

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.

2018 Profiles Luncheon: Coming Together

Coinciding with Community Foundation Week and National Philanthropy Day, the celebration of local philanthropy at the Community Foundation's annual Profiles Luncheon took place Thursday, November 15, at Island Grove.

The event, attended by more than 275 local community leaders, highlighted the role of philanthropy in the community and the milestones that the Community Foundation has reached during the past two decades. The event drew representatives from non-profit, government, education, healthcare, the arts, business and industry throughout Weld County.

Highlights of the Foundation's past year included:

- ◆ Nine new funds were added to its portfolio during the year
- ◆ Began the year with \$18.3 M in total assets and ended 2017 with \$21.9 M
- ◆ Awarded in excess of \$1.2 million in grant and program support to 118 grantees across 10 program areas
- ◆ Of that amount, from 33 funds, 100 scholarships were provided to Weld County students for a total exceeding \$220,000
- ◆ Over the last 20 years, the Community Foundation has provided \$24 million in total grant and program support
- ◆ Of that total, \$2.7 million has been awarded by the Foundation in the form of 1,293 student scholarships

The featured keynote address for this year's Profiles Luncheon was a musical and art presentation by local husband and wife duo, **Tim and Betony Coons**. Tim and his band performed original songs as Betony completed a beautiful piece of art that celebrated this year's theme, *"Coming Together."* These original creations were based on the Coons' personal experiences from earlier this year when their family apple orchard burned as a result of an arsonist-lit Kansas prairie fire. With the beloved orchard in ashes, a caring community of family and friends rallied together to help replant the destroyed trees and their family's



Above: Singer/Songwriter Tim Coons shares a personal story of loss and community giving. Left: Local Artist Betony Coons creates an original piece of art celebrating "Coming Together."

livelihood. Betony reminded guests, "In the midst of devastation, hope can still triumph. . . . May we always be surprised by the fact that after the fire comes, we are met with an outpouring of love and care."

Foundation President **Rand E. Morgan** also related donor **Don Johnson's** story of how a community supported the memory of his daughter **Lauren Johnson** after she died from carbon monoxide poisoning while a graduate student. Her community came together to start a fund to provide free CO

detectors. A nonprofit was also created to support students in international service, and legislation has now passed in three states to have CO detectors placed in new home construction and when a home is sold.

"Each donor has a unique story, and this is just one example of 140 which the Community Foundation holds," said Morgan. "Healthy communities rally around one another and Weld County," he concluded, "is a very healthy community."

Rand M. Thoughts: On Holiday Gifts



Several years ago, a friend asked me for a favor. He and his family, his parents, and his siblings' families had decided they were going to cut way back on what they normally spent on Christmas gifts which, they well-knew, would be mostly forgotten by January. Their hope was to give fewer gifts, yet more personal and meaningful. The money they saved from foregoing over-the-top purchases would then be given to a good cause. They just needed someone outside the family to hold the funds so that the families' contributions could be kept anonymous. He asked if I would be that person and added that our family was welcome to participate as well.

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***-Rand E. Morgan,
Foundation President***

My wife, Maggie, and I proposed it to our children, and after some encouraging discussion, our family decided to join in the experiment and have a different kind of holiday that year.

After all the money was collected from the five families, we decided to send it to a mutual friend in Mozambique, Africa, who was teaching local families sustainable skills and more productive

agricultural methods. One serious local health issue was the lack of sufficient clean water. Most families made daily treks to a nearby river, pots on heads, to haul water to their homes. He said the money we saved on "stuff" would be enough to dig a much-needed community water well. We were pleased to know that our small "sacrifice" was going to provide life-giving water.

Sometime later we were all a bit curious. We wondered, just how many people had been helped? Our hope was that our combined gifts might have helped up to a dozen families. "Oh no," our friend clarified, "that well is giving clean, healthy water to almost 2,000 people!"

This is the perfect time of year to think about how and where you and your family can make a difference. Maybe you will choose to cut back. Give. Volunteer. There are many worthy causes out there, and there are some mighty good ones right here in Weld County.

If we can assist you or your family with year-end charitable giving, we would enjoy hearing from you.

Windsor's 2018 Brews & Bites Raises \$26,000+

Windsor's Community Foundation held its Fifth Annual Brews & Bites event Tuesday, October 16, at High Hops Brewery in Windsor.

