

CommUnity A Community Foundation Leadership Initiative

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County is excited to announce we have received a grant from the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado to support an innovative program designed specifically for the needs of our area's nonprofit agencies — **CommUnity**. This project for area nonprofits aims to advance equality and inclusiveness while building nonprofits' capacity to carry out their important missions.



We have researched best practices and identified ways to assist the agencies' boards and staff in maintaining a strong and viable program. Through the guidance and professional technical assistance provided by nonprofit consultant Martha Vail, these agencies will learn techniques to improve in areas such as programs, operations, governance and fundraising to be better positioned to serve today's and tomorrow's communities. It is our hope that the organizations participating will learn practical, reality-based ways to increase capacity without taxing resources.

The CommUnity project will provide the organizations listed below with:

- A monthly two-hour workshop for both the executive director and a key board member of the agencies with the topics of these sessions being tailored to the needs and interests of participating agencies.
- Resource materials such as books, CDs, and subscriptions to help participating organizations implement strategies learned in the workshops.
- Four hours of the services of a nonprofit consultant. This benefit is completely customized to the needs of each organization. Consulting can take many forms, from a one-on-one meeting with the Executive Director, to a board training, to a review of policies or procedures.
- A Web page that will be dedicated on the Community Foundation's Web site for nonprofits that will include message boards, downloadable resources and a searchable database allowing donors and the public to find information about area nonprofits.

Participating organizations include:

A Kid's Place	Greeley Transitional House
A Woman's Place	High Plains Library District Foundation
c.a.r.e.	KUNC-Community Radio for N. Colorado
The Community Foundation	Rehabilitation and Visiting Nurses Assn.
Eldergarden	Senior Resource Services
Greeley Center for Independence	Weld Food Bank
Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra	

To us, **CommUnity** represents what we strive to accomplish – being a leader and convener in Weld County for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all who reside here, realizing it takes everyone working together to make a community great. We are pleased to be partnering with the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado and so many wonderful Weld County nonprofits in this endeavor.



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National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations

Looking for holiday gift ideas?



This year, in lieu of sending holiday greeting cards or gifts, consider making a charitable contribution to honor your clients, friends, family or loved ones.

The Community Foundation invites you to ensure a brighter future for our community by making a tax-deductible donation to the Community Foundation. A contribution is a wonderful alternative to sending holiday greeting cards or gifts.

In addition to sending you an acknowledgement letter recognizing your tax-deductible donation, the Community Foundation will send a note acknowledging your gift to your clients, family and/or friends. Contributions may also be made in honor or memory of special loved ones.

Please contact us if you are interested in making a gift this holiday season.

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Grants in Action



The Community Foundation was built on the solid foundation of a growing endowment that was set up to provide charitable grants in both the good economic years and the bad. We are pleased to report that in the past year, we have awarded nearly \$900,000 in grants and program assistance to over 50 different local organizations to support the needs of our own communities. Below are recent grants from two of our funds.

The 100th Distribution of the Littler Youth Fund made grants totaling \$55,764 to various programs for the benefit of youth throughout Greeley and Weld County. Total grants from the Littler Youth Fund for 2009 were \$105,507. The following organizations received funding this quarter:

- **A Woman's Place**—for the Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention for at-risk youth program
- **Book Trust**—to support the participation of 90 Greeley elementary school students in the Book Trust program
- **c.a.r.e.**—for children's home activity kits
- **Consumer Credit Counseling Service**—for the Money Sense for Teens program
- **Greeley Transitional House**—for the Child/Adolescent program and playground equipment
- **Imagination Makers Theatre Company**—for age appropriate theatrical performances at Bella Romero, Butler and Tozer elementary schools (all in Weld County)
- **Johnstown Java & Jams**—for safe, supervised weekend concerts for area teens
- **Junior Achievement**—for the NEFE High School Financial Planning program
- **Longs Peak Council, Boy Scouts of America**—for the Scoutreach, Soccer in Scouting program
- **Longs Peak Science Foundation**—for registration fees for local students to attend the Colorado and International Science and Engineering Fairs
- **Turning Point Center for Youth and Family Development**—for computers and software for the Weld Adolescent Day Treatment program
- **UNC Foundation**—for the UNC Jazz Festival Weld County Outreach program
- **Weld County School District Six**—for the Dos Rios Elementary School Sci-Five 5th grade after-school program and the Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grade science after-school programs
- **Weld County School District Re-8**—for the Fort Lupton Middle School Competitive Swimming Program
- **Weld Food Bank**—for the Back Pack program



