VITAL SIGN

Edward Wimmer was training for his first marathon in 1999. His dad used to worry when he went out on long runs without any identification. One Saturday morning, Wimmer was out on a long run when he came face to face with a black pick-up truck that put him into a ditch on the side of the road. "From that ditch, my father's concern started to make sense," Wimmer says. A few months later, the two Wimmers launched Road ID, a way to identify athletes seriously injured when they're out training. The bracelets feature an engraved plate with two custom lines of text (your name and city, for example), followed by phone and web contact info so first responders can access your Emergency Response Profile, containing emergency contact information and pertinent medical data. "It speaks for you when you can't speak for yourself," Wimmer says. roadid.com

Adventure Philanthropy

Don't just climb somewhere wild and exotic—give something back to the locals

Park City ophthalmologist **Dr. Geoff Tabin founded** The Himalayan Cataract Project in 1995 to cure the blindness that plagued the people in the regions of the world he loved to climb. His innovation and determination have made possible a life-altering cataract surgery for only $20 that reaches the most needy patients throughout the Himalayas and in regions of Sub-Saharan Africa. On August 28, Tabin will hold a fundraiser, The Colorado Night for Sight Gala, at the American Alpine Club in Golden, Colorado. cureblindness.org

In 2006, **Shannon Galpin reached out from her mountain town of Breckenridge, Colorado, to the mountain towns in Afghanistan to advocate girl power.** From educating girls in Afghan villages where no woman can read or write, to teaching them midwifery skills in a country with the highest maternal death rate in the world, Galpin's non-profit Mountain2Mountain, aims to prove that girls are the most underutilized resource world, and that tapping into that energy can move the mountains of gender inequity. On August 22, Mountain2Mountain will host "Race for the Mountains," a 5K/10K trail run fundraiser in Breck. mountain2mountain.org

In June, 32-year-old Boulder resident **Mel Miller ascended 20,320-foot Denali, North America's highest peak, then skied down the summit. She was one of 15 athletes participating in** G Movement, a partnership between Gatorade and the global humanitarian group Action Against Hunger, to raise funds and awareness for the fight against hunger and malnutrition. actionagainsthunder.org/g-movement

—Jayme Otto

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The number of spandex-clad women expected to participate in Colorado's first and only all-women's bike ride, Venus de Miles, to be held on August 29th. www.venusdemiles.com

GUIDES ON PARADE

For the first time in history, the International Federation of Mountain Guides (IFMGA) is holding a conference in North America. The norm in Europe, IFMGA certification is slowly coming to North America, where there is no legal standard to be a mountain guide. The city of Boulder and the American Mountain Guides Association will host IFMGA's executive board and delegates from 26 countries on November 12-16th. "It's a great honor to host the world's most famous and skilled mountain guides," says Betsy Novak, AMGA's executive director. "An absolute wealth of experience and knowledge will be coming to the Front Range." Don't miss the Pearl Street parade on November 14th, when visiting guides will march through town in traditional costume. amga.org