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CREW  
commercial real estate women  
**DENVER**  
DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

CREW Monthly Event Series presents...

## Annual Holiday Breakfast

Tuesday, December 15,  
2009

**The Ritz-Carlton, Denver**

7:15 - 7:30 am Registration

7:30 - 8:30 am Networking & Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 am Presentation



### Submitted by Courtney Ryan, Mortenson Construction

Join fellow CREW Denver members, colleagues and friends for our Annual Holiday Breakfast. We will be having a breakfast buffet with holiday music, networking and a short year end wrap-up. What's more? Each CREW Denver Member attendee will receive a special gift!

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### Mission Statement

The Mission of CREW Denver, a commercial real estate organization, is to create opportunities and resources that promote leadership development, give access to national and local CREW resources, provide networking opportunities; enable market and deal flow information; affect public policy to further the vision of the organization; recognize success; promote individual and team accomplishments; and create opportunities to serve the community in which we live and work.

## Buy Homemade Holiday Gifts at the CREW Holiday Breakfast Prepared by the Denver Bean Project!

### Submitted by Lisa Kissler, Catamount Constructors

What could be a better gift for teachers, co-workers, family and friends than a homemade gift of soup, chili, cookie mix, and salsa mixes prepared by women beginning a life of recovery and self-sufficiency? At **CREW Denver's Holiday Breakfast** on **December 15th**, the Community Outreach Committee will sell gift products made from the **Denver Bean Project**. Prices range from \$5 for soup mixes and chili packages and go up to \$35 for a gift basket full of homemade bean gifts.

All items are handmade and attractively packaged with information on the Women's Bean Project. Gifts will be available for purchase at the event, although large orders like gift baskets can be made on the Bean Project's website and delivered. Each gift is delicious and nourishing and each purchase directly benefits the Denver Bean Project. Cash, checks and all major credit cards are accepted. Come early for the best selection.



women's  
BEAN PROJECT

### About the Women's Bean Project:

Since 1989 the Women's Bean Project has been helping women break the cycle of poverty and unemployment. The Women's Bean Project is a nonprofit organization that teaches job readiness and life skills for entry-level jobs through employment in a gourmet food production business. Women come with the goal of transforming their lives and moving toward self sufficiency after rehabilitating in jail or treatment centers. Once rehabilitated, women come to work at the Bean Project assembling gift baskets, soups, chili, and even jewelry that can be purchased. Seventy percent of all WBP income comes from sales and last fall, volunteers sold over \$65,000 worth of WBP products during the holiday season!

For more information on the holiday bean sale or products contact Lisa Kissler at [lkissler@catamountconstructors.com](mailto:lkissler@catamountconstructors.com) or 303-710-3593 or visit the Women's Bean Project website on

### Upcoming Events

#### December 3

Dine Around Dinner at Le Central **\*\*SOLD OUT**

#### December 15

Annual Holiday Breakfast

#### January 19

Monthly Luncheon Event:  
Secrets of Successful Companies

### Calendar of Events

#### Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline to submit newsletter articles or website updates for January is **December 10, 2009.**

Please send requests to:

**Melinda Lundquist**  
and  
**Beth Johnson**

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### 2009 Board of Directors

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## CREW Membership Renewal

Submitted by Sara Croot, BBVA Compass

We are grateful for your loyalty and support over the past year and look forward to serving you in 2010. Your **continued membership** is **very important** to us and enables us to create and provide **innovative tools, services, networking opportunities and education** to support your success in commercial real estate.

In a year full of economic uncertainty, CREW Network **established 2009 as the Year of the Member** and focused all of its resources and energy into delivering programs and services that provided direct value to you, the member. We have more **exciting programs and services planned for 2010**.

- **Leadership Development Initiative** - CREW Network will launch its new Leadership Development Initiative funded by its partnership with Studley. Through this initiative, CREW Network will **host webinars throughout the year delivered by universities** on topics such as Urban Public Policy & Private Economic Development, Fundamentals of Real Estate Finance, Managing and Turning Around Problem Properties, Real Estate Entrepreneurships, Real Estate Transactions & Deal Structure and Strategic Thinking for Real Estate. Additionally, CREW Network is working to elevate its professional development offerings at the winter, spring and fall Leadership Meetings by providing the best and most innovative training available.
- **2010 Benchmark Study** - CREW Network members will **be the first to learn the results** of its second benchmark study to be unveiled in June 2010. This **highly coveted study** first made headlines in 2005 when **CREW Network documented for the first time pay and promotion level disparities** between men and women at the same levels of experience and seniority in the field of commercial real estate.

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- **Web site Redesign** - The new CREW Network Web site will feature **enhanced functionality, improved organization of content** and the **ability to customize** your web page - all designed to support your commercial real estate business needs.
- **CREWbiz Debut** - Watch for CREW Network's newest member-to-member business tool to launch in first quarter 2010. This online tool will **facilitate communications** with other members, and enable you to post your latest deals, property listings, speaking engagements, published articles, biography and more. **CREWbiz allows you to create your personal marketing campaign.**

With all of these great programs and services set to launch in 2010, there has never been a better time to be a CREW Network member. Please take a moment to [Click Here](#) and **renew your membership now and stay connected to the only business network dedicated to advancing your success in commercial real estate.**

You have two options for renewing your membership:

- 1) **ONLINE** with a credit card, or
- 2) By **CHECK** payment, with the invoice that was recently mailed via USPS.

If you have yet received your renewal notice or require additional information, please contact the CREW Denver office at 303-782-0166.

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Save the Date! CREW Denver Monthly Event Series presents...

## Secrets of Successful Companies

Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
The Ritz-Carlton, Denver

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**Newsletter/Communications/Website**

**1881 Curtis Street, Denver**  
**11:15 - 11:45 am Registration & Networking**  
**11:45 am - 1:00 pm Program**

**Submitted by Isabel Chamberlin, Office Scapes**

Mark your calendar for this exciting and informative luncheon featuring [Rohini Saksena](#), LEED AP, CDT of Gensler Architects and [Marilyn Heit](#), Team Lead at EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

Registration opens soon! Be sure to watch our website for more details!

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## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

### Community Outreach Committee

**Submitted Tonya Schloemer, E\*TRADE FINANCIAL and Lisa Kissler, Catamount Constructors, Inc.**

The Community Outreach Committee plans and carries out meaningful Colorado community service projects and events for CREW Denver that increase member involvement and strengthen CREW Denver's connection to the community in which we live and work. The Committee's vision is that CREW Denver can "do well by doing well," with the goal to make a difference in the community and to build long lasting relationships. CREW Denver members, families and friends are invited to participate in projects that have a positive impact on our community including Work Options for Women, Habitat for Humanity, Colorado Cares Day, The Gathering Place, Project Angel Heart, and The Women's Bean Project.

To learn more about these community projects or to join the Community Outreach Committee, contact:

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#### 2009 Board Meetings

CREW Denver Board meetings are open to all members.

#### Board of Directors Meeting

**DATE:** December 16, 2009

**TIME:** 7:30 am - 9:00 am

**LOCATION:**

CREW Denver Office

1720 S Bellaire Street, Suite 110

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[Click Here](#) to post your resumes on the CREW Network Career Center.

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## WEBINAR SERIES: *NEW FOR 2010*

**Submitted by Courtney Ryan, Mortenson Construction**

For CREW Denver Members Only. Professional development from the comfort of your own office. Please look for more details coming in November on the CREW website at [www.crewdenver.org](http://www.crewdenver.org).

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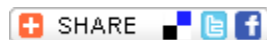
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