Poudre Learning Center
El Espejo program

Boy Scouts
Soccer in Scouting

Weld Food Bank
Back Pack program

UCCMA
Early Beginnings

United Way
Bright Beginnings

The Women's Fund of Weld County, a component fund of the Community Foundation, also announced its annual grants totaling \$15,000. The following organizations received funding in 2009:

- **A Women's Place, Inc.**—for the Legal Advocacy Program
- **Catholic Charities North Region**—for senior services for women
- **Union Colony Children's Music Academy (UCCMA)**—for the Early Beginnings Teen Mom and Singing the Blues Programs
- **North Range Behavioral Health**—for John Evans Mental Health Services
- **First United Methodist Church**—for the Adventures in Christian Living, Chores of Love program
- **Greeley Women 2 Women, Inc.**—for the Women 2 Women program
- **United Way of Weld County**—for the Bright Beginnings Program
- **Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment**—for Free Prenatal Nutrition Education to High School Students in Weld County District 6
- **c.a.r.e.**—Nurturing Parenting from birth to age four for Teen Moms
- **Boys and Girls Club of Weld County, Inc.**—for the SMART Girls Program
- **Poudre Learning Center**—for the *El Espejo* - Girls' Summer Research Institute
- **WINGS Foundation**—for services for survivors of childhood sexual abuse
- **Senior Resource Services**—for the Special Friends program

Please visit our website at www.cfsgwc.org for upcoming grant deadlines or for more information, contact Lauren Weber, Program Officer at 970-304-9970 or Lauren@cfsgwc.org.



Did You Know?

Frequently Asked Questions about the Community Foundation

What is a community foundation?

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County is one of approximately 700 community foundations in the United States. Community foundations are set up by individuals, corporations, and families who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in a specific region. All community foundations share the common goal of serving donors, nonprofit organizations, and the community as a whole.

We are a tax-exempt public charity that allows people to establish permanent endowment funds within the scope of one large foundation. We also offer an inexpensive, value-added way to establish a named family fund rather than a private foundation. The distributions from these separate funds are available to respond to emerging opportunities and needs in Weld County now and in the future.

What does a community foundation do?

The primary work of a community foundation is to inspire and work with donors to design gift plans that fit their charitable wishes and make responsive grants to nonprofit organizations working within the community.

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County was established in 1997 to encourage philanthropy and assist donors in building an enduring source of charitable assets. The distributions generated by the investment of

these funds is used to make grants to qualified nonprofit organizations whose programs serve the needs and enhance the quality of life for present and future residents of Weld County. Since 1997 the Foundation has granted more than \$11 million to organizations working in arts and culture, economic development, education, community betterment and human services.

The Foundation provides donors with a simple, convenient and flexible way to make a positive difference, now and far into the future. We manage over 110 funds for individuals, families and corporations with assets of approximately \$10 million. A gift through the Foundation receives maximum tax deductions, outstanding investment management and low administrative costs.

Who establishes funds at the Community Foundation?

Most funds managed at the Community Foundation are set up by individuals, some wealthy, others of more modest means. What these people have in common is a desire to give back to their community—whether it's protecting the environment, honoring the memory of someone they loved, setting up a scholarship fund to help students in need, supporting local arts organizations, or funding any other charitable cause imaginable. Any individual, family, business or organization with the desire to positively impact current and

emerging community needs can become involved in planned giving through the Community Foundation.

What kinds of assets can be used to set up a fund at the Foundation?

One of the distinct advantages of working with the Community Foundation is our flexibility. As a general rule, we can accept any type of asset as long it is marketable and is not encumbered by an unusual liability. Most often, funds are started through a gift of cash, real estate or closely held stock—but we may accept gifts of artwork, intellectual property and other personal assets. Several convenient financial vehicles with different benefits are available for setting up a fund at the Community Foundation.

Why not give directly to the charity I care about?

