PHILANTHROPY RAISES $51,000 FOR CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Dunn Perrault & Associates of Northwestern Mutual raised more than $50,000 for Children's Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs in December. Dunn Perrault, a local financial services team, hosts an annual event for clients and friends each December, dubbed Philanthroparty, which has raised $212,000 in the past three years for local nonprofits. All funds raised from this year's Philanthroparty will benefit the Children's Hospital Colorado initiative in pediatric mental health and suicide prevention, helping support the investment made by former Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman through the Partners for Children's Mental Health Challenge Grant. The grant provides $2.8 million to help launch the pediatric mental health initiative, which will increase access to mental health services and support for young people across Colorado.

PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT EARS TOP GOVERNMENT FINANCE HONOR

For the 27th year in a row, Pikes Peak Library District is being recognized for excellent financial transparency. The Government Finance Officers Association awarded Pikes Peak Library District the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting last month, the association's highest award.

Each year, the association judges government organizations through an impartial panel. According to the association's website, the program was designed to motivate government agencies to “go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles,” with the goal of encouraging financial transparency by those agencies.

"Earning this award illustrates an organization's commitment to good stewardship of public dollars,” a PPLD news release said.