Community Foundations are very American, highly participatory and community-based institutions. They are built over the years by lots of people, from many different walks of life and with different charitable interests but a common commitment: to improve the quality of life in the communities they live in.

$1.4 Million in Grants and Scholarships Distributed
Our Community Foundation continues to grow. 2011 was another record-breaking year in terms of grants and scholarships distributed into our communities. Almost $1.4 million was awarded, an increase of 38% over 2010 levels of funding. With our local economy still in the doldrums and many people struggling to make ends meet, it is very gratifying to see our donors support so many worthwhile programs and projects benefiting our communities.

Celebrating 15 Years of Community Philanthropy
November 2011 marked the 15th anniversary of our incorporation. The Western Colorado Community Foundation has grown from zero assets in 1996 to almost $30 million under management today. We are now one of the largest charitable foundations in Western Colorado. Several anniversary events are planned to celebrate our success and accomplishments, recognize our donors, promote local community philanthropy and spread the word about charitable endowments and legacy giving. An inspirational video is available and can be viewed on our website.

Planning for the Future
This year our board engaged in a strategic planning and visioning process to chart our direction for the next ten years. Our vision for 2020 is ambitious and exciting. We will continue to provide excellent stewardship of our donor funds and professional grants and scholarship administration. We hope to create more of a “community of donors,” engaging like-minded people who care about Western Colorado in learning about current community needs and exploring how they can make a difference. We plan to raise more discretionary funds so we can respond to needs and opportunities in our community, now and in the future. We seek ways to improve our operations through the use of new technologies, on-line scholarship and grant applications and social media.

The next ten years will be full of growth and new opportunities for our Community Foundation. We invite you to learn more and get involved.

Tony Prinster
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Anne Wenzel
President & Executive Director

Mission and Purpose

The mission of the Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF)

■ to promote charitable giving
■ to build and manage charitable legacy funds and endowments
■ to provide grants and other resources to benefit the residents and communities of Western Colorado

2011 Highlights

■ Almost $1.4 million in grants and scholarships awarded (a 38% increase from 2010)
■ 142 students receiving scholarship support
■ $2.9 million in new donations
■ 12 new donor funds established
■ Almost $30 million in total assets
Types of Funds

Our Community Foundation offers different types of funds

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS
provide the ultimate flexibility, allowing the donor to recommend specific organizations to receive grants each year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS
are established by donors who wish to support a favorite specific charitable organization.

AGENCY ENDOWMENTS
are established by nonprofit organizations to provide income for themselves.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
are established to provide funds for students’ education.

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS
are for a broad area of interest such as children and youth or arts and culture. WCCF will make grants to organizations making a difference in that arena.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA FUNDS
benefit a particular geographic area or community designated by the donor.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS
enable WCCF to respond to changing community needs.

Ways to Give

There are many ways to give to our Community Foundation

CASH
is the simplest way to give and always welcome. A cash gift provides immediate tax benefits to the donor.

MEMORIAL
contributions may be made in the honor or memory of a family member, friend or other loved one.

STOCK & SECURITIES
can be donated to the Community Foundation. Appreciated securities have double tax advantage. The donor gets an annual charitable tax deduction and avoids capital gains taxes.

REAL ESTATE
and other property can be donated to the Community Foundation, again with special tax benefits.

LIFE INSURANCE
A donor can name WCCF as beneficiary of an existing policy that is no longer needed, or consider purchasing a life insurance policy naming the Community Foundation as irrevocable beneficiary.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS
Special techniques such as a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust allow the donor to receive considerable tax deductions and an income for life. When the donor passes away, the remainder transfers to WCCF for use specified by the donor.

BEQUEST OR ESTATE GIFTS
People who care about western Colorado may name the Western Colorado Community Foundation in their will or estate plan. Even though the gift matures later, the donor is honored and recognized during his or her lifetime as a member of the WCCF Legacy Society.
Donor Funds

“Grandparent Funds”
An inter-generational commitment to help others

Donor-advised funds allow families to stay involved in their giving. Many donors involve their children and other family members in deciding what to support each year. This year, three sets of grandparents established inter-generational donor-advised funds and are excited to involve their adult children and school-age grandchildren in philanthropy. Conversations about the grandchildren’s interests and ways to volunteer have led to grants to the local homeless shelter, the Salvation Army, animal welfare projects, and an international organization providing school supplies in Kenya. Grandparents are instilling an important family value, and their grandchildren are learning about how important it is to “give back” and help others.