Pairings of local brews with gourmet dishes were again the highlight of the evening. Five superb food courses were provided by Hearth Restaurant and Pub, Okole Maluna Hawaiian Grill, Grillhouse at Pelican Lakes,

Chimney Park Restaurant & Bar, and Pudgie Bear Bakery. Each course was paired with beers from G5, Mash Lab, and High Hops Breweries.

The 160 attendees also enjoyed bidding on silent auction items plus a spirited live auction by Nichols Auctioneers. More than \$26,000 was raised at this year's event. These funds will be used by

the Windsor Community Foundation to continue providing grants to local nonprofit groups and for scholarships to graduating seniors in Windsor.

Brews & Bites attendees pictured below are, at left: Brooke Payne, Christina Werner and Mike Payne; Middle: More than 160 came to the High Hops Brewery to help support the Windsor Foundation efforts; Bottom, right: Karen Barbour and Pat Kvamme.



December 4 is “Colorado Gives Day”

December 4th is just around the corner and is our state’s largest day of giving! This annual event celebrates and increases philanthropy through online giving to more than 2,300 Colorado nonprofits like the Foundation.

When you donate to CFSGWC, you’re helping people and organizations in our very own community!

To donate to CFSGWC between now and December 4, go to coloradogivesday.org and type in “Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County” in the “Find a Nonprofit” search.



2019 CommUnity Training Series Set

To provide local nonprofits, both board and staff, with solid proven concepts for developing a great governing board, the Foundation will again conduct a free series in 2019.

Presentations are on the third Tuesday of the month, January through June, 11 a.m.—1 p.m., in the FMS Bank Community Room, 2425 35th Avenue, Greeley.

Each presentation will provide attendees with fresh ideas and solutions to many long-standing challenges. For more information or to RSVP, visit www.cfsgwc.org/community-nonprofit-trainings.

Year-End Giving

Tax-free Charitable IRA Rollovers

Renewed legislation allows a donor to give more to charity and pay less in taxes. Donors can transfer up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement account to charity annually — tax-free.

How it works:

- A donor makes a gift of up to \$100,000 by transferring IRA assets directly to the Community Foundation. Donors must be at least 70 1/2 years old. If married, each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA annually.
- The gift can be placed into a charitable fund in a donor’s name, the name of the donor’s family, or in honor of any organization or person of the donor’s choosing. The gift can also be placed into an endowment that is invested and will grow over time.
- The transaction incurs no federal income tax and the asset is no longer part of the donor’s estate for tax purposes.
- Grants addressing community needs could be made forever. Gifts also may begin in a donor’s lifetime so that they (as well as the community) can see the benefits of their generosity sooner.
- Community Foundation staff manages all of the details including paperwork to establish and maintain the fund, progress reporting, and management of any distribution from the fund.

Fund selection

Field of Interest Fund - The Community Foundation awards grants to programs addressing a donor’s specific interest area.

Designated Fund - The Community Foundation targets gifts to support the work of a specific nonprofit organization with a source of income plus planned giving and investment management services.

Scholarship Fund - The fund is designed to invest in the education of Weld County students.

Unrestricted Fund - The fund addresses a broad range of current and future needs.

Reasons to give through an IRA Rollover



Any amount left in an IRA after an individual dies may be taxed as income to the beneficiary. When donors give IRA assets to a charity, this risk is reduced.



Funds that are remaining in an IRA following the death of the donor may be considered assets for the purpose of calculating estate tax liability. Charitably gifting IRA funds lessens this exposure.



Donors can see the effects of their fund in the community firsthand, during their lifetimes.

There may be other reasons that completing a charitable IRA rollover is a good choice for a donor. The Foundation encourages all donors to consult their professional advisor when deciding if this is a right plan for them.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about IRA Rollovers, call the Foundation at 970-304-9970 or email us at: info@cfsgwc.org



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Foundation's New Software Simplifies Grant Applications

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County has recently implemented a new online grant process. This system was created in an effort to make it easier for individuals and groups to apply for and manage their grants online.

Groups applying for CFSGWC grants will want to familiarize themselves with the new software as all grant applications will now be made online, unless otherwise noted.

On the Foundation website, grant applicants will now create an account in the Online Grants Manager and log on to that account to access a list of available grants in order to start a new grant application.

Groups unsure whether their organization already has an account or individuals who wish to be added to an existing account, please email info@cfsgwc.org or call 970-304-9970 to discuss options.

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