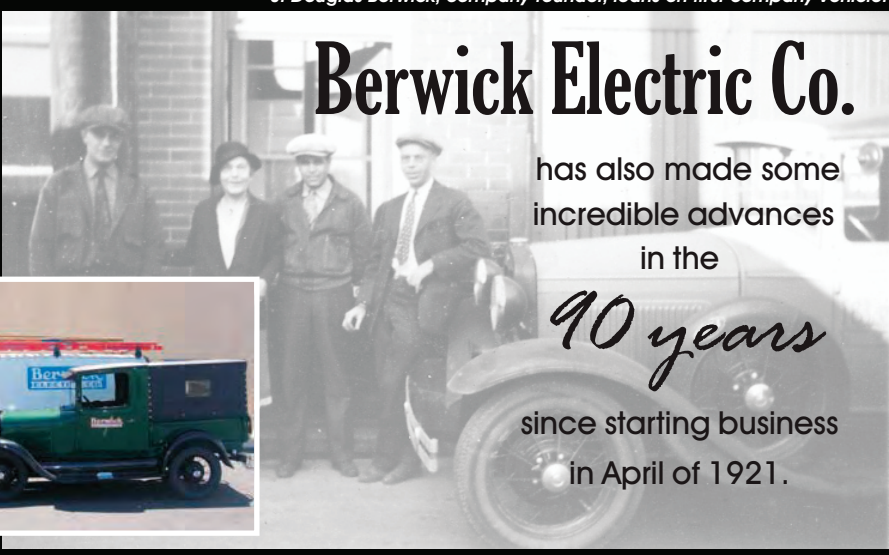
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