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In the News



UniverCity Connections

UniverCity Connections: One hundred volunteers from five task forces are working on a new downtown project called “Getting There is as Much Fun as Being There.”

UniverCity Connections, an initiative of the Community Foundation, is gaining national exposure as it leads transformational change in Fort Collins. Most notable is its progress with FortZED, the effort to turn the UniverCity area — CSU, Old Town, and the downtown river corridor — into a Zero Energy District, creating as much thermal and electrical energy as it uses.

Stakeholders will reconvene on Oct. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Center. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.UniverCityConnections.org.



Homeward 2020: This initiative of the Community Foundation strives to end homelessness in Fort Collins. Director Bryce Hach was hired in May to design and implement the 10-year plan.

The 40-page draft plan relays the context of homelessness in Fort Collins; resulting economic, educational, and healthcare problems; and metric measurements necessary to make progress.

“It’s fortunate that there are many talented people dedicated to addressing the needs of Fort Collins’ homeless,” Bryce said. “The key now is collaboration: connecting individuals from across the community with talented leaders in other sectors.”

Visit www.Homeward2020.org.

Donor Spotlight: Florin Family Fund

When the Florin family decided to establish an endowment fund in 2007, they did so with one cause in mind — children in need.

“We established the Florin Family Child Care Fund to provide long-term funding in support of local child care efforts, with specific emphasis on special needs children and children of disadvantaged families,” Brad Florin said.



One organization particularly inspired Brad and his wife, Lisa.

Respite Care Inc. of Larimer County provides care for developmentally disabled children and respite for their families. Today, the Florins devote their efforts to helping the local cause.

“The Florin Family Child Care Fund has had a major impact on our program,” said Sherry Pelton, Respite Care executive director.

The organization enrolled 30 new children in the past year.

“Our goal is to provide the care for children necessary to keep families together and not just survive, but thrive,” Sherry said.

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— Brad Florin

Because the Community Foundation works with donors to customize their charitable funds, the Florin Family Child Care Fund provides the Florins leverage in their giving. As an endowment fund, it assists childcare agencies like Respite Care in perpetuity and, as a Donor Advised fund, it gives Brad, Lisa and successive generations a direct role in the fund’s grantmaking.

After the Florins moved to Northern Colorado in 2002, Brad was introduced to the Community Foundation by a friend who was already a donor.

“Setting up a fund with the Community Foundation is an easy way to meet long-term philanthropic goals without the time and expense required to establish and operate a private foundation,” Brad said. “The Community Foundation provides leadership to the nonprofit community as well as the evangelism of community needs to local donors.”

For the coming years, Brad hopes to see the fund increase in value, providing a consistent source of annual grants for qualified organizations.

Leadership Spotlight: Connie Dohn

Connie and Doug Dohn established the Dohn Family Fund in 2005 to educate and instill the philanthropic way of thinking in their four daughters.

Grants from this Donor Advised fund will empower people to help themselves, and “it will be a family decision as to how the money will be dispersed,” said Connie, who joined the Foundation’s Board of Trustees in 2008 and serves as secretary/treasurer on the Executive Committee.

Why did you become involved with the Community Foundation?

I love the concept of a community foundation that supports people and causes that are close to home. Fort Collins has been very good to me both personally and professionally. I believe in the concept of giving back.

How did you decide to serve on our leadership team?

The direction that the Community Foundation has taken — providing leadership through initiatives like UniverCity Connections and Homeward 2020 — are bold moves for a small foundation. To be a part of this leadership role is exciting.

Why would you encourage others to establish a charitable fund?

The Foundation provides an easy way to maximize the dollars one has for philanthropic goals. Because the vehicle for accepting and distributing money is already set up, administration costs are low, and more of your dollars can go directly to the intended cause. The Community Foundation is flexible and creative in helping you achieve your dream of helping others.

What value does the Community Foundation bring to our region?

The Foundation is a powerful vehicle to quickly address the issues that face our local communities. Donor Advised funds allow one to effect change and lend assistance when the need arises; you can actually see your dollars at work. We are fortunate to have such a proactive community foundation in our region, especially in such tough economic times.

What else would you like to share with potential donors and volunteers?

Giving is powerful and rewarding. You can stretch the effectiveness of your giving by bringing together assets as the Foundation has done. I encourage others to think about the role they can play in giving back to their community.



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— Connie Dohn



Our Vision

To be the regional leader in building a more engaged, philanthropic and visionary community

Our Mission

To provide a trusted, local platform that enables people to give more effectively and to think strategically and creatively about the future of our community

Our Core Values

- Respect for the wishes of our donors
- Highly personalized service
- Collaboration
- Nonpartisan civil discourse
- Organizational transparency and stability
- A long-term perspective

Welcome, New Trustees and Staff

Board of Trustees:



Krishna Murthy



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For a complete list of trustees, visit www.CommunityFoundationNC.org and click on About Us > Trustees.

For a complete list of committees, click on About Us > Committees.

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Agency Spotlight

The community is coming together in a big way to ensure the construction of the Fort Collins Museum and Discovery Science Center's new building at the corner of Mason and Cherry Streets.

Financing from the capital campaign, resulting in \$18.4 million in donations as of early September, will be coupled with funding from the Discovery Science Center Endowment Fund and the Fort Collins Museum Foundation Endowment Fund. The funds were created to ensure a revenue stream for future operations.

"Agencies that establish an endowment fund at the Community Foundation are increasing their ability to sustain the important work they do," said Annette Geiselman, executive director of the Discovery Science Center.

The two nonprofit agencies began collaborating in 2004 to combine the city's rich history with an interactive experience in science. They will collect — from local corporations and individuals — \$3.5 million of the remaining \$5 million needed. Ground breaking is scheduled for next year.