Giving through the Community Foundation can benefit the causes you care about because of: our commitment to endowment (meaning your gift makes a permanent impact); our ability to accept complex gifts; and our professional expertise in managing and investing your gift. In some instances, a charity may be doing outstanding work in their mission area, but does not have the financial expertise to manage and invest your gift for the best impact.

There's so much more we'd like you to know. Please contact us if you have additional questions at 970-304-9970 or info@cfsgwc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS SUPPORTING LOCAL NONPROFITS

Greeley Transitional House—2nd Annual Casino Night - Friday, February 26, 2010 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Greeley Country Club. The event will feature an hors d'oeuvres buffet, chips for playing and great prizes. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 970-352-3215.

Weld Food Bank—Biggest Loser Pound for Pound Challenge - January 2010. Contact the Weld Food Bank at 970-356-2199 for more information about how you can join in and pledge to be healthier, lose weight and support Weld Food Bank.

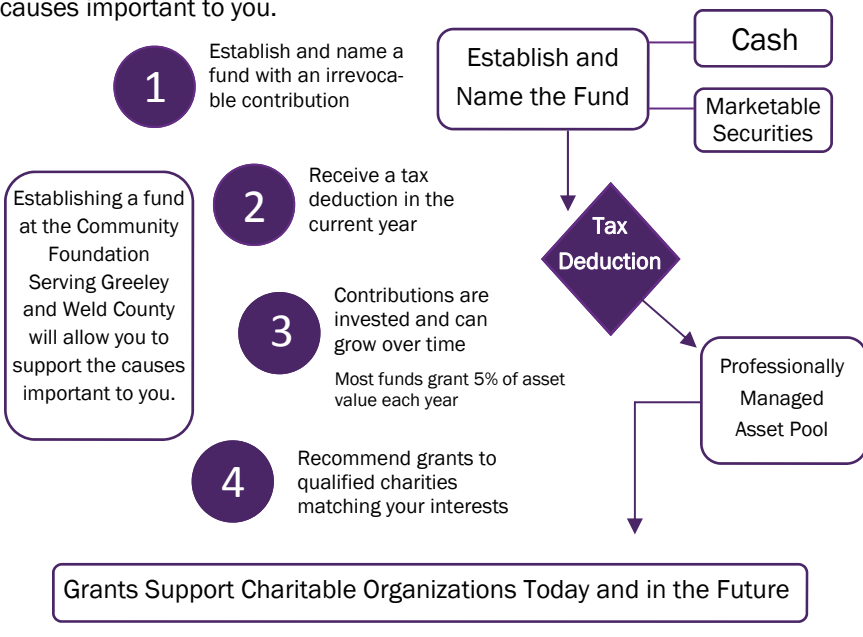
Weld Food Bank—Stone Soup - Saturday, March 13, 2010. Join Weld Food Bank for its premier fundraising event at the UNC Ballrooms with an enchanting evening of entertainment, an ever-growing silent auction and a sumptuous dinner shared with friends. For more information, please contact Sarah at 970-356-2199, ext. 320 or sarah@weldfoodbank.org.

Women's Fund of Weld County, a component fund of the Community Foundation, will be hosting its 3rd Annual Decadent Desserts event. The event will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the UNC Ballroom. Tickets are \$35.00 per person OR purchase a Decadent Diva Package (10 tickets) for \$300. Sponsorship packages are available ranging from \$100-\$3,500 with many benefits included. For more information, please visit www.weldwomensfund.org or call 970-304-9970.

For Good. For Ever.

HOW A GIFT BECOMES A GRANT

Depending on your goals and financial interests, the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County has many choices to assist you with your charitable giving. You can create a fund to support education, fight poverty, develop communities, encourage the arts and sciences or address other causes important to you.



The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County 2010 Scholarship Application is now available.

The 2010 Community Foundation Scholarship Application

The application is a one-stop shop allowing students to apply for 20 Community Foundation scholarships with just one application. Students will be considered for each scholarship for which they are eligible.

The application is available on the Community Foundation website at www.cfsgwc.org. Students may complete the application online but will need to print, sign and turn in all corresponding documents.

For more information, please contact Lauren Weber by e-mail at Lauren@cfsgwc.org or by calling 970-304-9970.