Everyone has the capacity to make a difference. Everyone has something to give...whether by sharing their time and talent, not just treasury. Whatever the method, giving is about touching the lives of others in positive ways.

Give 10 is a group of like-minded people who share that commitment to lead the way, to invest in a better future. We give because we want to help others and solve problems in our community. Collectively, we want to invest in the quality of life, in our community and the world. Our rising tide will lift all boats.

So, as you meet and know others in our community, don’t just ask “What do you do?” Ask “How are you making a difference?” or “What do you want to do for the world?” I invite you to share your experiences and passions as philanthropists!

Give every day and live generously.

I give because...
365 Thank Yous by John Kralick

365 Thank Yous by John Kralick is a rare memoir: a touching, universal message from the plainspoken storytelling of an ordinary man. His message is simple: no matter how down and out your circumstances, you can still find ways to be grateful. When John Kralik decides to look for the good, he resolves to pen a thank you note each day to someone who has touched him. Kralik sets a believable, doable example of how to live a miraculously good life.

Looking for a good read?

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GET OUT, GET BUSY, GET INVOLVED!

April is National Volunteer Month. Let’s celebrate doing extraordinary things through service. Here are a few imaginative ways to engage in our community.

Cleaning out your garage? The Fort Collins Bike Co-Op will get the bikes you donate working. The all-volunteer team then gives the bikes to nonprofit organizations or in exchange for volunteered time at local nonprofits. The Fort Collins Bike Co-Op, 970-484-3804

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado will restore the scenic, hiking-only Overlook Trail at Lory State Park on June 8-9. Volunteers will repair damaged sections of the trail and work to prevent further erosion. Learn more and register at www.voc.org/projects or call 303-715-1010.

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers offers plenty of spring and summer dates you can lend a helping hand to restore the Highland Park ecology. Learn more at www.wlrv.org/about/index.html or call 303-543-1411.

Hunger in America is the largest study of charitable food assistance in our country. The nationwide survey will gather local information on issues faced by both food bank agencies and the clients they serve. Data collection for the study will take place between now and August 2013. Food Bank for Larimer County, 970-530-3113

10 MINUTES, 10 DOLLARS, 10 ACTS (of kindness)
Giving and living to the power of 10!

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- Create targeted goals for your giving.
- Be local—with your giving, too! For instance, if a national retailer supports national cancer charities, learn more about local chapters, local services and opportunities to give where you live.

Would you like to round up and make a gift? From buying groceries to pet food to submarine sandwiches: we’ve all been asked, “Would you like to round up and donate a gift today?” Before you pay, you are asked to give, to one cause or another. So, should we give?

While check-out charity—“embedded giving” in marketing terms—is often employed as a marketing strategy to bolster a retailer’s public image, it does put millions of dollars annually into charities across the nation. Not a bad thing.

But smart givers generally don’t give reactively in a knee-jerk fashion.

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