



# 2013 YEAREND REVIEW



## MOVING FORWARD IN 2014

Common Ground Montrose is moving forward as we continue to evolve into the ministry we believe God has called us to become.

This newsletter will inform of you of what an exciting year 2013 was and how you can be a part of an even more exciting 2014!

Common Ground has established itself in this community by working with families, youth, churches and schools. You will read about how Common Ground has been in the forefront with helping the homeless, speaking out against domestic violence, working with the Governor's office on state and local community issues, plus sharing God's message of hope, love and redemption.

### 5-10 Year Lease with Purchase Option

We have signed a 5 year Lease with an additional 5 years if needed plus a Purchase Option for the 16 acres. The property price is \$150,000 which we believe will be raised within the next 5 years or less.

This gives us some solid ground to work with over the next

few years as we continue to prepare the property for the Amphitheater, Sand Volleyball Courts, Ropes Course and the future Multi-Purpose Building.

### How Can You Be A Part of Common Ground Montrose?

Common Ground is in need of your prayers, your time and your financial support to continue to make an impact in this community!

- There are ministries within Common Ground which need physical help like planting flowers, trees, bushes as well as dirt work.
- Volunteering to work with families in distress or with students who need a tutor or filling grocery bags with food for students who go hungry over the weekend.
- Financially, we need people to give monthly, annually or for certain projects so Common Ground can help meet needs.
- Prayerfully, consider how you and others can help Common Ground move forward in 2014.

**2014 will be the year we move forward!**  
**Will you become a part of making history with us?**

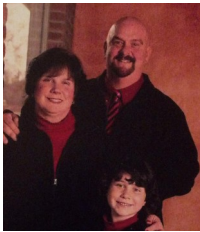
## CGM Board of Directors



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**"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."**  
**- John Quincy Adams**

# Common Ground Montrose Hub

## COMMON GROUND MONTROSE



Ministry to the community has always been the forefront of Common Ground.

This past January, Richard prayed for guidance on how to do the ministry God was calling him and CGM to do.

The Hub was created to ensure CGM will help to meet needs in this community.

It's great to know that CGM has at least one ministry currently ministering in each of the circles right now.

The goal is to have a person oversee each of the circles so each circle will continue to minister to Montrose and beyond.

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## *Real Men Speak Out....*

Real men from the community are using their images and words in a photographic campaign to raise public awareness of the very serious issue of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Richard was asked by Tri-County Resources to take part in this campaign representing the Faith-Based Community.

*"It was an honor to take part of this worthy campaign to help to raise awareness of this issue in our community."* said Richard.

Richard's words for the portrait were: *"Domestic Violence abuses the soul as well as the body."*

The photographic campaign has been shown in four counties so far this year. It will continue to be shown over the next few months.

## *Colorado Clergy Council*

Common Ground Montrose was asked by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper's office to take part in the States first Clergy Council to work on issues that affect our communities.

The first meeting was held at the Governor's Mansion in Denver focusing on the homeless issue.

Richard later addressed the Governor's Chief of Staff and others on how Montrose is working on solutions to meeting needs of the homeless in our community.



Left to right, Karla Maraccini, Dir of Community Partnerships, Gov. Hickenlooper and Jamie Van Leeuwen, Deputy Chief of Staff

## The Least of These



Richard Godsfil, at left, shakes hands with Lt. Gov. Joseph Garcia at a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19th for homelessness prevention.

*Photo by Drew Setterholm/Daily Press*

### One Congregation One Family

CGM is the local Mentoring group for Gov Hickenlooper's program called: "*One Congregation, One Family*"

OCOF operates as a component of the Family Senior Homelessness Initiative under the Salvation Army. The program unites community and state resources with congregations and homeless individuals and families.

CGM will be working with the Salvation Army to schedule a training time for local church mentors. Four churches are on-board with a few more on the fence.



According to the Montrose County School District there are over 200 students who go hungry over the weekend.

It's hard to believe that we have this many students that go hungry but Jesus said the if we give food to the least of these - we are giving it to Him as well.

Kids Aid Montrose, is a vital part of CGM's ministering to children in our community. Tammy Couturier (Kids Aid Exec Dir.) is out in the community raising money and receiving donations from local businesses, individuals and working with the local schools to make sure we are meeting kids needs.

You can contact **Tammy Couturier 970-708-0515** or **Richard Godsfil 970-261-3773** to donate.

