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**Green Cities Welcomes the Public to Their Annual Event:
"LOCAL FOOD = LOCAL JOBS"
*NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCED!***

Making Colorado Springs a Community of Health, Wealth and Sustainability

Colorado Springs, CO, January 6, 2014 – Join Green Cities and their partners for an evening of food, entertainment and education. This event is open to the entire community. It will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at the Manitou Art Center, 515 Manitou Ave, Manitou , CO 80929 from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.

Seeds Community Cafe will cater a "Stone Soup Reception" followed by an unforgettable performance by Denver artist Mike Wird, the most talented and entertaining Permaculturist on the planet. Speaker Brian Potts is a Summit County Planner and Professor of Economics at Colorado Mountain College. His message regarding the economic impact of local markets and the creation of local jobs is inspirational and educational, and appealing to all ages.

"One of the main purposes of this event is to involve new people who might not be familiar with Green Cities," says Becky Elder, owner of Blue Planet Earthscapes, and one of the original members of Green Cities. "We are encouraging curious people to come out and meet their neighbors. Our food and our future are vital to everyone in our community. We must come together and work together for a sustainable future."

Sponsorships are still available. A limited number of free tickets are being offered, thanks to generous sponsors who are "paying it forward" for others. Ticket prices for Green Cities Coalition members are \$10 before January 15th (\$15 on or after the 15th). Prices for non-members are \$20 before the 15th (\$25 on or after the 15th). Business members are invited to sponsor a table for 8 people for only \$80 until the 15th of January. Tables will be \$160 on or after the 15th.

Green Cities Coalition (a 501c3 organization) has been in existence since 2007. Our purpose is to promote ecologically, economically and socially healthy cities in El Paso County, for the benefit of present and future residents of the Pikes Peak region. We envision healthy, equitable and sustainable communities, both human and natural.

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