



WESTERN COLORADO
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission

The mission of the Western Colorado Community Foundation is to:

- Promote charitable giving
- Build and manage charitable legacy funds and endowments
- Provide grants and other resources to benefit the residents and communities of western Colorado

Types of Funds

WCCF offers a number of different types of funds to meet our donors' charitable objectives.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS allow the donor to recommend specific organizations to receive grants each year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS support one or more favorite charitable organizations identified by the donor.

AGENCY FUNDS are established by nonprofit organizations to provide an ongoing income stream to support their mission.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS provide financial support for students.

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS support a broadly defined area such as children, health, or arts and culture.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA FUNDS benefit a specific geographic area or community.

In addition to these donor-directed funds, our Community Foundation accepts unrestricted **COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS** in order to be able to respond to new and changing needs in the community through grantmaking and special initiatives.



2013 HIGHLIGHTS

- **22% GROWTH IN TOTAL ASSETS, FROM \$35.7 MILLION TO \$43.5 MILLION**
- **\$1.9 MILLION INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **\$7.1 MILLION IN NEW DONATIONS**
- **12.5% INVESTMENT RETURN ON ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

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Building for Significant Growth and Community Impact

One word summarizes our year in 2013: **growth**! Our board and staff are excited and gratified to work with so many donors who support our mission and are helping build our “home-grown” western Colorado-based charitable foundation. Our Community Foundation is a general purpose funder and provides grants, scholarships and nonprofit training to strengthen our communities and improve the lives of those who live here.

The appeal of establishing a charitable legacy fund and making a lasting impact continues to draw donors from all seven of the counties we serve. We are also receiving more unrestricted funds. Field-of-interest funds and donations to our Community Grants Fund provide much appreciated discretionary dollars to respond to unmet community needs identified by our organization.

With our 15th anniversary celebrations of 2012 behind us, 2013 turned out to be a year of many important organizational developments and building for the future. Our Community Foundation has been growing steadily in the past five years. We expect continued significant growth in 2014 and beyond.

In response to this exciting growth, we focused on a number of organization-building initiatives in 2013. We have completed the transition to **a new investment strategy**, consolidating multiple investment accounts into a single, well-diversified portfolio and hiring an investment consultant with deep familiarity of community foundations to provide expertise. We adopted **new investment and spending policies** to better serve a charitable foundation of our size and complexity. We added **staff capacity** by creating a new position, Director of Finance and Administration, to provide comprehensive financial management and investment stewardship.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Bacon Family Foundation, we were able to **expand our office space**, adding a conference room and more space for additional employees. The office expansion included **upgrading our computer systems**. Finally, we are planning for **a redesigned website** and building the platform for moving to **on-line scholarship and grant applications**, taking advantage of efficiencies that current technologies provide.

We invite you to read more about our donors, our work and the impact we make together. We invite you to visit our website at wc-cf.org and get involved. It's our community. It's our foundation!



Tom Stuver
Board Chair



Anne Wenzel
President and Executive Director

Investing in organizational developments today positions our Community Foundation for significant growth and impact tomorrow

LEAVE YOUR MARK... *Charitable funds for community good*

OUR DONORS, OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

A Family Tradition of Philanthropy

The Farley family's tradition of philanthropy started back in the 1950s when Grandfather John B. Farley established a private foundation to support math and science programs in the Catholic schools of Pueblo. His son, Tom, focused his philanthropic support on wildlife and environmental issues, getting involved with the re-introduction of moose in Colorado.


Donor-advised funds are an easy and cost-effective way for a family to engage in charitable giving



From Pueblo to Grand Junction, the multi-generation Farley family embraces philanthropy and giving back as a way of life.

"Our family has always been charitably inclined, working on things that interest us as individuals but very committed to helping others and giving back," notes Kathy Farley. When Kathy's husband passed away several years ago, she and her son, Fr. John Farley, pastor of IHM Catholic Church in Grand Junction, decided to commit some of the Farley estate to two donor-advised funds at community foundations to keep the family tradition of philanthropy going.

One fund was established at the Southern Colorado Community Foundation in Pueblo, which Kathy had helped found and served as its first director. Another donor-advised fund has been set up at the Western Colorado Community Foundation. Family members of three generations will be involved in identifying projects and determining grants for years to come. "We love the concept of a Community Foundation – promoting philanthropy and meeting needs in a particular community. We've seen the great work they can do."



The Western Colorado Community Foundation deeply appreciates the many donors and organizations who support us with an operating gift, a donation to a donor-directed fund and/or discretionary funds for grantmaking.

We are grateful to acknowledge 82 individuals and couples who have made provisions for a planned gift as part of their will or estate and who are valued members of our WCCF Legacy Society.

Our donor list is constantly growing. For more information about donors, list of funds and our Legacy Society, please visit our website, wc-cf.org.

