



WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS

Special 20th
Anniversary
Initiative Announced
*\$20,000 Impact Grants to
be awarded across
Western Colorado*

In celebration of our 20th anniversary year, a handful of \$20,000 grants will be awarded in 2017 to new, creative projects designed to improve the quality of life in western Colorado. We are looking to support what we call "impact projects." Projects considered for funding need to: (1) meet a clear and documented unmet need, (2) introduce a new, innovative solution, and (3) involve collaboration across multiple partner organizations.

Qualified 501(c)(3) organizations that are developing a project that meets the specified criteria are invited to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) by **June 30, 2017**. These can be submitted by mail to:

Tedi Gillespie
WCCF
PO Box 4334
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Celebrating 20 Years!!
*Regional Community Foundation
celebrates milestone anniversary*



A cheerful crowd gathered on May 23rd to celebrate our Community Foundation's 20th anniversary year.

Smooth river stones with the words COMMUNITY, IMPACT and LEGACY adorned the tables at the CMU Ballroom on May 23rd for a celebration luncheon. This luncheon kicks off several months of activities across our 7-county region as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Western Colorado Community Foundation.

Community Foundation Board Chair Martie Edwards thanked the crowd for all their contributions to the growth and success of our regional organization over the past 20 years. WCCF Board Member Robin Brown shared a compelling "blessing" on Why We Live and Give Here, highlighting the importance of giving back to insure a strong future for the place we call home.

The after lunch program included remarks by Anne Wenzel, WCCF President and Executive Director, and Tim Schultz, the retiring President of the Boettcher Foundation who shared some personal reflections on a 40-year career in philanthropy and public service. Mr. Schultz and the Boettcher Foundation were instrumental in the founding of WCCF and supported us generously in our early years.

Or by email to:

tgillespie@wc-cf.org

For more information about the criteria or the application process, or to submit a Letter of Interest online, visit our website at wc-cf.org/nonprofits.

Support WCCF's 20th Anniversary Fund

Donors and friends of our Community Foundation are invited to donate to our impact grants (see related story above).

Any donations raised by our community in the next six months will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Boettcher Foundation.

Donations of any size are appreciated! Checks should be made payable to Western Colorado Community Fund with a note in the memo line: 20th Anniversary Fund.

Given the current high in the stock market, donors may want to consider making a gift of appreciated stock. Our Community Foundation can receive stock gifts. Donors over 70 1/2 may want to take advantage of the IRA charitable rollover to make a donation to our 20th Anniversary Fund.

For more information or to discuss a donation, please call Kristin Lynch or Anne Wenzel at the WCCF office, 970-243-3767.

A big THANK YOU to Alpine Bank, Bernie and Mary Beth Buescher and Ireland-Stapleton for underwriting our anniversary luncheon.



Our regional Community Foundation board and staff pose with special message boards.



\$50,000 Challenge Match Announced

At our celebration luncheon on May 23rd, Katie Kramer, CEO of the Boettcher Foundation, announced that their foundation is awarding a \$50,000 challenge grant to the Western Colorado Community Foundation. Any donations raised by our community by the end of August 2017 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Boettcher Foundation, up to \$50K. WCCF will be able to award five or more "high impact grants" as a way to celebrate its 20th anniversary year in a special way.

Notes Katie Kramer, "The Boettcher Foundation applauds the great work of community foundations across our state. We share WCCF's goal of improving our communities through strategic grants and scholarships, which is why the Boettcher Foundation helped a group of community leaders start the Western Colorado Community Foundation over 20 years ago. We're pleased to see how far the organization has

Please consider a gift today! Help us raise \$50,000 and double the funds we will be able to direct in impact grants.

Celebrating 20 Years 20th Anniversary Video

Our Community Foundation has put together a short video capturing the mission and spirit of our regional community foundation.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch our 20th anniversary video.

