

## **Chelsea Danielson**

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County is not in the business of making dreams come true, but they are in a line of work that allows them to empower the community and its citizens to reach the goals they have set for themselves. Chelsea Danielson is just one of the individuals who has benefited from the organization's ability to help people.

Danielson is a recipient of two Community Foundation scholarships—the M.C. Widmaier Scholarship and the Highland Community Scholarship. The first of these two was available to seniors in Eaton or Ault who were looking to pursue a degree in nursing, and the Highland Community Scholarship was for any graduate of Highland. She applied for both scholarships during her senior year of high school and received notice of her selection as a recipient for the Widmaier prior to her graduation in May of 2006 and for the Highland on the day of.

For Danielson, the scholarship money was an opportunity to truly dedicate herself to her academics. It allowed her to attend school full time without having to work to pay for it. It also enabled her to complete her prerequisites for the nursing program in only three semesters. She was admitted into the two-year nursing program immediately upon completion of the prerequisite courses. Because she chose to attend a community college, her scholarships took her even further than they would take a student at a four-year college or university, and they paid for the majority of her education.

Danielson graduated from nursing school as an RN with her Associates Degree in Applied Science in Nursing in May 2009 and is currently working as a nurse. She says she plans to forever.

Danielson describes herself as a naturally compassionate person with a passion for helping people, and she treasures every day that she gets to make even the smallest difference in someone else's life. She reckons that any day someone has to see a nurse is probably not their best day, and if she can make it a little less scary or a bit better, then she is doing her job.

In addition to receiving scholarship support from the Community Foundation, Danielson was also a member of the Littler Distribution Fund Committee. She attended the committee meetings and offered a youthful and different perspective on which grant applications the Foundation should fund.

Danielson encourages all to get involved with the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County because she knows the capacity they have to help other students just like they did her.