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# Inn the Know



**Mission:** To provide transitional housing and services to homeless individuals and families to help them achieve self-sufficiency.

## You're Invited to the Inn Between's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

We're thrilled to have reached this anniversary milestone in the history of the Inn Between! Over this ten-year span, we've seen again and again how transitional housing can be a successful bridge between homelessness and self-sufficiency. We've accomplished much during this time, and the hundreds of Inn residents who've achieved their goals confirm that our mission is steadily being achieved!

In 2000, the Inn purchased the historic Great Western Hotel building located at 250 Kimbark; a 31-unit facility. Two years later, with funds generated from Boulder County's Worthy Cause Tax, we expanded our housing capabilities by purchasing a 12-unit

apartment facility at 1901 Terry Street, and, in 2005, an 8-unit apartment facility at 1913 Terry Street.

We can't thank the community enough for their support as we strive to provide a passage out of homelessness. Celebrate this momentous 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occasion with us. Stop by to meet our staff, tour our facility, and enjoy food and refreshments.

**Thursday, March 25th**  
**4 – 6PM**  
**250 Kimbark**  
**Longmont, CO 80501**  
**303-684-0810**

## Celebrate 2010 with the Inn All Year!

The Inn Between is off to a busy start for 2010! We already had our "Put Your BLUES to Rest" benefit at Oskar Blues' behind us! Oskar Blues collaborated with us to help raise funds to replace aging mattresses in our Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units. Food was plentiful and The Dave Davis Band, helped make the evening a blast. Our most recent Inn graduate, Tabitha, courageously shared her story to help attendees understand how the Inn gave her the opportunity to reunite with her young children, and start a new life with confidence and a determination to realize her educational and career goals. Her story is inside this issue. Thank you to Oskar Blues and all who came to support this effort.

February is a festive month, and there must be something special about Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>! Our Inn angels blessed us with three separate benefits all on this same day! There are details on pg. 2 about these great events.

Be sure to Save the Date! for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Sweet Taste of Longmont on May 15, 2010** hosted at the Radisson Conference Center from 6 – 9 PM.

The Sweet Taste is a delicious dessert tasting event provided by local restaurants and caterers. There will be a silent and live auction featuring items and services donated by hundreds of local and surrounding area businesses. The purchase of these auction items supports our ability to provide transitional housing, programs, and services for the homeless. Both former and current residents from the Inn will speak of their unique situations and how the Inn's transitional housing provides a roadway out of homelessness. Appetizers and libations will be served, live music enjoyed, and the auction will be led by the highly entertaining auctioneer, Don Martin!

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## Flagstaff Academy Middle School sponsors the Sweet Taste

When the Flagstaff Academy Middle School students learned who and how the Inn serves the homeless, and that the Sweet Taste event is so important to the overall fundraising goals for agency, these young people wanted to be a part of the effort. Led by the Flagstaff Student Council Representatives, all the middle school students are banding together to sponsor the Sweet Taste by selling tickets to a pancake breakfast they themselves will serve at the Longmont Applebees at 1250 S. Hover St. on Saturday morning, **February 27th from 8 to 10:30am**. Join us for pancakes and sausage for a mere \$7 contact the Inn at 303-684-0810. We'd love to start the day with you; *and lots of coffee!*

## Fusions Food & Spirits Wine Pairing Dinner



We are eagerly awaiting a Wine Pairing Dinner being prepared by **Fusions Food & Spirits to benefit the Inn on February 27th at 6pm**. Deb Thomas, Fusions' Restaurant Manager has partnered with a wine country representative and Fusions head chef, Patrick Cordova, to create a menu that will best compliment the wines being showcased.

The dinner will feature a five course tasting and will guide dinner guests to understand the balance between the weight of the food and the body of the wine, and how flavors and textures can be either contrasted or complemented. Please join us at Fusions 1040 Kenn Pratt Blvd. to experiment and enjoy! **The cost is \$30 per person. Limited space is available. Reservations by pre-registration is required on the Inn Between website: [www.theinnbetween.org](http://www.theinnbetween.org).**



## Be a Part of My



**February 27th**  
**1:00 - 11:00pm**  
Entertainment:  
1:00 - 5:00pm  
Dinner:  
5:00 - 7:00pm  
Dance:  
8:00 - 11:00pm

A Birthday Bash to Benefit

The Inn Between of Longmont  
Student Incentive Program

To Celebrate

**Maria's 18th Birthday!**

\$10 / Individual    \$18 / Couple

When young people have a gratitude for the blessings life has bestowed, they can identify positive ways to alleviate strife in others' lives. Maria Lucero is one of those young people who can see outside herself even in years that can be very self-focused. Turning 18 is a big milestone to celebrate, so, Maria wanted to do just that. But, rather than focusing on herself, she has decided to put the focus on the Inn Between because she has seen, through the life of a close friend, how the Inn serves people her own age facing difficulties, and how the program guides them towards completing a high school education and beyond. Beginning at 1pm on **Saturday, February 27th** at the Moose Lodge 2210 Pratt St., this Skyline senior has planned a big celebration to benefit the Inn's Student Incentive Program. **"Be a Part of My Heart"** is the theme, and will include a cake walk, games, door prizes, and silent auction along with lots of home made food and downright fun! The festivities will last until late evening Join in the fun for a cover charge of \$10/ individual and \$18/couple.