Nonprofit Funds
Permanent and diversified funding for nonprofit organizations

This year four nonprofit organizations established endowments at our Community Foundation. Nonprofit organizations value the benefits of partnering with our Community Foundation: professional and expert investment management, participating in a larger investment pool and earning better returns, assurance for their donors that the endowment funds will be maintained for that purpose, and assistance with marketing planned gifts and endowments to major donors.

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Our Community Foundation manages endowments for a number of service clubs

- Fruita Rotary
- Glenwood Springs Kiwanis
- Grand Junction Downtown Rotary
- Grand Valley/Parachute Kiwanis
- Montrose Lions

Donors name their fund and direct what they want to do. Earnings are available to support favorite charities (designated funds), meet needs in a particular community (geographic funds) or provide scholarships. Donor-advised funds are an attractive alternative to private foundations; all legal, tax and administrative requirements are handled by our Community Foundation.

Almost immediately after announcing that the Redlands United Methodist Church had established their new endowment, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a significant donation and challenged the congregation to match it.
Retired surgeon Bill Patterson and his wife Donna established a new scholarship fund to honor their son Bill who passed away in 2010 at the age of 48. Bill’s childhood in Grand Junction cultivated a lifelong love for the outdoors and shaped his interest in the environment and environmental education for young people. Bill graduated from Grand Junction High School as valedictorian in 1980 and went on to study at Harvard and Stanford Business School, founding and then serving as managing partner of a successful investment company in California. His family remembers him for his warmth, generosity of spirit and zest for living.

The Patterson family very much believes in the value of education. An annual scholarship will be available to a student graduating from a Mesa County high school with strong academic credentials and wanting to study science or environmental studies. The scholarship will provide “bridge” funding to help a student attend his or her college of choice.

Donna explains their thinking behind establishing this scholarship. “Bill’s keen intellect and willingness to work hard allowed him to reach the highest levels in his profession. His active curiosity and interest in civic and cultural causes led to key leadership roles at the Children’s Exploratorium and the California Academy of Sciences. Our goal is to try to recognize similar traits in graduating high school seniors and to enhance their careers.”

Elliot B. plans to study nuclear engineering at the Colorado School of Mines. The Pattersons are pleased to support Elliot. “We believe that he is laying the foundation to a career which may be as rewarding and significant as our son Bill’s. Elliot is sure to make a positive difference in the world.”
Bruce Dixson  
**A Quiet and Humble Philanthropist**

An entrepreneurial spirit and generous heart, longtime Grand Junction resident Bruce Dixson passed away in late 2011 at the age of 93. His life story includes a number of interesting chapters — growing up in Florida and Georgia, working in aeronautics during World War II, inventing navigational devices, starting a business that would become Dixson Inc. in his garage, taking up golf in his fifties, designing and building his own log cabin on Pinyon Mesa at the age of 79.

Bruce loved to tinker and fix and improve and invent things, both mechanical and organizational. Successful in business, he was always generous with his expertise and financial support of nonprofit organizations, particularly health and human service organizations. He served on many local boards; the Salvation Army was a favorite charity and he served on that board for over three decades. He preferred anonymity to being identified on donor lists and recognition walls. After all his adventures and accomplishments, Bruce wished to be remembered for being a quiet and humble philanthropist with a deep commitment for giving back.

Bruce was very involved with our Community Foundation. He was instrumental in terms of providing out-of-the-box thinking and financial support for several important organizational initiatives. He always liked new ideas; he approached his philanthropy as investing — in people to help them improve their situations, and in organizations he believed in to help them “grow to the next level.”

Bruce’s legacy of generosity continues through the new Bruce Dixson Fund. Our Community Foundation is a major charitable beneficiary of Bruce’s estate and this fund will support a variety of human service organizations, those Bruce supported during his lifetime and start-up nonprofits looking to meet new needs in our community. This legacy fund will continue Bruce’s giving for generations to come, an ultimate gift from this generous and humble man.
### Grants

In 2011, our Community Foundation awarded over $1 million in grants to over 100 different nonprofit organizations.

Listed at right are all the nonprofit organizations receiving endowment earnings or grants from one or more of our donor funds — Donor-advised Funds, Agency and Designated Funds, Field-of-Interest Funds, Geographic Area Funds and our Community Grants Fund.

