

Band Together Always

On November 15, 2007, Village resident Lisa Nichols passed away after her three-year battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Although this incurable disease took the life of a most humble and gracious person who was a wonderful wife and mother, it brought together a neighborhood and a community whose spirit will band together — always.

"This was not an accident," said Susie Roy, neighbor and friend. "We were entertaining an angel in our life and did not know it at the time."

Over the past three years, as Lisa's health deteriorated daily, the compassion, love, and spirit in the neighborhood continued to blossom. One may not know nor appreciate the power of life, spiritual conviction, and love until witnessing the Lisa Nichols' journey which she shared with her family, friends, neighbors, and community.

"As Lisa learned to receive, she in essence gave us an opportunity and taught us how to give as a community. This has been an extraordinary journey that not only touched us but our children too," added Susie.

From what began as a small group of friends and neighbors helping Lisa and her family with chores, dinner, and care for her children, immediately grew into a community effort to provide assistance and comfort to Lisa and her family

during these challenging times, right from the beginning. The *Band Together* family festival and concert drew 2,000 people at Village Greens Park in August 2004, which raised nearly

\$130,000 designated to help with daycare costs for the Nichols children.

The support from the community did not stop there. People continued to help the Nichols family with meals five days a week. Strangers offered assistance and kind words, and anonymous donors contributed funds to honor Lisa for the impact she had on their lives.

Today, Lisa Nichols spirit lives on with her friends, neighborhood, and community. While some mourn Lisa's passing with happy thoughts as Lisa requested, others are committed to continue their quest to find a cure for an illness that took the life of their friend. The momentum remains high as if Lisa was still alive.

"It was absolutely clear as to why Lisa was here," added Susie.

Lisa specifically requested that song *Let It Be* be sung at her Celebration of Life Service. So we will let it be but we should never forget or doubt the power of a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens that can change the world; indeed,

it's the only thing that ever has.

More on Band Together at www.ccvillagenorth.org



In Memory of Lisa Nichols
August 30, 1958 - November 15, 2007

Trash Must Be Curbside By 7 a.m.

All single family residential homes are provided curbside trash and recycling service. As part of the Village's contract with Allied Waste, residents are required to have all of their trash curbside no later than 7 a.m. on their scheduled trash day. Allied plans the most efficient route for their operations and cannot guarantee the actual pickup time. Allied tries to adhere to the same time but circumstances such as weather or employee vacations might affect the expected time of pickup. Allied will charge the resident if they are requested to come back to the neighborhood because the trash was not out when their truck came by. The Village cannot assume this extra cost nor does the Village have the ability to pick up

miscellaneous household trash in trash cans.

If Allied misses your house they will return at no additional cost if they are notified within 24 hours of the missed pickup. Please call Allied at 303-287-8043 or the Village's Public Works Department at 303-708-6100 to report a missed pickup at the end of your scheduled day. Please look at your neighbor's house to see if their trash is still out as an indicator of whether or not you have been missed or that the trash pickup is just running late for the day. If you have any questions regarding trash or recycling service please call the Public Works Department at 303-708-6100.