

A New Look

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
WEB SITE GETS A MAKEOVER AND ADDS
GREAT NEW FEATURES

The Community Foundation Elects New Board Officers and Members



The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of our redesigned Web site (www.cfsgwc.org).

Our goal was to create a place where the community can find the resources they need to support the causes they care about most. It is also a place to find out about the full spectrum of work we do – and how to become a part of it.

The site is full of new features including:

- **Nonprofit Directory**—In an effort to connect people who care with causes that matter, the Community Foundation has created an online Weld County nonprofit directory. This tool will allow donors and community members to become more aware of our great local nonprofit community by providing information about each organization, as well as identifying items needed to run the day-to-day operation of an organization that are not always funded by grants.
- **Events Calendar**—This great resource showcases local nonprofit events, professional advisor workshops and Community Foundation activities. Any Weld County nonprofit may submit information about upcoming events to be included on the calendar.
- **Tools and Resources for Professional Advisors**—Professional advisors can find resources to help them meet the philanthropic goals of their clients.
- **E-Newsletter Sign-up**—Stay connected to the Community Foundation and help us “Go Green” by signing up to receive this newsletter electronically. We also have a bi-monthly e-newsletter for professional advisors.
- **Facebook**—Become a fan of the Community Foundation on Facebook and follow our weekly updates.

The site also includes extensive information on the personalized services available to donors, as well as tools and resources for nonprofits. Please take a moment to check it out and let us know what you think!

We would like to thank BKMedia Group who worked tirelessly to make our site a powerful tool for philanthropy in Weld County.



The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County recently announced the 2010 Board Officers. R. Lee Seward, DVM was re-elected Chair. Charmaine Coppom was re-elected Vice Chair. Desiree Sandoval was elected Secretary. Nick Berryman was re-elected Treasurer. Bill Hertneky will remain on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past Chair.

R. Lee Seward also announced the appointment of two new board members from Weld County.

Randy Bangert, the editor of the Greeley Tribune, will be a representative for Eaton. Karen Burd, a financial advisor with LPL Financial will be a representative for Ault.

The Board guides the direction of the Community Foundation by overseeing its operations including investment management and grantmaking and ensures that charitable gifts are invested and administered according to the wishes of the donor.



2010 Community Foundation Board Officers

L to R: Bill Hertneky, Charmaine Coppom, Nick Berryman, Desiree Sandoval and R. Lee Seward, DVM.

The Donor Next Door

Donor stories featuring new funds at the Community Foundation.

Dick and Irene Boettcher Quasi-Endowment Fund



Dick and Irene Boettcher recently established a donor-advised fund to support nonprofit organizations in Weld County and elsewhere. By creating a donor-advised fund, the Boettcher's now have a convenient and flexible tool for giving that allows them to be personally involved in suggesting grant awards

made possible by their fund. People with a range of community interests find that it's an ideal vehicle for fulfilling their charitable wishes.

Student Recovery Program Fund



The Student Recovery Program Fund was established for the purpose of providing an intervention for students who are at-risk of dropping out and thus limiting their contribution to society. The program is designed to work with Latino males who have

been identified as struggling academically and socially upon completion of the ninth grade. Students are chosen from this select population and invited to participate in an intensive skills recovery program. This eight-week summer program provides students with the opportunity to recover mathematic and language arts skills using a differentiated instruction approach. The summer session is a cooperative venture between Greeley Central High School and the University of Northern Colorado.

Lauren Johnson Safe Environment Fund



The Lauren Johnson Safe Environment Fund, a field-of-interest sub-fund of the Windsor Community Foundation, was established in memory of Lauren Johnson, whose life was cut short due to carbon monoxide poisoning. The purpose of the endowment is to provide resources that support environmental safety concerns.

Initially, the fund will be used to provide carbon monoxide detectors and alarms for residential use in Windsor, Colorado and the surrounding area. The Windsor Community Foundation is an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County.

Emmie's Hope Fund



Emmie's Hope Fund was established as a special project fund for the purpose of encouraging positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development for middle-school-aged girls. Dr. Margo Karsten and Diane Hathaway created the

fund to educate and empower girls in their adolescent years by providing life tools that will allow them to make healthy decisions throughout their entire lives. Emmie's Hope will be hosting the Northern Colorado Women's Conference "Leave a Legacy" on May 1, 2010. For more information, contact Margo Karsten at 970-420-4317.

For more information

Please contact us if you would like to contribute to any of these funds or are interested in establishing a new fund. You can also visit our Web site for information on the different types of funds offered by the Community Foundation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Colorado Lungs4Life: Step4Life Run/Walk—Step4Life is an annual 5K certified run/walk benefitting the Colorado Lungs4Life Fund at the Community Foundation. It will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds on April 17, 2010. For more information, contact Derrick Watson at 303-748-0791.

Honor Flight Northern Colorado—Please join northern Colorado WWII Veterans on April 23, 2010 as they depart for Washington D.C. to see the World War II and other memorials. The send-off begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Loveland. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 970-454-7020 or visit their website at www.honorflightnortherncolorado.org.