Grantee organizations outside Western Colorado are not listed.

| Advocate Safehouse Project (Glenwood Springs) |
| Alano of Grand Junction |
| All American Families (Delta) |
| Blue Sage Center for the Arts (Poncah) |
| Boy Scouts of America - Western Colorado Council |
| Carbondale Community School |
| Carbondale Council on the Arts and Humanities |
| Child and Migrant Services (Palisade) |
| The Christ Center (Grand Junction) |
| Church of the Nativity (Grand Junction) |
| Colorado Animal Rescue (Carbondale) |
| Colorado Discover Ability (Grand Junction) |
| Colorado Northwestern Community College (Rangely) |
| Colorado Riverfront Foundation (Grand Junction) |
| Colorado West Regional Mental Health (Glenwood Springs) |
| Counseling and Education Center (Grand Junction) |
| Delta Christian Church |
| Delta County Citizens for Animal Welfare and Shelter |
| Delta High School |
| Delta United Methodist Church |
| Desert Edge Therapy (Palisade) |
| Eagle Valley Land Trust (Edwards) |
| Family Visitor Program (Glenwood Springs) |
| Feed My Sheep (New Castle) |
| Fellowship of Christian Cowboys (Delta) |
| First Christian Church (Grand Junction) |
| First United Methodist Church (Grand Junction) |
| Friends of the Rifle Animal Shelter |
| Friends of the Wright Opera House (Ouray) |
| Girls on the Run of the Grand Valley |
| Glenwood Springs High School |
| Grand Junction Imagination Library |
| Grand Junction Symphony |
| Grand Junction Rotary Club Foundation |
| Grand Valley Catholic Outreach |
| Grand Valley Educational Foundation (Parachute) |
| Grand Valley Historical Society (Parachute) |
| Grand Valley Peace and Justice (Grand Junction) |
| Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County |
| Hilltop Community Resources (Grand Junction) |
| Holy Family Catholic School (Grand Junction) |
| Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley |
| Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado |
| Hotchkiss Memorial Hall |
| Human Services Council of Mesa County |
| Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Grand Junction) |
| Inner Journey Community Counseling (Grand Junction) |
| Karis’ The House (Grand Junction) |
| KDKN Community Radio (Carbondale) |
| Kids Voting of Mesa County |
| KSUN Community Radio (Parachute) |
| Latimer House (Grand Junction) |
| League of Women Voters of Mesa County |
| Lift-Up (Rifle) |
| Loma Cat House |
| Marillac Clinic (Grand Junction) |
| Mesa County Business Education Foundation |
| Mesa County Department of Human Services |
| Mesa County Partners |
| Mesa County Public Library Foundation |
| Mesa Developmental Services (Grand Junction) |
| Mesa Land Trust (Grand Junction) |
| Mount of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Vail) |
| Mountain Madrigal Singers (Glenwood Springs) |
| Museum of Western Colorado (Grand Junction) |
| Ouray County Historical Society |
| Palisade High School |
| Parenting Place (Grand Junction) |
| Pregnancy Resource Center (Glenwood Springs) |
| Riding Institute for Disabled Equestrians (RIDE) (Silt) |
| Rifle High School |
| Rio Blanco Department of Social Services |
| Roaring Fork Valley Early Learning Fund (Glenwood Springs) |
| Rocky Mountain PBS-KRMJ |
| Salvation Army (Grand Junction) |
| Sopris Barracudas (Glenwood Springs) |
| St. James Episcopal Church (Meeker) |
| St. Stephen’s Catholic Church (Grand Junction) |
| Surface Creek Community Services (Cedaredge) |
| Surface Creek Valley Historical Society (Cedaredge) |
| Town of Cedaredge |
| The Tree House (Grand Junction) |
| Two Rivers Trails (Glenwood Springs) |
| United Way of Mesa County |
| Vail Mountain School |
| Valley View Hospital Foundation (Glenwood Springs) |
| Veterans Administration Medical Center (Grand Junction) |
| Voyager Youth Program (Ridgway) |
| Winter Assistance Relief Management (WARM) (Rangely) |
| Western Colorado Aids Project |
| Western Colorado Botanical Gardens (Grand Junction) |
| Western Colorado Center for the Arts (Grand Junction) |
| Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation (Grand Junction) |
| Western Slope Center for Children (Grand Junction) |
| WindWalkers Equine Assisted Learning (Carbondale) |
| Wounded Warriors (Glade Park) |
| Youth Foundation (Edwards) |
| YouthZone (Glenwood Springs) |

15 formerly homeless veterans now live in supportive housing at Grand Valley Catholic Outreach’s St. Martin Place.
**Statement of Financial Position (12/31/11)**

**ASSETS**

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**TOTAL ASSETS**

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

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**NET ASSETS**

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**TOTAL NET ASSETS**

$28,377,132

**GROWTH IN TOTAL ASSETS**

- 1998: $0
- 1999: $1,000,000
- 2000: $5,000,000
- 2001: $15,000,000
- 2002: $20,000,000
- 2003: $25,000,000
- 2004: $30,000,000

*This summary Statement of Financial Position is taken from an independent audit for 2011.*

If you would like to receive a copy of the full audit, please contact our office.
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