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## **Colorado Springs Haunted House Gives Back**

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Haunted Mines is a Colorado-based non-profit organization that is committed to helping its community as much as it is dedicated to frightening its guests during the Halloween season.

This volunteer-based organization understands the importance of community. Although many Halloween companies are for-profit, Haunted Mines has taken a different approach to business. With over 100 volunteers annually and a partnership with the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Haunted Mines has been scaring Colorado Springs since 2006. Proceeds benefit the not-for-profit (501c3) Western Museum of Mining and Industry, whose mission is to educate the community about mine safety, science and engineering, mining heritage, and the role of Western industry in the development of America.

During the 2011 Halloween season, 13,000 guests poured in to the Haunted Mines for a bit of horrifying entertainment. With this amount of commendable support, Haunted Mines was able to donate \$100,250 to four very important local charities and organizations: Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Wescott Fire Department, Arson & Rescue Dog Program, and Tri-Lakes Cares.

When asked about the significance of helping other local organizations, Haunted Mines Producer, Steve Roscio, stated, “This is why we do it. This is why we put thousands of hours of work in all year. We do it so that we can give back to the community.”

“The money that was donated is going into the volunteer fund for the purchasing of equipment and supplies the volunteers may need for their organization events,” Margo Humes, Fire Marshal of the Wescott Fire Department announced. “The money has also been placed into an account to be used for training my dog to be an accelerant detection dog and a public education dog. I have been financing everything on my own while asking for donations from individuals, organizations and businesses. We greatly appreciate the kindness and support that the Haunted Mines has given us.”

With Colorado Springs’ continued support, Haunted Mines can continue to assist the same community that has contributed to the success of one of the most popular Halloween attractions in Colorado. “Where else can you scare people for fun, and help the community at the same time?” Roscio asks. Only at the Haunted Mines.

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