A Record Year in Giving

The Community Foundation Grants Grow in Fifteen Year

In 2005 the Foundation distributed over $4.4 million in grants, and thus far in 2006 $4.2 million in grants have gone back to Boulder County and beyond. Since 1991, the Foundation has distributed over $19 million dollars to nonprofit organizations. For a full list of grants, please visit www.commfound.org.

• As many as 150 grants, today the Foundation has 139 Donor Advised Funds, which comprise 75 percent of our assets. The Foundation’s start- ers worked extensively and personally with these donors and their families to help them give with impact and to incorporate strategy and expertise into their philanthropy.

2005 Program Area Grants

• 15 fifteen-year-olds support Boulder County. This summer in honor of its 15th Anniversary, the Community Foundation invited fifteen 15-year-olds to serve on their “15 for Ever” Grants Committee and distribute $15,000 to local nonprofits that support youth. The 15-year-olds, and we were lucky enough to be asked to serve on the committee along with fourteen other teenagers from Boulder County. From the Boulder County Civics Forum’s 2005 Quality of Life Report, we learned about youth issues in Boulder County. We also talked about places where we thought there needed to be more support. In the end, we chose three areas that we wanted to learn more about: mental health, diversity, and sexual health. Then we all researched nonprofits that do work in these areas. We then picked six organizations we wanted to visit and learn more about. The visits were next, because we had the chance to ask questions and actually see the nonprofits doing their work. We learned about how they raise money, where that money goes and how they evaluate what they’re doing. We decided to divide our $13,000 among eight nonprofits. The following groups impressed us with how they were reaching out to youth and really helping in important areas:

- Blue Sky Bridge
- Colla’s Closet
- Colorado Horse Program — Hopeful U Program
- DA/DOS — Open and Affirming, Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity and Support
- Project YES
- Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence — Teens Building Justice
- Teens, Inc.
- Women’s Health — Youth Programs

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Letter from the President

What 15 Means To The Community Foundation

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What Gives? A Look at Giving Through the Ages

Helen Gemmill, 28, Global Greengrants Fund

Sometimes you have time but not money. Sometimes you have money but not time. But there’s no reason not to give something.

Flatirons Elementary School, 3rd Grade

Think third grade is too early to start planning a bequest? Well, it’s actually not. A fifth grader at this Denver school wrote about giving and gaining, and how to plan a future for those you love...

Julianna Johnson, 37

Julianna’s 37 is not a coincidence. And she is not, as some dealer would dismiss her, “too young a donor.” In fact the fact that the 37-year-old will that includes her favorite non-profits or organizations puts her in a category that is often considered to be past her time.

“My big thing is that I don’t have endless resources, but it doesn’t take a lot to make a difference.”

Entrepreneur Foundation of Colorado

The Boulder County Civic Forum

Dan Catlin, 42

Dan Catlin grew up in Evergreen and moved to Boulder County to start a business. He now lives in Denver and has earned a national reputation as a community leader.

“I’m a great person to work with. My goal is to make sure that what I do helps communities grow.”

SVP Report

R. David Hoover, 60

CEO and Chairman, Ball Corporation

John, 83, and Jackie Geister, 79, Retired Volunteers of Montgomery Framing

“We like to talk and do things in the community.”

Boulder County Civic Forum

In support of our community engagement through the Boulder community and giving back to those who supported them.

“We had no money for community projects, but we did have a lot of hard work that we could do with them whenever we could. We’ve always given something to the church, for a long time, even when we didn’t have anything else to give.”

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— Colleen Conant, November 2006

Expanding Leadership Initiative

The Expanding Leadership Initiative of The Community Foundation proposes to explore questions and answers to promoting authentic inclusiveness and addressing diversity issues, as they relate to Boulder County’s nonprofit sector and engagement of communities of color. We are aiming at barriers real and are looking at opportunities and strategies to expand civic involvement of people of color. Our ultimate goal is to increase the number of people of color in staff and board positions and as volunteers to nonprofit groups in Boulder County. For more information, please contact Cary Hirt.

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