We are happy to meet with groups to present this video and answer questions. If your service club, book clubs, professional association or other networks and organizations would like to learn more about local philanthropy and legacy gifts to benefit the community we live in and call home, call our office to schedule a presentation, 970-243-3767.

A big THANK YOU to Baird for underwriting our 20th anniversary video.



Celebrating 20 Years Daily Sentinel Insert

In celebration of our 20th anniversary and wanting to share information about our

come in those 20 years, thanks to the generosity of donors in Western Colorado!"



Russell George, Katie Kramer and Anne Wenzel celebrate Tim Schultz (2nd from right) and his long distinguished career in philanthropy.

Tim Schultz Fund Established *New endowed fund to promote community betterment a fitting way to honor retiring Boettcher Foundation President*

A surprise announcement that was kept secret right up to the moment it was made at our anniversary luncheon, the Boettcher Foundation revealed the establishment of a \$200,000 endowment fund in Tim Schultz's name. Tim is a native of Grand Junction, where he grew up working in his parents' bakery, attended Colorado Mesa University, and later served as county commissioner in Rio Blanco County. Throughout his career, Tim has been a champion for rural Colorado, continually seeking ways to creatively address rural communities' needs. Tim is retiring in July after 22 years as President and Executive Director of the Boettcher Foundation.

Russell George, who serves both on the WCCF Board and the Boettcher Foundation Board, and Katie Kramer made the announcement to recognize and honor Tim Schultz on the occasion of his retirement from the Boettcher Foundation.

Notes Katie Kramer, "The Boettcher Foundation is thrilled to be able to honor Tim and his long-time commitment to rural philanthropy by establishing this fund, both in his name and in the town where he grew up."

Community Foundation with a broader public, we published an 8-page insert to the Daily Sentinel on Sunday, May 21st.

If you missed it and would like to read it, [CLICK HERE](#).

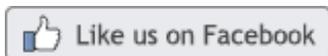
Extra paper copies of the Celebrating 20 Years newspaper insert are available by calling our office.

A special thank you to Lynn "Gus" Brownson for underwriting the printed insert, in honor of his wife Connie.



The Western Colorado Community Foundation is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations by the Council on Foundations.

[Visit our Website](#)



Reflections from the Executive Director

COMMUNITY is, by definition, a group of people who are like minded and share something in common. We are a community of donors who care about the place we live. We share something in common - a sense of gratitude, a desire to give back and help others, and a shared commitment to building a permanent charitable foundation that will outlive all of us.

It's all about IMPACT. Last year our Community Foundation gave out \$2.5 million in grants and scholarships. Every year we invest in projects and programs that will make life better for the people who live here in Mesa County and across western Colorado. As we continue to grow, the impact we will have will only grow and compound. We are so proud of our nonprofit organizations who work hard, day in and day out, to feed hungry kids, provide emergency shelter and affordable housing, improve education and job training opportunities, promote the arts and outdoor recreation in this beautiful part of the world we live in. A Community Foundation is only as good as the wonderful donors who give and the nonprofit organizations doing good work that we support.

LEGACY is a very powerful part of what our Community Foundation is about. Being remembered when you are gone, helping "pay it forward" beyond your lifetime. Each one of our donors initially gets involved with us as they contemplate their own individual charitable legacy. But the real legacy is the collection of many donors and many gifts.

Dream with me about our Community Foundation

growing in the coming years to \$100 million or more. Of having endowment funds for dozens of our nonprofits organizations providing a steady, reliable income source so they can focus more on their mission and worry less about funding. Dream with me about having enough charitable assets in our own community to make large capital grants to support our nonprofit organizations as they expand to offer more programs and serve more people - organizations like Kids Aid and their new warehouse, or HomewardBound and their new family shelter for women and children. And dream with me about us getting more involved what we in the community foundation field call "leadership projects." Projects like the Lunch Lizard where we identify an unmet need - child hunger - and an innovative solution and provide seed funding to make something positive happen.

It's time to dream big! Happy 20th anniversary to our Community Foundation!

-- Anne Wenzel