For more information call Maria at 303-682-5675 or Pat at the Inn Between at 303-684-0810.

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## Bedrock Granite and Marble surprises Inn Teens with Laptop Computers

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve as Inn staff was preparing to head home to begin holiday festivities, Kathy and Bob Wisse called to let us know they were on their way with a few gifts for our teen residents. When they arrived they brought in five 14" x 17" boxes. Each box contained a brand new laptop netbook computers to further augment the success of our high school and community college students.

When one of the teens un-wrapped the box, she looked perplexed, almost sure the box had something inside that was different from what the box announced. Our Case Manager, Jill Babcock coaxed her to open it and she jumped for joy saying it was the best gift she'd ever received.

Of our five teen residents, one will graduate from high school in the spring and attend UNC in the fall, one is a Junior at Longmont High and is taking five AP classes, one is enrolled in the Weld County High school Diploma Program, another is a student at Front Range Community College, and the fifth student is a Senior at Boulder High

School.

For most teens, home computers and laptops are a given, but for our Inn students this wasn't even a possibility. The laptops will allow them much more flexibility, and the ability to work on research for school papers and projects in the comfort of their own rooms.

Bob and Kathy understand the challenges high school and college students face to excel in school and wanted to remove one obstacle for them, but more importantly, to help them know that someone cares about them.



Tabitha was born in Longmont. At age five, her parents divorced and she was placed in her father's custody because of her

mothers' alcoholism. Her father moved to Pueblo while she was in high school, she moved back in with her mother and graduated from Centaurus High School with honors. After being married and divorced; at age twenty-one, once again, she moved back in with her mother and went to bars every night. She was introduced to drugs, and by her mid twenties, was drinking and drugging daily, working at a bar part-time, and trying to hold down a full time job. She met her children's father; an alcoholic and drug user, and they moved to Rochester, NY to be near his family. They were welcomed with open arms, but they lost their support because of continual drinking and fighting. When her daughter was born, Tabitha maintained sobriety during the day, but nighttime was her party time. But, when her mother died, she couldn't cope with her grief and the addictions took over. They moved back to Longmont.

## Angel Success Story: Tabitha

Pregnant with twins in 2005, they were evicted for not paying rent. The children's father returned to New York and Tabitha moved in with her grandparents. She secured a job and stayed sober throughout her pregnancy. But when the boys were born, their father came back and once again she began a downward spiral with drugs and alcohol again. A neighbor reported her to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for caring for the children while intoxicated, and the children were placed in foster care. In an emotional state after fighting with her ex, she assaulted her neighbor, damaged her apartment, and was arrested.

Tabitha found herself sitting in a jail cell all alone. Her children were in foster care, she faced felony charges, and her family wouldn't accept her phone calls from the jail. She knew she needed help to make real changes. She found great support from church ministers visiting the jail. After spending 75 days in jail, she was released on three years' probation.

She moved back in with her grandparents, began to attend a church where she found new friends, and attended Alcoholics Anonymous. In January 2009, she became eligible to get her children back, if she could find a place to live with them. She sought help from the **Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley** who referred her to the Inn Between. Tabitha was accepted into the program and her children were returned to her. The Inn granted her an educational scholarship, and she is currently attending Front Range Community College (FRCC) full time. She's been drug and alcohol free for over a year and was granted a coupon through Longmont Housing Authority for housing, and "graduated" from the Inn.

Tabitha has gained a newfound confidence as a single mother and in her future. Tabitha says she will always be thankful for the opportunity to live at the Inn Between and for all the Inn did for her and her children.

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OUT ONLINE!**

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## Join us for the “Sweet Taste of Longmont!”

Our 3rd Annual Sweet Taste of Longmont event on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will feature the following Live Auction items:

Fairwinds Hot Air Balloon ride!

Mile High Gliding -Glider Ride!

Experience a haunted Estes Park treasure with a Stanley Hotel Historical Ghost Tour then a stay in their Deluxe King Room, and wake to breakfast for two in the Stanley’s own Cascades resaurant!

Enjoy a romantic getaway at the beautiful Estes Park Rams Horn Village Resort located near the entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park; snowshoe or x-country ski in the park and enjoy a Snowy peaks winery wine and cheese package together.

**Join us for a fabulous evening together!**

**Save the Date!**

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**An evening of  
Delicious Dessert Tastings  
featured by local restaurants and  
caterers**

**Live and Silent Auction**

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