

## Our Top Charitable Picks for May 9-15

Get Involved is a weekly series pointing readers toward community-oriented events, volunteer opportunities, and good causes in Colorado.

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*Join Be the Gift as they celebrate a belated Mother's Day by traveling to homes of single mothers and doing home repairs. —Photo courtesy of Amber Hayes/Be the Gift*

**Mission Wear PatchWORK Fashion Show** <sup>[4]</sup>: Help out local organizations while shopping for new summer apparel. Mission Wear <sup>[5]</sup>—a manufacturing company that repurposes materials that are landfill-bound into fashion items and is dedicated to helping women find employment—teamed up with the Miracles Program <sup>[6]</sup> for this unique fashion show, featuring all up-cycled clothing and accessories. Sip on beer or wine and browse the silent auction with items from Birds and Belles Boutique <sup>[7]</sup>, Mission Wear, and other local designers; all proceeds support Mission Wear and Miracles. *Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; The Summit Church, 3300 Larimer St.; \$15–\$20*

**Passport to the Passport: Celebrating 15 Years of Refugee Resettlement Gala** <sup>[8]</sup>: Help celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Ethiopian Community Development Council <sup>[9]</sup>'s (ECDC) African Community Center <sup>[10]</sup>. This center has helped more than 550 African refugees build new lives in Denver through employment and community support. Enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, auctions, and a live band while you learn about the center. All proceeds will go to helping continue and grow refugee services. *Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; The Brown Palace, 321 17th St.; \$100–\$180 per ticket, sponsorship opportunities also available*

**ALS Association Rocky Mountain Chapter 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration** <sup>[11]</sup>: Come applaud 20 years of the ALS Association Rocky Mountain Chapter <sup>[12]</sup> with drinks, dinner, auctions, and music. This organization works with ALS patients, family members, and caregivers in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. All services provided by the ALS Association Rocky Mountain Chapter are free of charge for patients and include monthly support groups, medical equipment loans, home visits, care grant assistance, access to information on the disease, and more. *Friday, 6:30 p.m.; Four Seasons Hotel Denver, 1111 14th St.; \$150 per person, \$275 per couple*

**Workshop on Wheels** <sup>[13]</sup>: Last June, nine organizations won the Rose Community Eoundation's (RSF) "Innovate for Good" movement. This venture aimed to find and fund innovative projects that would make Denver a better place to live. Be the Gift <sup>[15]</sup>—a local nonprofit that helps single mothers with home repairs—was one of nine organizations that submitted ideas for Denver's future and won RSF funding to bring their vision to life. Aided by the funding, Be the Gift is putting together "Workshop on Wheels," a mobile workshop with all the tools and supplies needed for single mothers to complete home repairs. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome (the trailer comes with a project manager and a handy man to teach you along the way). *Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Locations vary and are determined upon sign up*