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K's Animal Care Fund provides food, shelter and care for pets and small wild animals.

also be made in memory of the donor's mother-in-law to support programs for senior citizens, enabling them to live in their own homes longer. And a scholarship will be made each year in her husband's memory.

Honoring Loves Ones

Many of our donors establish legacy funds in the name of a spouse, child or other loved one. Grants or scholarships are then made each and every year in their name.

This year we worked with a generous woman in Garfield County who established three separate funds to honor three members of her family. Small animals will be fed, housed and cared for with grants made in the name of her daughter who suffers from a chronic illness and finds great comfort from her pets. Grants will

Named legacy funds are a powerful way to support causes that matter most to our donors or the loved ones they wish to honor

Investing in Young People

More and more donors are establishing scholarship funds because they recognize that a college education is a solid investment in a young person's future.

Our first scholarship fund, the **LEW GOODHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**, is celebrating ten years of helping non-traditional students continue their education. Now in its sixth year, our largest scholarship fund, the **GENEVIEVE CLOUGH SCHOLARSHIP**, provides financial incentive and "a chance to succeed" to dozens of young people as they graduate from their public high schools in western Garfield County.

In 2013, four new scholarship funds were established – scholarships for graduates of Plateau Valley High School, scholarships for a student planning to study nursing or engineering, scholarships honoring two sisters from Delta and Montrose, and scholarships for "students with significant potential so they don't fall through the cracks."



A college education provides students tools and knowledge for a career... and hope for a successful future.

A total of 26 scholarship funds managed by our Community Foundation provided over \$440,000 in scholarship funding to 173 students

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Alleviating Child Hunger in our Communities

Child hunger is a huge problem in Western Colorado. In Mesa County, 45% of students in our school district are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. The percentages are even higher in other areas of western Colorado. When a child is hungry, he or she cannot focus and learn in school. If a child gets behind in school, he or she won't learn to read or do basic math, falling behind in developing skills and cognitive abilities. Young brains need healthy and plentiful nourishment. Too many children in our communities go hungry.

Our Community Foundation has identified child hunger as an important issue to address. We provide general operating support to a number of food banks and school-based weekend backpack or tote bag programs. We continually seek to identify gaps in resources and ways to support programs that address child hunger.

Our Community Foundation awarded 11 different grants supporting efforts to address child hunger



The Kids Aid emergency weekend feeding program has grown exponentially and now serves every school in Mesa County – 1,800 children a week. Our grant helped Kids Aid expand its services.

Building Discretionary Funds to Respond to Community Needs

One of our Community Foundation's long-term goals is to increase the amount of discretionary funds available to meet needs in the communities we serve. In 2013 we attracted several large field-of-interest funds (directed by the donor to support a particular cause) and more discretionary funds, enabling us to increase our community impact grants.

One of our largest field-of-interest funds, the **BRUCE DIXSON FUND FOR BASIC NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES**, made grants for the first time in 2013, awarding over \$125,000 in grant support to 19 human service organizations in Western Colorado. New in 2013, the **DOROTHY ROSS FUND** promotes child health and well-being and will begin making grants in 2014.



Discretionary funds directed by our organization grew 14-fold in 2013, from \$12,000 last year to \$165,000 this year

Bruce Dixson supported dozens of human service organizations during his lifetime. His legacy fund continues to make a difference for the most vulnerable.

GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

In 2013, our Community Foundation awarded \$1.5 million in grants – a 36% increase from the previous year. Listed below are all the western Colorado-based organizations receiving funding.

Abraham Connection (Delta)
Advocate Safehouse Project (Glenwood Springs)
Alano of Grand Junction
American Cancer Society (Grand Junction)
American Red Cross/Western CO Chapter (Grand Junction)
Avalon Theatre Foundation (Grand Junction)
Boy Scouts of America/Western CO Council (Grand Junction)
Carbondale Community School
Carbondale Council on the Arts and Humanities
CASA of Mesa County (Grand Junction)
Child and Migrant Services (Palisade)
Colorado Canyons Association (Grand Junction)
Colorado Discover Ability (Grand Junction)
Colorado Mesa University Foundation
Colorado Riverfront Foundation (Grand Junction)
Community Food Bank (Grand Junction)
Counseling and Education Center (Grand Junction)
Delta Christian Church
Delta County Libraries
Delta County Meth Task Force
Delta County School District
Delta United Methodist Church
Desert Edge Therapy (Palisade)
Eagle Valley Land Trust (Edwards)
Families Plus (Delta)
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)
Fruita Monument High School
Girls on the Run of the Grand Valley (Grand Junction)
Glenwood Family Bike Park
Glenwood Springs Arts Council
Glenwood Springs High School
Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey
Grand Junction Imagination Library
Grand Junction Rotary Club Foundation
Grand Junction Symphony
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (Grand Junction)
Grand Valley Educational Foundation (Parachute)
Grand Valley Historical Society (Parachute)
Grand Valley Peace & Justice (Grand Junction)
Grand Valley/Parachute Kiwanis Club Foundation (Battlement Mesa)
Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County
Haven House of Montrose
Hilltop Community Resources (Grand Junction)
Holy Family Catholic School (Grand Junction)
HomewardBound of the Grand Valley (Grand Junction)
HopeWest (Western Colorado)
Houses for Higher Education (Carbondale)
IHM Catholic Church (Grand Junction)
Inner Journey Community Counseling (Grand Junction)
John McConnell Math and Science Center (Grand Junction)
Junior Achievement of the Roaring Fork Valley (Glenwood Springs)
Juniper Ridge Community School (Grand Junction)
KAFFM Community Radio (Grand Junction)
Karis/The House (Grand Junction)
KDNK Community Radio (Carbondale)
Kids Aid (Grand Junction)
Kids Voting of Mesa County
KSUN Community Radio (Parachute)
Latimer House (Grand Junction)