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**Kids Aid Montrose**



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## Church Relations



### PAIRS Essentials Classes Practical Skills for Successful Relationships

Working with Empowering Dads, local churches have been able to reach out to couples to help with their relationships and communication styles.

Churches in Naturita, Montrose, Delta and Norwood (Jan 2014) are seeing those who attend become closer and have better communication between themselves and their children.

## Understanding Needs In The Youth



### See You At The Pole

#### Pre-Rally Event

**Crossroads Victory** hosted the Pre-Rally in their Life Center. Youth Groups from 4 different youth groups attended.

Worship, a message and fun was had by all.

#### SYATP

Students & Parents showed up at four local schools to pray for the students, teachers and admin for their school.

Over 100 prayed to make a difference.

#### Speaking at Montrose High School

Richard is currently speaking in three classes in the Fall and in the Spring.

His subject is on *"Your Temperament and How It Effects Your Life"*.

Sharing life stories, using the Myers-Briggs Temperament Inventory and an experiential activity, Richard lays the foundation on how these students can reach their goals and have hope for their future.



Montrose High School students have created a Christian Student Club called **"ASAP"** (Always Say **An-**other Prayer). Teacher Mr. Tyler and Common Ground are Co-Sponsors for this club.

This club will be inviting local youth leaders to come share about the Bible and having time to pray every Friday during lunchtime.

## Family Essentials

### Fatherhood Coaching



The National Fatherhood Initiative has influenced many young fathers into becoming great Dads.

Empowering Dads is the Montrose version of that initiative.

Empowering Dads covers four counties: Montrose, Delta, Ouray and San Miguel.

Richard works in all of

them but mainly in Ouray, San Miguel and the West End of Montrose County.

He travels over 100 miles to meet with a Dad or to teach a class.

Empowering Dads has helped over 150 Dads in the past the 1 1/2 yrs. And with that so many children. Our motto is:

**"We're Here For Dads, Be There For Your Kids"**

The Federal Grant will be coming to a close the end of Sept 2014.

Common Ground is applying for a new grant so that this program will continue to make a difference on the Western Slope.

### Nurturing Fathers

Nurturing Fathers is based on a workbook by Mark Pearlman. All of the Fatherhood Coaches have been personally taught by Mr. Pearlman.

This program is 11 weeks long and it delves into what a father is and how to learn the nurturing part of being a Dad.

One of the classes is on

dealing with *The Father Wound*.

Each of us no matter how great our Dad was - there is a wound that we need to deal with in order to get past it to be the father we need to be with our children.

Empowering Dads has worked alongside of churches and at Health &

Human Services in providing these classes to help a Dad become even a better Dad.

Richard has been asked to consider becoming a National Spokesperson for Nurturing Fathers in speaking at Corporate Events, Men's Retreats and Men's Groups at churches.



### Building a Strong and Loving Family

Richard has been asked to help with two churches in Grand Junction with their Men's Group and Family Ministry.

Fellowship Church had Richard speak at one of the Men's Group classes on the topic: The Father

Wound. The class was informative and they are discussing having him at a future retreat.

Canyon View Vineyard's Children's Pastor has been in talks with Richard about how to become more "family friendly" and mak-

ing sure families and youth will continue to be a part of their church as they grow up.

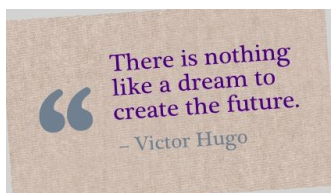
Richard's book: *"Building a Strong and Loving Family"* will be used as a possible kick-off event.



# Common Ground Acres

## God Gave You A Golf Course!

The above statement was shared with me after informing him about the acres for Common Ground Acres.



God is awesome and the opportunity we have to create this piece of property

into a community based ministry is over the top.

During the past 4 years, we have stayed focused on this land. Now that we have expanded into meeting needs in this community. The ministry has expanded and it's the right time to continue developing this property for even more ministry.

There are costs with this land that need to be met

while we continue ministering to Montrose.

We need your help and input to continue developing this land for God's Glory.



## PROJECTS FOR 2014

### Amphitheater

We started this project in the Spring 2013. Our goal is to finish this project by Spring 2014 so we will be hosting concerts, weddings, youth gatherings, etc.



We received \$444.44 from Wells Fargo towards this project. We need another \$2,000 to complete it.

### Sand Volleyball Court

Using sand from the sand traps on the course, we will break ground and finish this project in the Spring 2014.



### High & Low Ropes Course

An activity for the whole family to be a part of. We have planned this course to be ADA approved so that our Wounded Warriors, children/adults with disabilities will be able to use it.



