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BROKERS JOIN IN BENEFIT

Denver-area commercial real estate brokers compete with each other for commissions and listings.

But from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 17, they won't have a monetary motive when they face off. They'll be competing against each other for a good cause at the second annual "Brokers for Battered Kids," fund-raiser.

Last year, Steve Leonard, president of Pacifica Holding Co., held the inaugural event in his back yard.

"It came off real nicely, with us raising \$27,000," Leonard said. "This year, our goal is \$50,000, but we hope to get closer to \$75,000."

Twenty-six teams from all the major commercial real estate firms will compete at the Inverness Softball / Athletic Fields, 318 Inverness Drive South.

Proceeds will go to Colorado Christian Home and Denver Boys Inc. and Denver Girls Inc. Contributions should be made to the Denver Active 20-30 Club, a non-profit group.

The Colorado Rockies and the Denver Nuggets have given verbal responses to be among the 200 corporate sponsors, while the Denver Broncos have taken it under advisement, Leonard said.

"I think we'll get all three," Leonard said. "We would have liked to have gotten professional athlete teams to compete against broker teams, but it was sort of a last-minute thought to ask them to get involved. Next year, we hope to have some of the Nuggets compete against the brokers."

In addition to Pacifica, other major sponsors are Northland Financial Co., Albertsons and Land Title Guaranty Co.

Brokers will compete in volleyball, Frisbee, golf, relay races (including a mountain bike course), badminton and soccer, said Brad Neiman, a vice president of investment properties for CB Commercial.

"This is really an outstanding event," Neiman said. "It gives something back to the community in a way that is both effective and fun."