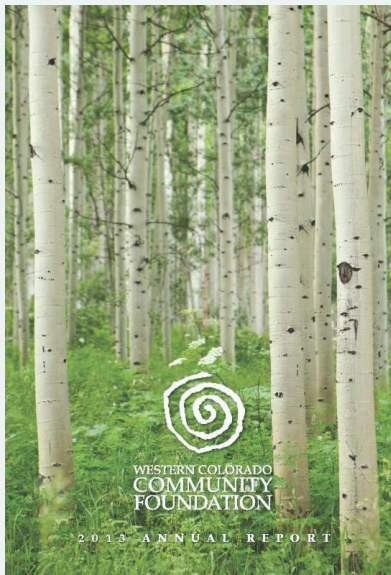




WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2013 Annual Report Now Available!

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Community Foundation receives accreditation from the national Council on Foundations

The board and staff of the Western Colorado Community Foundation are pleased to announce we have successfully completed a rigorous accreditation process and been accredited by the Council on

Fuel to Learn

Community Foundation makes \$10,000 grant for elementary school salad bars

Our Community Foundation is pleased to support the School District 51 Nutrition Services' efforts to improve access to healthy, made-from-scratch food in public schools. The District has been purchasing new kitchen equipment and remodeling some of the kitchens and cafeterias to facilitate work and serving areas for made-from-scratch cooking. "The move from processed foods to made-from-scratch is a huge but important undertaking," says Dan Sharp, Director of Nutrition Services. "Studies show that better quality food - fresh fruit and vegetables, food with less preservatives and sodium - are so much better for our kids. Healthy food provides valuable fuel for learning." The new salad bars are elementary school student height and allow students to select fresh vegetables that they will eat, increasing their daily servings of fruit and vegetables and reducing the amount of food that is thrown away. Dan and his team are to be commended for making this transition to fresh and healthy foods at the same cost per meal as packaged and processed foods. Their current project is to create a tasty veggie pizza crust that school kids will enjoy.

District 51 Nutrition Services received a large grant from Colorado Health Foundation for these efforts. Our Community Foundation is pleased to also be able to support this important initiative.

Foundation's Community Foundations National Standards Board.

Notes the formal announcement letter: "The National Standards seal demonstrates your foundation's commitment to accountability, excellence and service. It affirms that your foundation's management aligns with nationally recognized effective practices. Your accreditation also allows you to distinguish your foundation from other community foundations and philanthropic organizations that have not met these rigorous standards."

The letter goes on to underscore the importance of national accreditation.

"The ultimate rewards of accreditation are the credibility its brings to community foundations and the confidence it gives donors, professional advisors and others who seek a qualified, trustworthy philanthropic partner."



If you are interested in learning more about national standards, please click [here](#)...

The Role and Importance of Community Foundations

Next month, hundreds of staff and board members of community foundations



Student-height salad bars in elementary schools allow youngsters to pick their own fresh fruit and vegetables - increasing their daily servings of fruits and vegetables and reducing waste from throwing away food.

Preventing and Treating Substance Abuse Brownson Memorial Fund Awards \$14,300 in Grants

Over the years a dedicated committee of volunteers has met annually to review applications and grant funding to Mesa County organizations working to provide substance abuse education and prevention services or programs that treat individuals struggling with addiction.

The Brownson Memorial Fund has just made its 2014 grant commitments totaling \$14,300 to: Girls on the Run, Grand Valley Catholic Outreach La Mariposa program, Marillac Clinic, Mesa County Partners, Salvation Army Adult Rehab program, Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation work place outreach initiative, and the Drug Threat Oversight Committee (formerly The Meth Task Force).

around the country and across the globe will meet in Cleveland to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our field.

In 1904, the first community foundation - the Cleveland Foundation - was incorporated. Today, there are over 750 community foundations with \$66 billion in total assets under management.

To read more about community foundations and their important role in Colorado communities, click below to read our Executive Director's guest column in the Colorado Nonprofit Association newsletter (May 2014).

[Link to Colorado Nonprofit Association newsletter article](#)

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Our first field-of-interest fund, the Brownson Memorial Fund has granted \$270,000 in Mesa County since 1985. The grantmaking group supports programs addressing drug and alcohol abuse prevention, treatment and education.

The Brownson Memorial Fund accepts contributions at any time and in any amount. Donations may be made payable to the Western Colorado Community Foundation "for Brownson Memorial Foundation" in the memo line and mailed to:
P.O. Box 4334, Grand Junction, CO 81502.



Girls on the Run is a prevention and empowerment program that combines training and running with personal skill-building for girls in grades 3-8.

New Staff at our Community Foundation

We are pleased to welcome **Cecile Aday** as our new **Scholarship Program Manager and Bookkeeper**. Cecile has been an active volunteer in School District 51 schools for ten years, serving on various accountability committees and helping with music, choir and drama productions. She has worked as the bookkeeper for her own family

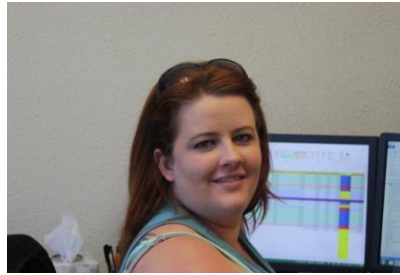
business, Aday Enterprises,

a technology consulting company. Having been through the financial aid and scholarship application process recently with her own daughter, Cecile is intimately familiar with financial aid and

scholarship applications and ready for a new challenge in her career. Notes Community Foundation Executive Director Anne Wenzel, "Cecile brings strong financial accounting and organizational skills plus a real commitment to helping kids with college scholarships. We're lucky to have someone with a wide mix of skills in this position." Cecile will be overseeing the transition from a paper application to on-line



applications this coming scholarship season. She can be reached at caday@wc-cf.org.



Also on our Scholarship Program team is **Zoey Fife, Office and Database Manager**. A recent CSU graduate with a strong interest in nonprofits, Zoey has been on our staff for over a

year and works closely with Cecile and the students during the application and scholarship renewal process. Zoey is a whiz with database and website projects. She can be reached at zfife@wc-cf.org.

Western Colorado Community Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank **Susie Davis** who has worked with us over the last six months as a scholarship administration consultant. Susie lives in Eagle County where she founded and ran the very successful Youth Foundation, which offers scholarships, including the Guardian Scholars program at Colorado Mesa University. Susie was a big help to us in processing applications and interviewing students last Spring.



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