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## The Poudre Runs Through It More than 300 citizens attend water forum

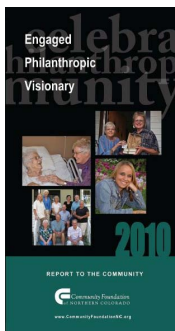


Special thanks to [UniverCity Connections](#) and Colorado State University for partnering with the Community Foundation to host "The Poudre Runs Through It: Northern Colorado's Water Future" on Feb. 3. More than 300 Northern Colorado citizens gathered at the Larimer County Courthouse for this public forum; photos from the event can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Engaging presentations by Reagan Waskom, Mark Fiege, Heather Knight, Tom Moore and Laura Pritchett focused on the history, ecology, economy and spirit of the Poudre River. The presentations were followed by a public dialogue where an energetic crowd voiced valuable opinions and concerns about issues surrounding the river.

These concerns will be addressed in the upcoming "Northern Colorado Water 101" education and public dialog sessions. [Click here](#) to register for any of the upcoming sessions. Read more about the event in the [Northern Colorado Business Report](#), the [Coloradoan](#), [Rocky Mountain Collegian](#) and the [Greeley Tribune](#).

## 2010 Annual Report Released



The Community Foundation is pleased to unveil a new, easy-to-read format for its Annual Report. The 2010 publication, which contains inspiring donor stories and an overview of the Foundation's financial activities, can now be [downloaded in PDF format](#). Printed copies are being mailed this week.

The Annual Report's new format significantly decreased paper usage and postage costs compared to past formats. Its creation also provided valuable opportunities for our [internship team](#) to work with a professional design firm and gain real-world graphic design and writing experience.

We invite you to read the Annual Report to learn more about the ways we provide a trusted, local platform that enables people to give more effectively and to think strategically and creatively about the future of our community. We encourage you to share our story with those who may benefit from our service offerings.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 224-3462 or [info@CommunityFoundationNC.org](mailto:info@CommunityFoundationNC.org).

## Reserve Your Table for May 11 Annual Celebration of Philanthropy Dr. David Krueger to speak on community giving, engagement



As part of our ongoing effort to be the regional leader in building a more engaged, philanthropic, and visionary community, the Community Foundation hosts an annual event that focuses on celebrating the generosity of Northern Colorado Citizens. The 2011 [Annual Celebration of Philanthropy](#) is scheduled for Wed., May 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton Fort Collins.

The featured speaker will be David Krueger, M.D., author and CEO of MentorPath. Dr. Krueger has written 16 books including "The Secret Language of Money: How to Make Smarter Financial Decisions and Live a Richer Life." He will encourage event attendees to think strategically and creatively about philanthropy and community engagement.

The generous support of sponsors make this celebration possible. We extend special thanks to First National Bank and the Bruce and Muriel Hach Family Fund for serving as Lead Sponsors. Please [click here](#) to reserve your table and contact our team at 488-1977 or [events@CommunityFoundationNC.org](mailto:events@CommunityFoundationNC.org) with any questions. [Click here for a 50-second look at the 2010 event](#).

## Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado Groundbreaking Ceremony Slated for Feb. 20



[The Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado](#) will host a groundbreaking ceremony on Mon., Feb. 20 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Spring Canyon Community Park in Fort Collins. The Veterans Plaza committee, on behalf of the Community Foundation, recently presented the City of Fort Collins with a \$90,000 grant to support construction of the Plaza. This special project of the Community Foundation will celebrate the liberties and freedoms that have been protected by our service members. It will also educate our young citizens on the sacrifices and pride that is part of our history. Show your gratitude by attending the groundbreaking ceremony honoring those who have served, are serving, and will serve. To make a donation or nominate a veteran for recognition at the Plaza, [click here](#).

## Nonprofit Research Through the Eyes of a 10-Year-Old



A recent blog posting documents a woman's efforts to help her friend's 10-year-old son select a nonprofit to support. Because of the challenge involved with communicating nonprofit due diligence best practices to a 10-year-old, the writer distills everything down to three simple questions: What does the organization do? How do they do it? How do they know if they are making a difference? [Read on...](#)

## Ideas for Giving: Local Programs, Local Impact

*The Community Foundation stays in close communication with charitable agencies in our region to strategically connect donors with the causes they care about most. These giving opportunities recently came to our attention:*



The [Berthoud High School](#) Bridge-Between Show Choir is now available to provide singing Valentines in Berthoud and surrounding communities. It costs just \$25 for a quartet from the group to serenade the chosen individual/group and leave a sweet treat with the recipient. Proceeds will help the group travel to Florida in March for a national competition. [Read on..](#)



Join [Project Self-Sufficiency](#) at The Drake Center for its 25th Anniversary Community Breakfast on Tuesday, March 8 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Project Self-Sufficiency helps build stronger families, a stronger workforce, a stronger community, and a stronger economy. Learn more about the organization, its comprehensive programs, and its vision for serving low-income single parent families in Larimer County. RSVP by calling 970-635-5912.



The [Women's Resource Center](#) connects low-income women across Larimer County to vital -- often life-saving -- health and dental services at affordable costs. The organization's key priorities are fighting reproductive cancers, providing dental care through volunteer dentists and empowering women to protect their health. To donate or learn more contact [Bill Stout](#) at 407-7033.

*In an effort to make our donors and friends aware of these types of funding needs and program announcements, our website features new submissions from area nonprofit agencies. [Click here](#) to review this month's submissions, and [click here](#) if you would like to have your nonprofit agency featured on our website.*

## Join The Discussion



"Phil Anthropy", the Community Foundation's Facebook identity, posts updates several times each week. Share your comments on the issues that are impacting our region. [Join the discussion on our Facebook page.](#)

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