Hey Community Engagers,

Have you looked at the PACT website recently?  
http://cctsi.ucdenver.edu/CO-PACT/Pages/default.aspx
If you don't find your photo and bio there on the PACT Council, Scientific Staff, or Liaisons pages, send in your photo and brief bio to Sara (smiller@cfphe.org) or Dee so that we can update this site!

REMININDER: Many of you sent Dee your thoughts on Andy...thank you...but not yet all of you. To ensure that we have enough time to pull a nice presentation together for Andy at the November 9th Council meeting, please, please send your testimonials to Dee right away (dee.smyth@ucdenver.edu) -- just a couple sentences on what Andy meant to you, either professionally or personally.

Recruitment for the Community Engagement Program Manager is well underway. Forty-seven applications were received and reviewed by the search committee (Larry Green, Sara Miller, Julie Slater). Eight applicants were invited for initial interviews in early October with Larry, Sara, Julie, and Grant. A list of top ranked applicants was forwarded to Jack who will conduct an additional round of interviews and make the final selection for the position.

Getting to Know You … Santos Diaz, new Community Liaison
For the past four years, Santos Diaz has worked as a program coordinator and community networker for the City of Aurora promoting health and fitness and working with low income families and at-risk youth. Currently, Santos serves as a Community Liaison for LUCHAR (Latinos Using Cardio Health Actions to Reduce Risk) through the CCTSI Community Engagement and Research core. Santos has served on the steering committee for Original Aurora Community Integration Collaborative, Paris Elementary School’s Accountability Committee, member of America’s Promise in Aurora, and currently is a member of a design team for a new charter school in Denver (Independence High school where he is in charge of designing the finance and operations of the school). He also works with a psychologist where he helped design a parent and student curriculum for at-risk youth and their parents. He has been trained in Mental Health First Aid (able to respond and support individuals with emotional distress) and has received Aurora Public Schools (APS) Superintendents Award (Community Leader for APS). Santos Diaz has a bachelor degree in business management and a master degree in business administration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The January PACT Council meeting is moved to Thursday, January 13, 2010, 4:00-7:00pm.

Ned Calonge (also one of our own PACT Council members) is presenting at the Levitt Distinguished Speaker Series next Wednesday, on October 27th. Attached is a flyer advertising Ned’s noon Levitt
presentation and also attached is an itinerary page that lists two other small group conversations that Ned is interested in having with those who choose to participate. If you’re interested, please RSVP Linda Niebauer (Linda.Niebauer@ucdenver.edu) for the sessions you’d like to attend.

Have a grand weekend!
Jack Westfall