"The talented Community Foundation staff will help us work through potentially complicated gifts, such as those involving land," said Cheryl Donaldson, executive director of the Fort Collins Museum.

To donate to any of the Community Foundation's 300 charitable funds, please make checks payable to "Community Foundation" and write the fund name in the memo line, or click on the "Donate Now" link in the Announcements section at www.CommunityFoundationNC.org.

Foundation Commits \$15,000 to Enhance Downtown Loveland

As part of its Destination Downtown Loveland initiative to help revitalize the city's core, the Community Foundation's Loveland Community Fund Committee recently provided a \$15,000 grant to Novo Restoration, Inc. The money will help pay Artspace Projects, Inc. for a market study to determine interest in artists' live-work spaces.



Phil Farley



LuAnn Ball



Joe Scherger

For more information on Artspace and Novo Restoration, Inc., visit www.Artspace.org and www.LovelandFeedAndGrain.org.

Artspace creates affordable live-work spaces for artists and craftspeople across the U.S., turning historic warehouses and industrial buildings into well-lit residential and work spaces, which enhances the community's cultural and economic vitality.

The City of Loveland has committed \$20,000 to the market survey. Other local nonprofits and businesses, including the Erion Foundation and Mueller & Associates, have committed funding to the project.

Novo Restoration has been the primary champion of the 115-year-old Feed & Grain building, one of the few remaining reminders of Loveland's agricultural roots. It may be one possible site for an Artspace project.

Destination Downtown Loveland is led by Loveland Community Fund Committee members Lu Ball, Phil Farley and Joe Scherger.

Year-End Giving Ideas

For a simple and cost-effective approach to charitable giving, consider establishing a Donor Advised fund at the Community Foundation.

You may set up the fund by phone or during a brief visit. A Donor Advised fund provides many of the same benefits as a private foundation, but none of the record-keeping and tax-filing headaches. Donors can monitor transactions and investment performance by visiting DonorCentral, the secure online portal of www.CommunityFoundationNC.org.

Our staff can provide information about the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit that allows a federal and state itemized deduction, in addition to a Colorado state tax credit of 50% of the total contribution. And through 2009, the Pension Protection Act allows tax-payers 70½ years of age or older a tax-free distribution from an IRA to charities without declaring it as income.

For more information, call (970) 224-3462 or visit the Donors > Establish a New Fund section of www.CommunityFoundationNC.org.

More than \$3 million in Grants Distributed via DonorCentral

The Community Foundation's fund advisors used DonorCentral to distribute more than \$3 million in grants to nonprofit agencies since its inception in 2007.

DonorCentral is the secure, password-protected area of www.CommunityFoundationNC.org. Grant recommendations submitted via DonorCentral feed directly into the

Foundation's database, which increases grant processing efficiency.

Fund advisors have 24/7 access to their charitable funds; can export gift and grant history; view investment returns, administrative fees and activity expenses; review quarterly market values; and search a database of 400 nonprofit agencies. Fund advisors can click on a

grantee's name to visit its website, or on the Guide Star [GS] link to review the information the agency included on its IRS Form 990.

To request your password or learn more about donor services, contact Chief Operating Officer Roxanne Fry at (970) 488-1989 or roxanne@CommunityFoundationNC.org.

NEW *Foundation* FUNDS

The Community Foundation is pleased to report that 17 new funds have been established since Jan. 1.

- Kayla Marie Adsit Memorial Foundation
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County - Wellington
- Fort Collins Museum Foundation Endowment Fund
- Poudre River Library Trust, Inc. - Unrestricted Fund
- Poudre River Library Trust, Inc. - Children's Program
- Poudre River Library Trust, Inc. - Centennial Fund
- David and Mary Gullikson Fund
- Austin Korshak Hach Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dorothy Dee Hamilton Scholarship Fund
- Helmberger-Holmboe Fund
- Helmberger-Holmboe Charitable Remainder Trust
- Hixon Scholarship Fund
- Homeward 2020 Fund
- Doyle and Luvesta Frances Jones Fund
- Kiwanis Poudre Golden K Fund
- Oliver Family Foundation Fund
- President's Fund

The individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit agencies that establish charitable funds at the Community Foundation each have different goals and needs. As our partners in giving, the fund advisors benefit from the services, resources, strategic thinking and flexibility we provide.

To learn more about establishing a charitable fund, call Ray Caraway at (970) 488-1980 or Roxanne Fry at (970) 488-1989.

Become Our Friend

The Community Foundation recently launched a Facebook page to stay in touch with our friends, share news of our activities, and expand our reach throughout Northern Colorado. Simply sign into your Facebook account and search for "Phil Anthropy." We look forward to having you as our "friend"!



Regional Development Council

Members of the Community Foundation's Regional Development Council serve as ambassadors for the Foundation and as active proponents of its mission.



Nick Christensen

Co-chaired by Nick Christensen and James Sprout, the Regional Development Council focuses solely on achieving the Foundation's strategic goals by growing its assets through fund development activities. It is not a fundraising committee. It cultivates new donors by identifying individuals who can benefit from the Foundation's philanthropic services and communicating with them in a strategic manner.



Jim Sprout

Members participate in biannual meetings to gain an understanding of the Foundation's services. They also provide leadership and financial support for its signature event, the Annual Celebration of Philanthropy.

Other Regional Development Council members are: Darin Atteberry, Roger Bates, Robert Bisetti, Mike Burns, Mike Dellenbach, Doug Dumler, Dave Edwards, Brad Florin, Bill Gunn, Bruce Hach, Steve Hagberg, Bruce Hendee, Doug Johnson, Jan Lord, Teresa Mueller, David Osborn, Chris Otto, Sheldon "Shelly" Sager, Peter Scott, and Steve van den Heever.