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Nonprofits to parade in Fort Collins

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A Fort Collins parade on Tuesday will help bring a pair of nonprofit groups together for a community event.

The inaugural community parade will include efforts from United Way of Larimer County and the Round-Up at The Fort.

The parade will start at 5:30 p.m. and wind its way through the neighborhood north of Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

It starts at Bryan Avenue and Oak Street, near City Park, and continues east until Meldrum Street, when the parade will turn north and end at Meldrum and Cherry Streets.

According to organizers, it will feature community organizations and groups, including high school marching bands, clubs, nonprofits, equestrian groups and others.

The theme is "Bucking the Economy with a Buck for the Cause," which organizers say ties Round-Up at The Fort's efforts together: Supporting Northern Colorado's economic recovery by bringing the Professional Bull Riders Tour to the area and partnering with United Way of Larimer County for the community parade.

"This is a tough year for so many and we want the opportunity to be out there in the community to let people know they have somewhere to turn and to remind them United Way has been helping people in this community for more than 50 years," said Keely Aggers, vice president of Resource Development with United Way of Larimer County.

In the agency's 2007-08 cycle, it helped more than 70,000 residents through the programs and agencies it supports in Fort Collins, Loveland, Estes Park, Berthoud and Wellington.