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COLORADO GARDEN SHOW AWARDS SIGNIFICANT HORTICULTURE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGHOUT COLORADO

Organization keeps Colorado green by educating and supporting the home and garden industry

DENVER (May 6, 2008) – Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CGS), along with its board of directors, awarded \$336,270 in horticulture-related grant projects throughout Colorado on Sunday, May 4 at the 2008 Grant and Scholarship Award Ceremony hosted at the Butterfly Pavilion.

Earlier this year, CGS recognized another \$113,143 in grants awarded to organizations and six substantial scholarships including a four-year, full-ride scholarship. The full-ride scholarship was awarded to Ashton Dilka of Briggsdale, Colo. to attend Colorado State University (CSU) to study agricultural education and business. In addition to paid tuition, room and board, Dilka will receive a laptop with a printer and all expenses will be paid for her books and fees.

“What most people don’t know is that Colorado Garden Show provides scholarships and grants from proceeds generated from the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show to support Colorado’s horticulture industry,” said Jim Fricke, CGS executive director. “Since the 1970s, Colorado Garden Show has awarded more than \$2.5 million and in 2008 alone, we awarded \$500,000 to horticulture scholarships and grant projects around the state.”

From a major grant to Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado for planting 1,000 trees on Arbor Day to a children’s garden for Advocates Against Domestic Assault to native plants and signage for Rocky Mountain Wild exhibit at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo to a gathering garden for Montrose Botanical Society, more than 39 organizations were recognized and awarded grant checks at the May 4 event including:

MAJOR GRANTS			
Organization Name	City	Awarded	Awarded for
Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado	Denver	\$30,000.00	Girls Hope Home
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado	Denver	\$25,000.00	Horticulture related projects
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado	Denver	\$25,000.00	Special project to plant 1,000 trees on Arbor Day. Co-branded with Qwest
ANNUAL GRANTS			
Organization Name	City	Awarded	Awarded for
Advocates Against Domestic Assault	Trinidad	\$10,850.00	Children's garden
Alzheimer's Association	Denver	\$10,000.00	Memory Garden
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo	Colorado Springs	\$25,000.00	Rocky Mountain Wild exhibit
Colorado College	Colorado Springs	\$4,500.00	Student farm
Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs	Monument	\$5,000.00	Education programs
Colorado Future Farmers of America Foundation	Montrose	\$5,000.00	FFA programs for students and teachers
Colorado Historical Society	Denver	\$10,000.00	Pearce-McAllister Cottage
Colorado Parks and Recreation Association	Wheat Ridge	\$5,000.00	Matching tree grant
Compass Montessori Golden School	Golden	\$6,470.00	Wetlands habitat outdoor environment
Craig Hospital	Englewood	\$25,000.00	Mile High Terrain Park

CSU - Dept. of Horticulture & LA	Fort Collins	\$4,000.00	Master gardener program
CSU - Dept. of Horticulture & LA	Fort Collins	\$1,900.00	Wood plant research
CSU Extension - Adams County	Brighton	\$5,000.00	Youth sciences program
CSU Extension - Douglas County	Castle Rock	\$900.00	Junior master gardener project
CSU Extension - Jefferson County	Golden	\$2,000.00	Plant Select Demonstration Garden
Denver Botanic Gardens	Denver	\$13,000.00	Horticultural trial garden at Chatfield
Denver Urban Gardens	Denver	\$3,500.00	Community garden at Atlantis
Denver Woman's Press Club	Denver	\$2,450.00	Landscaping at headquarters
Durango Early Learning Center	Durango	\$300.00	Toddler garden
Four Mile Historic Park	Denver	\$4,250.00	Summer camp program
Global Children's Garden	Evergreen	\$8,000.00	Greenhouses in Louisville, Salida, and Evergreen
Heatherwood Elementary	Boulder	\$1,500.00	Welcome Reading Garden
HomeAid Colorado	Denver	\$12,500.00	Safe Shelter landscaping
La Puente Home	Alamosa	\$2,650.00	Community garden
Lost and Found Inc.	Wheat Ridge	\$3,000.00	Transitional Living Program garden
Montrose Botanical Society	Montrose	\$10,000.00	Gathering Garden
Nevin Platte Middle School	Boulder	\$3,000.00	Gardens at school entrances
The Park People	Denver	\$12,500.00	Denver Digs Trees Program
Pikes Peak Library District	Colorado Springs	\$5,000.00	General garden maintenance equipment
Porter Hospital Foundation	Denver	\$20,000.00	Healing garden project
Sedgwick County Health Center	Julesburg	\$9,000.00	Health care centers landscaping
September High School	Boulder	\$1,250.00	Meditation garden
Tennyson Center for Children	Denver	\$1,000.00	Support materials
Town of Olathe	Olathe	\$4,250.00	Olathe Community Park maintenance
West End Public School District	Naturita	\$10,000.00	Phase III of the improvements
Western Colorado Botanical Gardens	Grand Junction	\$8,500.00	Celebration Plaza Garden
TOTAL MAJOR GRANTS AWARDED		\$80,000.00	
TOTAL ANNUAL GRANTS AWARDED		\$256,270.00	
TOTAL 2008 GRANTS AWARDED		\$336,270.00	

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About Colorado Garden Show, Inc.

Colorado Garden Show, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation that provides funds for horticultural-related grants and scholarships and events for the benefit of the greater Denver area and the state of Colorado. Colorado Garden Show offers to support the horticulture industry made possible from the proceeds generated from the Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show. For more information or to apply for a Colorado Garden Show scholarship in the future, visit www.GardeningColorado.com.