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Western Colorado Community Foundation
Charitable Funds for Community Good

Peter Bergh and his beloved malamute, Thor.

**Peter Bergh**
(1938-2020)

Long-time Community Foundation donor, Peter Bergh of Edwards, CO, passed away in June of this year.

A landscape architect by training and a transplant to Colorado from Vermont, Peter pursued a number of his long-time interests in the Vail Valley. He volunteered his time and gave countless hours to various land use planning projects: playground landscaping, increasing public access to trails and planting trees. He also enjoyed many outdoor activities in retirement - skiing, hiking, fishing.

Peter was one of our Community Foundation's first donors from Eagle County.

Remembering Ring
Robert Ringstrand
(1923-2020)

Grand Junction resident, Robert ("Ring") Ringstrand passed away recently at the age of 97. Born and raised in Iowa, Ring lived in many different places throughout his career in electrical engineering and telecommunications but spent his final years in western Colorado close to family.

A photo of Ring as a young man exudes...
We appreciate his confidence in our organization in our start up years. His donor-advised fund supports lots of great organizations, including the Eagle Valley Land Trust and the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in Wyoming.

A Place to Recover and Rebuild
New Women's Recovery Center Opens

MindSprings Health celebrated the opening of their new $5 million treatment center that houses two addiction recovery programs, the 90-day residential Women's Recovery Center and the Circle Program.

Relocated from the Regional Center campus, the Clifton facility offers space for individual and group counseling and private bedrooms for up to 36 residents in recovery. The Women's Recovery Center is the only long-term residential treatment program that allows the women in recovery to keep their children with them for the duration of the program.

The new treatment center also provides dedicated space for light and horticulture iconic Colorado. An early love of the outdoors would continue his whole life. Ring loved hiking, camping and boating, especially sailing. He camped often on the Grand Mesa and volunteered at the Colorado National Monument Visitor Center for many years.

A man of deep faith and generous spirit, Ring made provisions for an estate gift in the last year of his life. After consulting with his estate attorney on how best to fulfill his charitable intentions, Ring decided to establish the Ringstrand Family Fund with his three daughters named as donor advisors. Two of Ring’s daughters, Kristine Kampf and Anne Ringstrand, live here in Grand Junction and his daughter Karen Ringstrand visits frequently from Virginia.

Notes Kristine, "We are excited our dad made this gift. We've known about the Community Foundation and all the good work they do for years. It will be rewarding for me and my sisters to provide financial support to projects helping others in our community."

Ring's community interests will be supported for many years to come, thanks to this generous legacy gift.

Grantee Spotlight:
HomewardBound Opens Pathways Family Shelter

The new shelter for homeless families is designed with special features and houses a drop in health clinic.

Pathways Family Shelter celebrated its Grand Opening on July 17th with masks and social
therapy, meditation, yoga, and weight training.

Our Community Foundation is pleased to provide grant funding from several of our donor-advised funds for this capital project.

Youth Outside!
Community Grants Support Partners' Bike Club for Youth and a Dozen Other Projects

The Partners Bike Club for Youth program was one of 13 projects selected for a Community Grant for Youth Outside! Our funding helped Partners' youth and their mentors Get Outside this summer for bike rides, hikes and river trips that include "tailgate sessions with mindfulness, stress reduction, and resilience components."

With most indoor activities restricted this summer, outdoor recreational options became even more critical to give these at-risk youth the opportunity to interact with their mentors and other youth.

Community Grants are funded through donations from many community members and allow our Community Foundation to distancing for dozens of community members, supporters and donors. Tours of the gleaming facility gave the community a glimpse of what's now available for homeless families with children, including two spacious group bedrooms (max of 140 beds) and 12 individual bath and shower rooms.

The shelter has been planned for a number of years to expand shelter beds for women, children and families and alleviate overcrowding at the North Avenue shelter. Soft colors and high ceilings are among the design principles incorporated into the building to reduce stress and promote wellness through building design. A playroom for children and a large commercial kitchen with new energy-efficient appliances and expanded storage round out the special features of the shelter.

The daughter of Community Foundation donor, Ellen Jo Waldeck, was on hand to celebrate the day her mother had imagined ten years ago when she set up the Waldeck Endowment Fund. It was a long-term dream of the donors and the HomewardBound board to offer emergency housing services with more privacy and amenities for families, separate from the main shelter on North Avenue.

The facility includes a the Wellness Center which received a national grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund four full-time positions for a 3-year period. HomewardBound is one of just 18 recipients of this grant funding in the country. In partnership with MarillacHealth and the CMU Nursing Program, the Pathways Family Wellness Center will provide routine preventive care, flu shots, and vaccines, addiction recovery support, chronic disease management, and other health services to residents in the shelter and other homeless individuals.
target unmet needs, seed innovative projects, and help successful projects expand.

To see the full list of 2020 Community Grants, or to donate to efforts like getting Youth Outside! please visit wc-cf.org/community.

Our Community Foundation manages annual grant applications for five Local Community Funds. The online application opened in early August for the **Ouray County Community Fund**, **West Elk Community Fund**, **San Juan County Community Fund**, and the **Two Rivers Unrestricted Endowment Fund (T.R.U.E)**.

This year is the first year for our newest fund, the **Surface Creek Community Fund** serving the communities of Austin, Cedaredge, Cory, Eckert, and Orchard City.

For more information and to apply for grants, visit wc-cf.org/nonprofits/grantmaking

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Local Community Funds Open for Grant Applications

Susan Diaz in the Pathways Family Wellness Center with a photo of her mother, Ellen Jo Waldeck, whose generous estate gift supports HomewardBounds' services for homeless women with children.

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Bill Morris (right), Founder of BlueStar Recyclers, was on hand for the Grand Opening in Carbondale in June.