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Young leaders unite to help area's children

NoCo Active 20/30 connects
community, business professionals

It's far easier to stereotype young business professionals as being disconnected from their communities than to recognize their contributions.

But NoCo Active 20/30 Children's Foundation, a local group of "next-generation" leaders, defies such stereotypes.

In September, 22 members of the group hosted its first event — a fundraiser for Partners of Larimer County and Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County. And they raised a whopping \$80,000 in one night.

NoCo Active 20/30, a component fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, was launched in May to boost community awareness and benevolence among younger business professionals. The service organization has a goal of generating \$100,000 in net donations for children's-based organizations in its first year, so it is well on its way.

Northern Colorado is no different from other regions in that the same people are usually tapped to organize events and lead public discussions. Sometimes, that approach can create a gap in participation among young professionals.

But members of this new service organization are showing they are willing to break with tradition and ignore boundaries by uniting leaders in Larimer and Weld counties in identifying ways to improve children's lives.

This new, diverse service organization has found its niche in a region already characterized by its giving spirit.

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The inaugural Northern Colorado Active 20-30 Vines and Wines Suitcase Party raised more than \$80,000 to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County and Partners Mentoring Youth.

The party was held Sept. 21 at the American Eagle Distributing/Anheuser-Busch Hangar located at the Fort Collins-Loveland Airport.

Dave McNaught and Anna Morrison won the raffle giveaway for a two-day trip to Napa Valley. Two additional Napa tickets were auctioned to Jeryl and Patty Benner.

The all-inclusive evening included a red carpet arrival, drinks, appetizers, a live and silent auction, dancing, door prizes and live music.