



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.

Preparing to Celebrate:

The Foundation marks 20 years of service

2017 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County. A lot has been accomplished in two decades including providing \$19.6 million in grants, scholarships and program support. At the same time, years can pass in the blink of an eye. For philanthropy-minded community members, there is always a list of needs to address for the benefit of a person, group or nonprofit organization.

While the Community Foundation's mission has evolved, one thing hasn't changed: a desire to support Weld County communities. Staff does this by understanding the wishes of donors and then connecting them to charitable causes that improve the quality of life for those who live here.

Any concept of what can be done starts with an idea, a thought or understanding a need. For nearly 20 years, Foundation staff has responsibly stewarded donors' intentions for the benefit of others. It is the organization's resolve to continue this in the years to come.

Join the Foundation in taking time to celebrate this milestone and consider what the future wishes of those of Weld County might be. Working together, it is possible to take steps towards making these a reality.

Rand M. Thought:

Anniversary Wishes

I recently attended the birthday party of a family friend. She was celebrating her 20th solar round trip. There was cake, making of a wish, and blowing out candles. It was a time for opening gifts, for fun, and laughter.

In 2017, it will be the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County's turn to celebrate such a milestone. 20 years ago, the Greeley Area Foundation merged with the Weld County Foundation thus forming what we now call the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County.

Unlike many such celebrations, there will be no gifts for the Foundation to open. Instead, during our anniversary year, we plan to give 20 gifts to the community. Various organizations will be hosting events around the County that provide opportunities for local residents to learn, to be inspired, to enjoy, and to have fun. They will be the Foundation's gift to the community, to thank you for your partnership in philanthropy over the last 20 years.

We look forward to announcing soon who some of those recipients are and what events are being planned for you. Thank you for supporting such inspiring and worthwhile causes through the Community Foundation during the last two decades. It has been and continues to be our privilege to serve you.

What is your wish for our community? Let us know. We would enjoy hearing from you.



The 2016 Centennial Society Reception

Recently, the Foundation was pleased to hold its annual Centennial Society Summer Reception.

Held at the Kress Cinema and Lounge in downtown Greeley, the event gave members the opportunity to socialize and enjoy a summer evening out of the house with friends and colleagues. More than 50 supporters attended.

As part of the evening, Board Chair Rob Waldo addressed the group and spoke about ways that efforts by donors connect directly to the Foundation's 2017 theme of granting wishes for the community. He reminded the group that it's an important time to bring peace and joy to others and that their support of the community is crucial to this effort in Weld County.

Foundation President Rand E. Morgan also spoke to the members and used the Kress' movie screen to full effect. He showed a video that reminded attendees of the impact a single action can have in the life of another human being. A link to this video is posted on the homepage of the Community Foundation's Website.

The Centennial Society was inaugurated in 2006 by the Foundation's Board of Directors. It is a means to recognize and thank those people who share the Foundation's vision of building permanent charitable capital, and who have affirmed that vision by making a planned gift to the Foundation. Their gift will benefit the community into perpetuity.

Though a few photos are shared in this newsletter, a full collection can be found on the Foundation's Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/cfsgwc. To access photos from the main Facebook page menu, click on the photos tab on the left and then select the Centennial Society photo gallery.



Members Bill and Theresa Hertneky, Dan and Deb Austin



Delicious desserts and appetizers



Rand Morgan and member Bill Shade with Arts Alive! winner Danyelle Butler



Brews and Bites for Windsor: Join us on Tuesday, October 11th

Are you a fan of delicious food and Colorado craft beer? Then don't wait to purchase your ticket for the 3rd Annual Brews and Bites for Windsor. This fundraiser is taking place October 11th at the Hearth Restaurant and Pub with beer provided by High Hops Brewery. It's a fantastic way to show your support for the Windsor community while spending a night out with friends. To learn more or to purchase your ticket, visit www.windsorcf.org.

2016 Littler Teacher Mini Grants Make an Impact in the Classroom



The Community Foundation has just announced 18 recipients of 2016 Littler Teacher Mini Grant funding. These grants are helping teachers enhance their students' educational experience.

This year's recipients were awarded grants totaling \$20,000. Selected projects include a science field trip, "wobble chairs" designed to calm and focus students, and an advanced Lego Mindstorm building experience. The Littler Mini Grant Program also supported a classroom literary magazine, stand-up desks, a trip simulating a day's experience in China, and a trip for a class to Young AmeriTowne.

The scope and depth of these programs are as varied during this granting cycle as they have ever been. What is also consistent with this year compared to previous years is that the program picks up where traditional school funding leaves off. This allows teachers to broaden and enrich their classroom experience by providing lessons that are meant to last the rest of their lives.

Interested in knowing more about which programs were funded? A full list of recipients is available on the Foundation's website at www.cfsgwc.org.



Announcing the Community Foundation's Boettcher Grant Award Recipients

The Community Foundation is excited to announce that Brigits' Bounty Community Resources and Eaton Area Park and Recreation District have been selected as recipients of 2016 Boettcher Grant funds. These funds are provided for capital expenses towards the purchase, construction or major renovation of a building to be owned and used by a Weld County, Colorado nonprofit organization or equivalent.

Each of these programs has unique capital spending needs that matched the intent of the Boettcher funding program. Brigits' Bounty will use the award to renovate its greenhouse so that it can be used year-round to help fulfill its mission to provide education, training and resources toward transforming the lives of individuals and strengthening the Carbon Valley community.

Eaton Area Park and Recreation District will use the award for construction of a community event space within the new recreation center. This new space will provide a significantly needed opportunity for residents to gather for celebrations, milestones and other events that facilitate community cohesion, a sense of belonging and active lifestyles.

Congratulations to both of these organizations on their selection as funding recipients. The Foundation looks forward to seeing how these projects develop to support residents throughout the county.



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2016 Profiles Luncheon

Don't miss this annual event which provides an opportunity for leaders from a range of Weld County organizations to spend time together over lunch and to consider the role of philanthropic giving in Weld County.

In 2015, the event drew representatives from nonprofit, government, education, medical, arts, businesses and industries throughout the County. This year, the event will feature a thought-provoking presentation about strategic approaches to philanthropic giving. It will also include updates from Community Foundation Board Chair Rob Waldo and President Rand E. Morgan about the Foundation's upcoming Anniversary.

The luncheon's keynote speaker is C. Stephen Saunders. He is a board certified estate planning and probate attorney who specializes in charitable planning and is a Fellow of The American College of Trust & Estate Counsel. He has a number of Colorado connections which include having served as author James Michener's attorney during the last several years of Mr. Michener's life and has served on the University of Northern Colorado Libraries Development Board. He has been a friend to the Foundation, and we welcome him back to Greeley.

Individual seats, tables, and sponsorships to this luncheon are available now at www.cfsgwc.org. Reservations will close on November 5th or once we reach capacity. For further questions about this event, contact us at 970-304-9970.