

## INVITATION

Charitable giving and cooking have a lot more in common than one would think. Givers—like cooks—may have different styles, different tools, or a variety of techniques. But there's (often) a method to one's madness when it comes to either.

Some charitable givers follow a recipe. They plan, they measure, they budget, and carefully follow technique. Other donors use what they have on hand: a connection, a relationship, a cause they're familiar with. Similar to digging around in the fridge, they put together a great meal from tasty bits and pieces. And still, others walk through their garden or make a trip to the farmer's market and plan a meal around what's ripe. What's fresh and in-season? And still, there are plenty of us who truly enjoy the sound of the doorbell. Inspired, every now and then, by things delivered to our doorstep. What makes your mouth water?

*Give every day and  
live generously.*

*Pat Stuyk*

## LARRY KENDALL'S \$10,000 RECIPE

**Here's how it works.** You start by making a \$10,000 contribution to a Colorado non-profit that qualifies for the Colorado Child Care tax CREDIT. It's a wide-ranging list of local non-profits from Boys and Girls Club to Respite Care.

Your \$10,000 contribution generates a \$5,000 state tax CREDIT to you (assuming you would pay at least \$5,000 in state taxes). There are some years when Colorado doesn't allow the full credit but allows you to carry it forward to a future year when it is allowed. Please check with your CPA on this. The State of Colorado is your partner in this contribution as this is a tax CREDIT, you can reduce your taxes by \$5,000 and your actual out of pocket cash is now \$5,000.

And, it get's better. Your \$10,000 gift is deductible on your federal tax return. It is likely, you're in at least the 33% marginal tax bracket. That means your \$10,000 gift saves you approximately \$3,000 in federal taxes. At this point, the \$10,000 gift has actually only cost \$2,000 out of pocket. The other \$8,000 would have been paid in taxes anyway.

Finally, the \$10,000 gift also counts as a state tax deduction in addition to the tax credit. Colorado state tax is a little less than 5% so your savings in taxes due to this gift is nearly another \$500.

You are still paying \$10,000 but you would have paid \$8,500 in taxes if you had not made the charitable gift. With your gift, you are making a \$10,000 impact to your favorite charity for only \$1,500 out of pocket.

### In the Kitchen with Larry

- \$10,000** = Charitable Gift
- **\$ 5,000** = State Tax Credit
- **\$ 3,000** = Federal Tax Deduction
- **\$ 500** = State Tax Deduction

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- \$ 1,500** = Net after tax cost of gift

## A HEART-FELT RECIPE

Sue Aukamp was the friend you could always rely on, the big sister with endless patience, the mom who supported her kids through life's trials, and the wife whose unconditional love knew no bounds. Diagnosed with cancer in 2006, her husband Ron established a memorial scholarship in her honor after her death for students who work at the CSU Bookstore. Sue had supported Ron while he was in college by working at a campus bookstore and was an avid reader herself, so the scholarship was a way for Ron to demonstrate his love for Sue and continue her legacy of helping others. As Ron reflects, "I gave from the heart to create the bookstore scholarship. Sue and I were married for 41 years. We had a life-long commitment to each other, and that commitment continues after her death."



*Pictured with Ron Aukamp: Mimi Jacobs, Sue's sister; CSU students who received the Susan A. Aukamp Memorial Scholarship; Sue and Ron's daughter, DeeDee Wright with her husband, Lance Wright. Mimi, DeeDee, and Lance have also given to the Susan Aukamp Memorial Fund.*

# HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?



## Check it out!

A CSU Journalism Student created a “news” piece on Plant it Forward for a class project featuring all the hard work that the Gardens on Spring Creek:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFu50JDrjhk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFu50JDrjhk)

**Plant It Forward**, a joint effort between the Gardens on Spring Creek and the Food Bank for Larimer County, urges all home gardeners to fight hunger from the ground up and plant extra fruits, vegetables and herbs this spring to donate to those in need.

Since 2010, community members—through Plant It Forward—have delivered 10,000 pounds of nutritious fresh food to the Food Bank for Larimer County. This summer, your homegrown produce can be donated:

### Food Bank for Larimer County

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### The Gardens on Spring Creek

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sundays noon to 5 p.m.

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant.”

- Robert Louis Stevenson

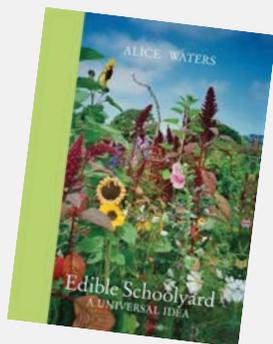
## LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

### Edible School Yard

by Alice Waters

One of America’s most influential chefs, Alice Waters created a revolution in 1971 when she introduced local, organic fare at her Berkeley, California, restaurant, Chez

Panisse. Twenty-five years later, she and a small group of teachers and volunteers planted the Edible Schoolyard at an urban middle school. The schoolyard has since grown into a universal idea to blend academics with growing, cooking, and sharing wholesome, delicious food. With inspiring images of the garden and kitchen, Edible Schoolyard is a visionary model for sustainable farming and childhood nutrition, and a call to action for schools across the country.



## GIVE 10 EMERGING LEADERS



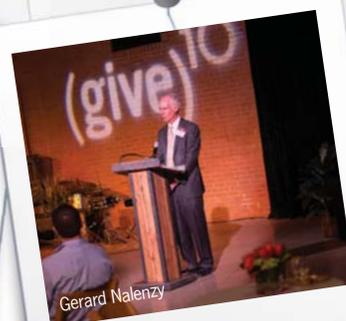
Annual Give 10 Emerging Leaders Reception



Elisa Soth, Jim & Holly Dickinson



Tiffany & Chris Burns, Gretchen Gaede & Ryan Keiffer



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