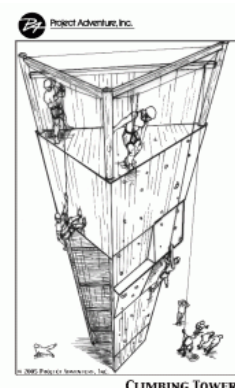
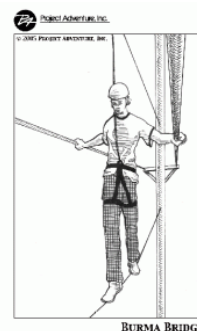
The designers of the course are donating their expertise to this project. The Police Chief, Sheriff and others have volunteered their people to help put this course up when we have the pieces.

The proposed cost for this project is around \$30,000 unless we receive donated

materials.

This ropes course will be the nearest one of it's kind in a 90 mile radius.

Schools, youth groups, companies, police, firefighters, Sheriff Deputies, churches as well as hundreds of youth and their families will be able to use this course when completed.



## Financial

### 2014 Proposed Working Budget

#### Operating Expenses

##### Staffing:

(Salary, Health/Dental & Retirement)	\$114,600
<b>Outreach and Marketing</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Equipment Expense</b>	<b>\$ 6,076</b>
<b>Administrative Expense</b>	<b>\$ 4,700</b>
<b>Facility Expense</b>	<b>\$ 24,778</b>

**Proposed Budget Total:** **\$159,154**

#### First Year Support to Be Raised:

3 partners at \$1000 per month	\$36,000
10 partners at \$500 per month	\$60,000
20 partners at \$100 per month	\$24,000
30 partners at \$50 per month	\$18,000
75 partners at \$25 per month	<u>\$22,500</u>
	<b>\$160,500</b>

**Help Us Continue Our Dream to Meet the Needs of Children, Families, Churches and Our Community through your gifts and support**

Consider becoming a financial partner with Common Ground. Common Ground is a Colorado 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

#### You Can Send Your Donations

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## Common Ground Acres

An opportunity to purchase these 15.7 acres is available now.

Purchasing this property would allow CGM to receive funding to build Phase 1 of the multi-purpose building and other outdoor projects to enhance an already beautiful and useful piece of land for ministry.

The purchase price is: \$150,000

### 2014 Projects:

#### Common Ground Acres

Amphitheater	\$ 2,500
Sand Volleyball Court	\$ 2,500
Ropes Course	<u>\$30,000</u>
	<b>\$35,000</b>

#### The Least of These Ministry

OCOF	\$ 2,000
Kids Aid Montrose	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
	<b>\$ 6,000</b>

#### Grounded (Outreach Event)

This will be an all day event with music, guest speakers, children & youth venue and evangelistic outreach.

### Phase Two (2-4 Years)

**Multi-Purpose Building** **\$755,000**

### Phase Three: (5 Years)

#### Conference Center:

Plans are for a larger facility for holding conferences, weddings, graduations, etc. This building would be built on a knoll that has a clear view of the San Juan Mountains, the property's rolling hills, future pond and it will be viewed from the San Juan Ave By-Pass.



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Founder/President  
Executive Director

Leaders never say "Go!"  
They say "Let's go!"  
Not "Do" but "Let's do"  
They sacrifice first, long  
before asking others.  
- Rick Warren

## ***common ground*** by *Richard Godsil*

Common Ground Montrose has been busy this past year working with the Homeless, the Colorado Clergy Council, the Real Men Speak Out Campaign, speaking to High School students, teaching parenting & fatherhood classes in three counties, and it has gone by so fast.

Working alongside the community and helping to meet its needs allows you to hear, to see and to feel what is happening in their lives. Sometimes it breaks your heart while other times you are amazed of their courage, patience and enduring spirit.

In 2014, CGM will continue to help meet the needs of this community.

While focusing on "The Least of These" or Parenting or U.N.I.T.Y. - CGM will also be upgrading Common Ground Acres so the community will have a place to hold outdoor concerts, play some sand volleyball, sing

around a campfire, go jogging or walking or have some family time making memories.

CGM will be applying for grants for support but the real support is from you and people you know.

I know in my heart that Common Ground is a vital part of meeting needs: physically, emotionally and spiritually for Montrose and the surrounding area.

Pray with us as we continue to serve Jesus and His calling "to the least of these"!

Check out our website to see how you can be a part of Common Ground.

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**For the Cause of Christ,**

*Richard*