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WOMAN SENTENCED IN THEFT FROM CHARITY

A woman who took more than \$200,000 from a charity she had started to help kids at Children's Hospital Colorado has been sentenced in the case today.

Kirsten Hamling (dob: 07-18-64) pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of theft (F3) encompassing all victims and their losses. In exchange for her guilty plea, the other charges against her were dismissed. She appeared in Denver District Court and was sentenced to 10 years of Economic Crime Unit probation, 90 days in the Denver County Jail with work release, and restitution of \$250,412.22

Hamling created the non-profit group "Fired Up For Kids" in 2004 to raise money for the burn unit at Children's Hospital Colorado by selling calendars with pictures of firefighters. The charges alleged that beginning in 2005 she used money from the non-profit for her own personal use, including personal airline tickets, hair salon charges, car repairs and her children's private school tuition.

She spoke to the court during the sentencing hearing today and apologized for what she had done. She also paid \$105,000 in restitution today.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Phil Geigle.