

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County promotes philanthropy to build resources, develops partnerships, and provides leadership that will be of lasting benefit to our communities.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE



At the Community Foundation, we pride ourselves on being an accountable, transparent, efficient and effective nonprofit organization. In an effort to enhance these areas, we have committed ourselves to adhere to *Principles & Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado*.

According to Colorado Attorney General John Suthers and Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler, "*Principles & Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado*, developed by Colorado nonprofits for Colorado nonprofits, is a support mechanism to enable nonprofits to address issues of capacity and accountability as they strive to build the foundation for true mission achievement. Colorado nonprofit organizations create substantial economic and social impact in our great state. They provide essential services and opportunities for citizens throughout all Colorado communities. We simply could not maintain the quality of life we have become accustomed to without their many contributions."

These principles and practices will serve as a valuable tool for the Community Foundation and other nonprofits of all sizes as we work to strengthen and demonstrate transparency and accountability. "Using the tools and resources from this guide will help to ensure that the Community Foundation operates with integrity and delivers the best possible programs and services as well as providing guidance to our grantmaking activities," stated Judy Knapp, Community Foundation President.

Key Areas of Evaluation
Governance & Leadership
Transparency & Accountability
Financial Management
Fundraising
Human Resources
Planning
Communication
Information Technology
Strategic Alliances

Faces of the Foundation

New Board Officers and Members Elected

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation recently announced the 2011 Board Officers. Charmaine Coppom was elected Chair, Karen Burd was elected Vice Chair, Desiree Sandoval was re-elected Secretary, Nick Berryman was re-elected Treasurer and R. Lee Seward, DVM will remain on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past Chair.

The Foundation also announced the appointment of six new board members from Weld County. Representing the Greeley area are Matt Anderson, General Manager of Anderson Business Resources; Wes Goehring, a retired businessman; Heidi Klepper, owner of Capital Accounting & Finance; and Stephanie McCune, a Human Resources Representative at State Farm Insurance Company. Michael Payne, an attorney with Otis, Coan and Peters, LLC, will be representing Windsor and Bill Meier, Lead District Representative from United Power, will be representing the South Weld County area.



2011 Community Foundation Officers
R. Lee Seward, Charmaine Coppom,
Karen Burd and Nick Berryman.
Not pictured Desiree Sandoval.

"The Community Foundation's board of directors and staff didn't waste a minute starting to work in 2011! During a planning session on January 29th, new and returning board members got acquainted and it immediately became clear that this year's board is highly motivated, talented, intelligent, and fully committed to the Foundation's success. We are excited about this year and its possibilities for moving the Foundation forward, providing ever better leadership in the community, and outstanding service to our clients," stated Charmaine Coppom.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We're Connecting Donors Who Care With Causes That Matter

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choosing our future

Embrace Northern Colorado (ENC), a nonprofit organization focused on regionalization, recently established a Pass-Through Fund to increase their presence in Weld County. The goal of ENC is to convene a joint process to move our regional community forward. They will examine the future of Northern Colorado through a phased collaborative approach to understanding, analyzing and discussing the challenges and opportunities facing the regional community.



John and Joanne Lepetit recently established the Quality Student Tutoring/Teaching

(QST) Fund as a Special Project Fund. QST is an organization geared to helping students reach academic success through individualized tutoring/teaching. QST sets the conditions for success by getting to know the students, knowing their primary learning modes, using effective instructional techniques, building positive relationships, and positive attitudes toward learning.

Jenkins Family Fund for the Prevention of Suicide



Rick and Barb Jenkins established a Donor-Advised Fund to support a cause they are passionate about. The Jenkins Family Fund for the Prevention of Suicide will support causes and organizations that promote suicide prevention and that provide assistance to family and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. The Jenkins', along with their son, will make recommendations on organizations that support these efforts.

If you are interested in making a contribution to any of our funds, please contact us at (970) 304-9970 or make a donation online at www.cfsgwc.org. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and will be used to support grants, scholarships and projects in Weld County.

The Community Foundation provides the flexibility to help people meet a broad range of needs through a variety of vehicles. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your advisor to fulfill your charitable objectives and community interests.

Making a Difference for Women and Girls



The Women's Fund of Weld County, Inc. was founded in 1999 by women from the community dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. It was established with the purpose of creating a permanent fund to find, fund and nurture programs that address unmet needs of women and girls in Weld County to enable them to become self-confident, independent, contributing members of the community.

Making a Difference

Since 1999, the Women's Fund of Weld County has grown to nearly \$290,000 in assets and has distributed \$79,715 in grants to the community. In 2010 alone, the Women's Fund of Weld County returned \$10,000 in grants to the community through their endowment and fundraising efforts. Some of the projects funded include:

- Assistance with legal advocacy for women of domestic violence
- Support for senior services targeting elderly women, especially women raising their grandchildren
- Assistance for women who are homeless or those in transitional housing with housing and utility support
- Prenatal assistance, nutrition classes, and parenting classes to pregnant teens
- A summer camp designed for high school girls focused on developing confidence, math skills, team building and leadership

At the Community Foundation, our primary work is to improve life in our region by helping donors create permanent charitable endowment funds – like the Women's Fund of Weld County – and then managing those funds so they can support worthwhile community projects and effective charitable programming.



