

## **Xcel Energy Writing Sample | Employee Intranet Article**

### **Colorado Nonprofit Fair and Cultural Expo a Success**

*First-time event connects employees to the community*

The energy that spilled out of the second floor conference room at 1800 Larimer on Aug. 7 was electric. Powered by people and their passion, more than 200 employees were able to connect to volunteer opportunities and learn about the company's philanthropic reach with focus area grants, United Way and Day of Service.

Employees were also able to speak with the Business Resource Groups (BRGs) on how they strive to promote an environment that recognizes, celebrates and embraces diverse cultures, interests, perspectives and experiences.

The event is best summarized by the response generated by employees and the nonprofit organizations:

"I can't thank you enough for inviting us to the nonprofit fair today. It was an absolute blast to be able to share Just One Day with so many people. It's so great for the employees to interact with the nonprofits, as well as a fantastic networking opportunity for nonprofits, too. Just One Day founder, DJ, was blown away that Xcel Energy did this." – *Shawn Buckendahl, Xcel Energy senior technical instructor and Just One Day president*

"We were so excited to come to Xcel Energy with our three rescue dogs to show employees the work we do to save these creatures and put them in good homes. We were even more touched that several employees connected with our dogs and enjoyed giving them lots of love and attention while here at Xcel Energy." – *Soul Dog Team*

"We attend hundreds of events for companies that host nonprofit fairs like this, and we have never met a more engaged and active group of employees. We often find it hard to talk about our programs and see invested interest, but to have this many people actually sign up for volunteer information is so awesome. Thank you for including us!" – *Katie Bukowski, Denver Botanic Gardens*

"I really loved this event. I always push for the guys at my service center to get more involved, and being able to come to one place, gather up all the information and take it back to the office so they can find something that they connect with was great. I am so thankful that my manager supported me and a couple other co-workers to come downtown to participate." – *Margaret Buck-Ruybal, lead service fitter B, Xcel Energy*

Attendees also had a chance to win tickets to an upcoming pre-season Denver Broncos game. Congratulations to the two winners – Channing Evans and Perry Soderstrom.

If you missed the expo but are looking for ways to get involved, there are many upcoming volunteer opportunities available:

- Check out [ivolunteer](#) where all the most recent volunteer events are posted.
- Join a Day of Service project on Sept. 8. There are opportunities across the state, find one [here](#).
- Be on the lookout for the company's United Way kickoff events starting in September.
- For questions regarding volunteering in Colorado you can contact [Kynnie Martin](#) or [Liz Gardner](#).
- Learn more and get connected to one of our Business Resource Groups [here](#).