

Hallett Peak

You and your business partner, Sam, have created a very successful Internet company. Besides working well together, you enjoy the same forms of recreation, including mountain climbing. One day you are tackling Hallett Peak, one of the more dangerous peaks near Longs Peak. Your partner falls rather late in the day in November. He has a broken leg and collarbone, and in addition there is severe bleeding.

Both of you realize Sam is not going to make it. Before Sam dies, he says, "You know I have no family and that you will inherit my half of the business. But, in addition, I have about a \$1 million in a safety deposit box. The key is in my desk at work. I would like you to give that money to the Colorado Militia." Being a good friend, you tell Sam that you will do as he wishes. Sam dies and you make it off the mountain safely.

When you return home, you open the newspaper and read that the Children's Hospital in Denver has serious financial problems from a set of unfortunate financial setbacks, but not the result of corruption mismanagement. It turns out that a cash infusion of \$1 million will allow the hospital to survive, but without it the hospital will be closed. You know that Children's is the only hospital of its kind between Chicago and Salt Lake City. It crosses your mind that the million dollars may well do more good going the hospital.

What would you do if you were the partner? What is the basis of your decision?