Decadent Desserts



Saturday, April 2nd
2:30–4:30 p.m.
UNC Ballroom
Tickets: \$35.00

Sample decadent desserts and enjoy other sweet activities all to help women and girls in our community.

For tickets or more information, please visit www.weldwomensfund.org or call (970) 304-9970.



The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Professional Advisors Corner
Presented by Banner Health—North Colorado Medical Center



In 1996, the late Mildred S. Hansen, former owner and publisher of the Greeley Tribune, left much of her estate in the form of schol-

arships to several organizations throughout the community. The North Colorado Medical Center (NCMC) Foundation and the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County were two of the recipients of her remarkable generosity.

The Power of Endowed Giving

In her will, Ms. Hansen stipulated that each organization create an endowment to support scholarships and other educational programs. By establishing a permanent endowment, Mildred Hansen's legacy lives on and her gifts will benefit the community forever.

The initial distribution in 1996 of \$1,539,000 to the NCMC Foundation established the Hansen Endowment. Since that

date, the endowment has provided 44 scholarships. Thirty provided for two years of schooling to either nursing or physical therapy students and 14 scholarships provided four years of schooling for traditional freshman students. All scholarships include full tuition, books, fees, and a stipend for living expenses. Twenty-three of these scholarships were awarded to non-traditional students (age 25 and older). To date we have expended, or committed due to multi-year scholarships, more than \$750,000 in scholarship support and the endowment has grown to over \$2,192,000.

The Mildred Hansen bequests to numerous local charities is an amazing gift to the Greeley community. It truly demonstrates how one person can leave a legacy for an entire community that will impact student education for generations. The NCMC Foundation is honored to play a role in making Mildred's legacy gift a reality for students.

When Ms. Hansen planned her estate, she may not have known what her foresight and generosity would mean to her community. She simply cared enough to plan for the needs of others. She truly embodies the idea that you plant a tree knowing that others will benefit from its shade long after you are gone.



Donna Benson is the Director of Planned Giving and has been with the NCMC Foundation for more than 21 years. Since 1975,

the NCMC Foundation has raised nearly \$40 million to support and enhance the health of our community and its citizens by supporting life-saving and life-changing programs both at North Colorado Medical Center and in the community.



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Grants in Action

The Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$21,700 from the Little Youth Fund's 105th distribution to local programs for the benefit of youth throughout Greeley and Weld County. The organizations and projects funded were:

- **Child Advocacy Resource and Education**—for operational support
- **Eaton School District**—for the Eaton University After-School program
- **Lambda Community Center**—for the Rainbow Peaks Weld Expansion project
- **Longs Peak Science Foundation**—for the Longs Peak Science and Engineering Fair
- **North Range Behavioral Health (NRBH)**—for operational support for Suicide Education and Support Services (a program of NRBH)
- **Weld Food Bank**—for the Backpack Program



Eaton University After-School program

To learn more about these and other area nonprofit organizations, visit the Nonprofit Directory on the Community Foundation's website at www.cfsgwc.org/directory. Upcoming grant funding from the Community Foundation Little Youth Fund will include Teacher Mini-Grants for eligible educators in Weld County and operational grants for nonprofit organizations that support youth programs in Weld County. Please visit our website at www.cfsgwc.org/grants for upcoming grant deadlines or for more information, contact us at (970) 304-9970. The Teacher Mini-Grant and Nonprofit Operational Grant applications are available online or at our office located at 711 8th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631.

For Good. For Ever.

Making an Impact

Lauren Johnson Safe Environment Fund

On February 26th and March 5th, the Windsor Community Foundation, the Lauren Project, the Windsor-Severance Fire Department, and 117 students from Windsor High School embarked on a life-saving mission. "Our goal is to get one carbon monoxide detector in every home in our community," said Don Johnson, the man behind the operation. Don is the father of Lauren Johnson who died from carbon monoxide poisoning in January 2009. So far, the response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive with approximately 300 requests for detectors. "We just want to prevent needless deaths," Johnson said. "That's why we're out here and what we care about."



Littler Youth Fund Teacher Mini-Grant



Roxanna Butkus, a third grade teacher at Dos Rios Elementary School, is dedicated to making an impact in the lives of her students. With the help of a \$750 Littler Youth Fund Teacher Mini-Grant, she started a Family Book Club. The Book Club sessions include dinner, book discussions, trainings on how to get the most out of reading with your child and family-centered activities. Mrs. B has witnessed the many life-changing relationships and experiences that have come from including students and their families in the Book Club. When asked what they liked most about the Book Club, one parent said, "I like learning about how to ask my child more in-depth, meaningful questions as we read together". Another parent stated "I like book club because it encourages me to try reading books I wouldn't normally read".

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