Children in the Gardens—The Assistance League of Greeley will be hosting "Children in the Gardens" Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the George M. Houston Gardens. The event for children will feature Garden in a Bucket, Orienteering, Books in the Garden, face painting and Make a Bird Feeder. For more information, call 970-353-4837 or 970-353-2226.

Community Foundation Annual Scholarship Reception—The Community Foundation will be hosting its annual Scholarship Reception on May 11, 2010 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. at the Greeley Country Club. The event, sponsored by First National Bank, gives donors and students the opportunity to meet each other.

A NEW LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP

A Community Foundation Update Presented by Northern Feed & Bean Company



A community foundation is meant to be an engine for local philanthropy and through the generosity of local donors, our community has validated that concept. Since it was established in 1997, the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County has grown to over 110 charitable funds, \$10.5 million in assets, and has provided over \$11 million in cumulative grants and scholarships to make life better in Weld County. In 2009 alone, we distributed over \$1 million back to the community in grants, scholarships and program expenses. Thousands of resident have been touched in some way. And this is just the beginning.

Harnessing the Giving Spirit for Community Impact

The Community Foundation harnesses the giving spirit through a variety of services including:

- promoting and managing permanent funds to benefit the community;

- raising awareness of planned giving options among charitably-inclined people;
- connecting caring people to community needs through donor education;
- providing grant opportunities that enhance our quality of life for youth in the region, women and girls and arts programs;
- helping agencies develop endowments to sustain their vital services;
- supporting technical assistance programs for the local nonprofit sector; and
- convening partners to address local needs.

Taking a Leap Forward

The Community Foundation seeks to take a leap forward to become a more dynamic and permanent institution that will impact our community for generations to come. We envision ourselves as an organization with the capability to take on a new level of leadership and significance. In addition to managing charitable dollars and responding to grant requests, we would like to

become the leader in fostering positive change in the nonprofit sector. The Community Foundation can and should be the leading community-owned, philanthropic organization in our region.

As the Community Foundation begins to work on its strategic plan for the next five years, we promise:

- We will continue to be an effective steward of philanthropic assets for the local community.
- We will offer donors, prospects and local nonprofit organizations programs and services for information exchange, capacity building, donor education, and resource shaping.
- We will anticipate, identify and address real community needs that are new, unmet or not widely recognized.
- We will continue to build the Foundation for our community.

Stay tuned as we strive to take on a new level of leadership.



GRANTS IN ACTION

The Community Foundation announced the 101st Distribution from the Littler Youth Fund. Awards totaled \$16,800 to various programs to support youth throughout Greeley and Weld County. The following organizations received funding this quarter:

- **Colorado Youth Outdoors**—for the Weld County high school program.
- **Eaton School District**—for the Eaton University after-school enrichment program.
- **KidLead**—for the LeadNow leadership training program in Eaton.
- **Windsor Community Playhouse**—for the children's theatre production.



Windsor Community Playhouse Children's Theatre production.

Upcoming grant funding from the Community Foundation Littler Youth Fund will include Teacher Mini-Grants for eligible educators in Weld County and operational grants from nonprofit organizations that support youth programs in Weld County. The Teacher Mini-Grant program was established to provide grants to aid in the development of effective teaching strategies and projects for Weld County teachers. Grants will be awarded to teachers who encourage and support experiential learning, enhance student understanding and increase student achievement. Please visit our Web site at www.cfsgwc.org 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.



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Estate Planning Questions and Answers

Why do people give to charity through their estate plans? Planning an estate gift allows you to strategically accomplish both financial and charitable objectives. For many people, these include preserving the family name, honoring loved ones, providing for heirs, minimizing tax burdens and supporting the community they call home. Bequests to the Community Foundation are exempt from estate taxes.

What good work can I do with my planned gift? You can support the arts, enrich education, protect the environment, provide human services, safeguard health, foster a stronger community... and more. Tell us what is important to you.

Who can make a planned gift? Anyone with a desire to give can make a planned gift. Many people give assets including IRAs, securities, real estate, insurance benefits and cash. People are surprised to learn how easy it is to create a lasting legacy.

When should I include the gift in my estate plan? Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plan, you may want to consider charitable legacy gifts. Your financial or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, beneficiaries, income goals, taxes, and other considerations. When you notify us of the gift, you automatically become a member of the Community Foundation Centennial Society, our legacy giving group.

Where can I do the most good? That depends on what you want to accomplish. We are knowledgeable regarding local needs and agencies and can help you craft a plan to support the causes you care about most...in Weld County and elsewhere.

How do I plan an estate gift? Call your estate advisor, talk to us, or consult with both. We provide confidential philanthropic services to prospective donors and their professional advisors, without pressure or obligation. Giving a legacy gift is simple. You include a bequest to the community foundation in your will and notify us. Upon your death, we establish a fund in the name you've chosen. We invest the principal and make grants from the income, handling all administrative tasks. Your giving continues in perpetuity.

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