

The Foundation's 20th Anniversary

In 2017, the Community Foundation will be marking its 20th anniversary. For two decades, board and staff have been working with area donors and volunteers to make a lasting impact in Weld County communities.

The organization's story began in 1997 when the Greeley Area Foundation and the Weld Community Foundation merged. Since that time, the Foundation has provided more than \$19.6 million to the local community in the form of grants, scholarships, and program support. Today, the Foundation has assets of more than \$17.5 million.

The Foundation's staff are already making plans to mark this milestone. More details about our plans can be found inside this newsletter.

Rand M. Thought:

Community Legacy

I grew up in a small, windblown West Texas town. We had to drive to larger cities to do any major shopping or for any meaningful entertainment options. We did have one thing that was ours and we were proud of it, but it was actually something *given* to us. It was a big, beautiful limestone building with tall Roman columns: our town's library.

This building was a gift from someone "back east" by the name of Andrew Carnegie. What his connection was to our remote town has eluded me all these years, but his gift to us was a laboratory for inquiring minds, an oasis for imaginations to run wild, and a magic transport for a country boy to see the world. And the great thing is, that grand old building still stands bearing the name of that donor. To this day, it is still that town's library.

I've been reading *The Greater Good: How Philanthropy Drives the American Economy and Can Save Capitalism* by Claire Gaudiani. Among the gems I've found was this: "Think of your hometown, the town where you live, or any great American City. Now as your mind's eye surveys the main streets, identify all the buildings [and services] constructed by donors' funds. Now remove them and see how the quality of life would be affected . . . what would be missing from the town?"

That is one of the things I really admire about the world of philanthropy and community foundations. It does such good in communities, and it can bring *lasting* benefits. It can even impact obscure, poor, country boys in ways we'll never know. I know who Andrew Carnegie is although there is no way he could have ever known me. But I thank him for the gift he gave – to so many of us.

What will be your legacy?



Spring 2016 Grant Awards:

Howard E. Smith Family Collaboration and Windsor Community Foundation
Winners Announced

The Community Foundation recently announced more than \$32,000 in grant awards from its Howard E. Smith Family Collaboration Grant Program and from the Windsor Community Foundation. Warmest congratulations are offered to the following funding recipients:

Smith Family Collaboration Grant:

- **Right to Read, Weld County/Global Refugee Center:** Capacity building and improving services for Weld County immigrants and refugees
- **Share Our Strength /Weld County Public Health and Environment/Integrated Nutrition Education Program/Culture of Wellness Program:** *Cooking Matters* program for Weld County
- **Boys & Girls Club of Weld County/Weld County School District 6/Weld Food Bank/UNC:** Kindergarten Enrichment Program

Windsor Community Foundation Grant:

- **Timberline Church:** Windsor backpack program
- **Stepping Stones of Windsor:** Homelessness prevention program
- **Weld Food Bank:** Mobile Food Pantry for Windsor/Severance residents
- **Poudre Learning Center Foundation:** *Prairie InSTEM* station
- **United Way of Weld County:** *Bright by Three* program for Windsor/Severance residents

Each of these grant programs represents a unique aspect regarding the ways that Foundation grants can support communities in Weld County. The Howard E. Smith Family grant program focuses on funding collaborative initiatives that significantly contribute to individual, organizational, and community sustainability. The Windsor Community Foundation focuses by geography, using their intimate knowledge of the community, expertise in best practices in philanthropy, and sound management of assets devoted to meeting needs in the Windsor/Severance area.

*The most fantastic,
magical things can happen.
It all starts with a wish . . .*

— *Pinocchio*

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In celebration of two decades of partnership with do
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Congratulations to our 2016 Scholarship Winners

At its annual Scholarship Reception on May 10th, the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County awarded 100 scholarships in excess of \$200,000 to area students. Scholarships were awarded from 33 different funds, including three which are new to the Community Foundation.

The reception was attended by scholarship winners, their families, scholarship fund donors, and by the Community Foundation board members and staff. Speakers included scholarship funder Julie Legg, and past winner Katie Croissant, a 2011 M.C. Widmaier Family Nursing Scholarship recipient. Croissant told the audience "The scholarship I received was so much more than the next way to pay for the next logical step in my life. It helped me grow into the person I was meant to be and allowed me to impact my community."

A full list of scholarship winners is available on our website at www.cfsgwc.org. A photo gallery from the event is available on The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County's Facebook Page.

Community Celebration: A Wish for Our Community

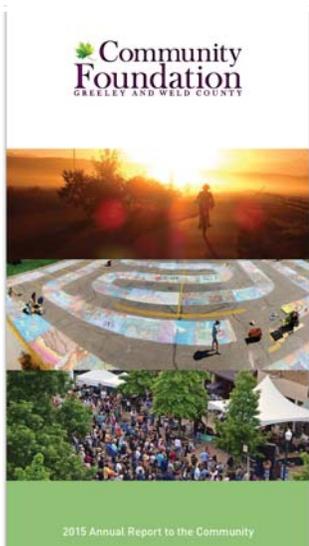
In honor of donors and worthy causes, the Community Foundation is awarding 20 grants across the county and throughout Weld County nonprofits in order to underwrite events or activities that invite community participation, involvement, and inclusion. Gifts may be for a range of ideas.

Over the next several weeks. To be the first to learn what is happening, email Deborah@cfsgwc.org to sign up for our eNewsletter or visit the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County's Facebook page.

Return Service Requested



For Good. For Ever.



The Community Foundation's 2015 Annual Report is Now Available

How did the Community Foundation impact Weld County in 2015? Find out by reading the 2015 Annual Report. It is now available online and includes information on all of the Foundation's grants, activities and growth.

The report also showcases the variety of causes that donors to the Community Foundation support. These causes range from education and the arts, to social services, children's causes, veterans, and animal welfare activities.

Interested in receiving a hard copy version? You can email us at info@cfsgwc.org or call us at 970-304-9970. We have also made a version available on our website with additional details that are not in the printed edition.

Save the Date:

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our 2016 Profiles Annual Luncheon on November 15th. This year's speaker is attorney Steven Saunders, former attorney for James Michener and serving on the board of the Austin Community Foundation. We'll also be announcing plans for our 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2017.