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Feeding hungry kids... one neighborhood at a time Lunch Lizard summer mobile food program a huge success!

The inaugural season of School District 51's mobile food program delivering free lunch to children in low-income neighborhoods this summer was a phenomenal success. Originally scheduled to run four weeks in June, the program was extended three weeks into July with financial support from Rocky Mountain Health Plans Foundation and Share Our Strength/Arby's Foundation. Over 125 children per day were served with healthy and nutritious meals subsidized by the USDA Summer Food Program.

View a brief presentation of the Lunch Lizard Summer Meal Program below.

Remembering a Community Matriarch

**Peggy Foster
(1929 - 2015)**



Warm and caring, long-time Grand Junction community leader Peggy Foster was the well-loved and revered matriarch of a large and loving family. She raised her seven children here in Grand Junction. Family was central in her life. She was also a matriarch in the circle of Grand Junction civic leaders who helped launch and build our Community Foundation. A founder of this organization back in 1996, Peg served on our board of directors for its first six years and then stayed involved as a donor and ambassador in the community. She was always very supportive and enthusiastic about our mission.

Always generous, Peggy made provisions in her estate to include Western Colorado Community Foundation as well as several other favorite charities.

In recent months our community has lost other wonderful community leaders and



Welcome to four new board members

Our Board of Directors approved four new board members for three-year terms at the annual meeting on May 5th. **Robin Brown** has had a successful career involving military service, fundraising and special events planning, currently working to promote Downtown Grand Junction. **Katie Mackley** serves as the board chair of the Rifle Community Foundation, our affiliate in Rifle, and is active in her community and raising three young children. Born and raised in Grand Junction, **Jay Moss** brings a strong background in marketing and brand management to our Community Foundation. **Mike Rushmore**, an engineer and investor, lives in Vail and is a founder of a new community foundation in Eagle County.

We wish to thank our term-limited board members **Dr. Morgan Bridge** and **Tom Stuver** for their six years of service on our board during a time of significant growth and expansive long-range planning for our regional Community Foundation.

Introducing our New Director of Finance and Administration

Our Community Foundation is pleased to welcome **Doug Shawcroft** as our new Director of Finance and Administration. Doug is a CPA who has been working for 25 years with School District 51 as their senior accountant. Doug began his career at Dalby Wendland and provides accounting and tax services to a small number of long-time clients. He also brings a deep

background of our Community Foundation. **Pat Gormley** was involved in so many important community institutions, from St. Mary's Hospital and the Colorado Riverfront Foundation to the downtown renovation project known as Operation Foresight. Like Peggy Foster, Pat Gormley was a founder of our Community Foundation and long-time donor.

Another one of our founders, **George McKinley**, passed away last month. George and his wife were among our first donors to establish an endowed donor-advised fund to support causes near and dear to them, in Mesa County and in Glenwood Springs. The McKinleys were staunch believers in community foundations and perpetual endowments, helping support the Wyoming Community Foundation as well as ours.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of all of these wonderful community leaders. Their legacies live on in the lives they touched and the community institutions they helped build.

Reflections from the Executive Director

The power of Peggy Foster's legacy was her relationships. I was struck by the selection of photos in her memorial service program; she is featured with each of her seven children on their wedding days, and all children and grandchildren are mentioned by name. Peggy had a special tradition of taking each grandchild on a trip of their choosing when he or she turned ten years of age. This is one of many ways she was able, amidst the joy and chaos of a large family, to be the hub of the clan but also spend special one-on-one time with each family member. Peggy had a special knack for making each individual feel unique in a large world of many.

In a certain way, Peggy's family is a metaphor for our Community Foundation. Our organization can be described as a "family of funds," providing centralized services (long-term investment stewardship, professional grants and scholarship administration, specialized knowledge of the

understanding of investments and real estate.

Notes Anne Wenzel, Executive Director, "we're thrilled to have someone like Doug with his extensive background and expertise join our staff team and manage our finances, investments and audit processes. Our Community Foundation is growing quickly and we need this type of capacity, especially given some of the specialized assets we are receiving."

Doug is excited to be working for a charitable foundation and able to see "the other side," doing accounting and financial management for a funding organization after all these years doing accounting for a grant recipient.



Contact Doug at DShawcroft@wc-cf.org

Good luck and best wishes to **Ken Long** as he transitions into a new career in community college finance. Ken has relocated back to Michigan with his family and is finishing his two years as WCCF's first Director of Finance.



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community) for all the donors we work with. But at the core of our business model, we work one-on-one with our donors to help them articulate and plan their own individual charitable legacies.

We manage over 250 different funds, each with its own donor and directions to improve the community in some way. We provide personal attention and flexibility for all our donors while pooling assets for maximum investment returns. Our donors feel good about working with us and leaving often sizable donations to do some good in the community they live in and call home.

Anyone interested in a charitable legacy gift to benefit Western Colorado is invited to learn more and consider joining our growing "family" of community minded-donors.

- Anne Wenzel

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