Lift-Up (Rifle)
Loma Cat House
Marillac Clinic (Grand Junction)
Meeker Arts and Cultural Council
Mesa County Business Education Foundation
Mesa County Department of Human Services
Mesa County Partners
Mesa County Partnership for Children & Families
Mesa County Public Library Foundation
Mesa Land Trust (Grand Junction)
Mesa Youth Services Foundation (Grand Junction)
Messiah Choral Society (Grand Junction)
Mi Casa Resource Center for Women (Grand Junction)
Mind Springs Health (Western Colorado)
Mountain Family Health Centers (Glenwood Springs)
Mountain Madrigal Singers (Glenwood Springs)
Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation (Ouray)
Muscular Dystrophy Association (Grand Junction)
National MS Society/Colorado Chapter (Grand Junction)
North Fork Heart & Soul
Olathe Sweet Corn Festival
Ouray County Performing Arts Guild
Ouray Library District
Palisade High School
Plateau Valley Assembly of God Church (Collbran)
Project Hope (Grand Junction)
Reach-Out Colorado (Rifle)
Ridgway Chautauqua Society
Riding Institute for Disabled Equestrians (Silt)
Rifle Animal Shelter
Rifle High School
Rio Blanco BOCES (Rangely)
River Bridge Regional Center (Glenwood Springs)
River Center of New Castle
Riverside Educational Center (Grand Junction)
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (Basalt)
Raising A Reader (Glenwood Springs)
Rocky Mountain PBS (Grand Junction)
Roise-Hurst Humane Society (Grand Junction)
Salvation Army (Grand Junction)
Sopris Barracudas (Glenwood Springs)
St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Glenwood Springs)
St. Stephen's Catholic School (Glenwood Springs)
Steadfast Steeds (Glade Park)
STRIVE (Grand Junction)
Surface Creek Community Services (Cedaredge)
Surface Creek Historical Society (Cedaredge)
Tamarisk Coalition (Grand Junction)
Top of the Pines (Ridgway)
Two Rivers Trails (Glenwood Springs)
Two Rivers Pavilion Project (Glenwood Springs)
United Way of Mesa County
Valley Senior Center (Parachute)
Valley View Hospital Foundation (Glenwood Springs)
Veterans Administration Medical Center (Grand Junction)
Western Colorado AIDS Project (Grand Junction)
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)
Western Slope Food Bank of the Rockies (Palisade)
Youth for Christ Northwestern Colorado (Glenwood Springs)
YouthZone (Glenwood Springs)

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

	2013	2012
Cash	\$ 1,503,252	\$2,129,638
Current unconditional promises to give	---	60,000
Prepaid expenses	1,522	---
Contributions receivable	4,497,929	78,336
Interest receivable	10,032	50,660
Royalties receivable	123,343	230,944
Investments at fair value	32,787,141	26,280,329
Mineral rights	4,597,724	6,921,652
Office equipment	44,131	2,152
Long-term unconditional promise to give	---	11,600
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 43,565,074	\$ 35,765,311

LIABILITIES

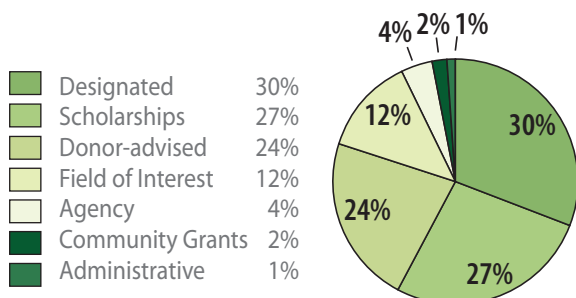
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 84,980	\$ 15,860
Agency funds	1,804,085	1,677,014
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,889,065	\$ 1,692,874

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets	\$ 41,668,075	\$ 33,992,654
Temporary restricted net assets	7,934	79,783
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 41,676,009	\$ 34,072,437

This summary Statement of Financial Position is taken from an independent audit for 2013. If you would like to receive a full copy of the audit, please contact our office.

TOTAL ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA

