

Dreams do come true!

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of the GUNNISON VALLEY

CFGV here for good

FALL 2015 DONOR UPDATE



Rockin' Rita's Book Bus –

“When I wrote the Book Bus grant application for CFGV in 2013, I stated that my highest hope was to be funded in the future by the school district. That has happened because of 2015 Summer Experience funds. Dreams do come true! A million thanks to everyone for supporting CFGV and the amazing nonprofits it supports.”

RITA MERRIGAN



Photo: Matt Burt



DONORS ROCK!

CREATIVE GIVING: one person's IRA rollover feeds a hungry child



Sam was hungry every weekend. His working parents earn enough to pay the rent and warm the house during winter, but they run out of food before payday. Free meals at school help. On the weekends, though, there wasn't enough food for Sam to have three meals a day. Stephanie's IRA rollover changed that. She doesn't need the annual disbursement, and she asked the Foundation how she could put that money to use for local kids. With a menu of options in front of her, Stephanie chose to help Sam, and other kids who need nutritious food on weekends, through a local Food Pantry program. Sam's no longer hungry on Saturdays. Or Sundays. He focuses on homework and playing with friends.

Would you like creative ways to put your IRA rollover to good use? Call us today! (Note: The 2015 IRA rollover is dependent upon Congressional approval for another year.)

Thanks for giving!

People giving together can make a big difference in their own backyard.

“ We are YOUR Foundation. Whether you feel your gift is big or small, you play a part in supporting great things in our community. We thank YOU, and appreciate you playing a part in resourcing the Foundation for good. ” - BOYD PEDERSON



Set your goal: show the world you can do it!

2015 Scholarship Recipients

“ When I’m not cycling or in class, I’ve been looking for ways to get involved in the CU community. And as a member of Engineers Without Borders, I’m so excited to be going on a trip to Nepal in December. ”

JOSH JACOBSON



JOSH JACOBSON
at CU-Boulder - studing mechanical engineering



KATHERINE KETCHAM
at CU-Denver studying nursing

CALVIN SABROWSKI
at OSU studying agriculture



YOURS, MINE, OURS – Prosperity from Gunnison to Gothic

Your commitment to this piece of paradise we call the Gunnison Valley is unwavering. You want it to be the very best it can be. So do we. CFGV has teamed up with other local agencies, individuals, municipalities and the County to hear from YOU! In the last 6 months, you and the broader community outlined concrete values that convey why we live, work and play here. Those values led to a definition of prosperity...and now on to achievable goals! Your commitment to this place is important, and your voice makes a difference. Participate at onevalleyprosperity.com



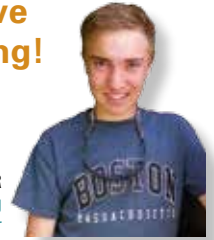
Turn up the HEAT: Access to health and wellness for everyone

Your support helps with many behind-the-scenes projects. A local group of health, wellness and human service professionals are turning three years of discussions into action. The newly-created Health Equity Action Team (HEAT) is creating the first comprehensive guide to local health resources. They will tackle the challenge of making sure that every person in the Valley has access to basic healthcare and wellness services. A great example of the CFGV Civility Project at work!

GUNNISON CAR CLUB TEAMS UP FOR SAFE TEEN DRIVERS - partnership means more local kiddos have hands-on MasterDrive training!



ELLIE PENNEY
2015 Defensive Driving Award Winner



JASON VADER
2015 Defensive Driving Award Winner

“ Almost all of our time was behind the wheel of a car. We learned about threshold braking, skid and slide recovery, new steering techniques and rapid braking followed by sharp turns. Thank you! ”

JASON VADER

Your love flowed – with the Bellamy Brothers

A magical night at the I Bar Ranch



CRAIG, PAM AND CHARLOTTE TAKE A MOMENT TO LAUGH WITH DAVID AND HOWARD - Photo: Anne Hausler



GREGG SMITH
Photo: Gunnison Country Times

EVERYDAY HERO: Gregg Smith - 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award

Students love this year's Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Gregg Smith, for his innovative thinking in the classroom and his exceptional coaching skills. And don't forget his sense of humor!

“ To the world you may be just a teacher but to your students you are a HERO. ”

- UNKNOWN

YOUR DOLLARS MULTIPLY FAR AND WIDE: 2 + 2 = way more than 4

A new support group for teens impacted by cancer. An innovative collaboration between the schools and RMBL. Remote radio broadcast equipment making events, debates and forums accessible to the entire community. Just a few examples of your gifts seeding innovative, locally-focused programs for larger nonprofits and helping the many smaller, nonprofits fulfill their missions. **You make it happen!**



KUDOS TO THE MANY MISSION MOMENTS AT THE 2015 GRANT CELEBRATION

Imaginations Run Wild! You give the gift of reading

“ The CFGV Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a fantastic program. My daughter and I thoroughly enjoyed receiving and reading all the books that were sent. I especially appreciated being exposed to new authors through this great program. Many of the books are among my daughter’s favorites and will be kept in our permanent library for future generations. ”

— SUSAN GELLERT



SUSAN & HANNAH

STEP Into Excellence: Professional guidance at no cost

“ Soon after I started as the new Executive Director for the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, I heard about CFGV’s “consultant bank” of local experts who offer their services to local nonprofits. More than 30 advisors are helping to elevate nonprofit best practices in the Valley. A short application – and voilà! We were paired with retired banker, Jeff Walker, to develop financial policies. This STEP (short for Sustainable, Tough, Efficient, Purposeful) assistance was incredibly valuable to our organization. ”

Thank you! ”

SHELLEY POPKE, CBMHH



Ann Colbert AT RMBL –

“ We are very grateful for financial support from CFGV, and we also value the process of writing a grant proposal to the Foundation. It requires us to clearly identify what we want to achieve and explain the impacts of our efforts. Proposal writing influences our planning process so that we can be more effective at positively contributing to our community. ”

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS AND GAMES OF CHANCE...FOR GOOD!

Giving grants is fun! And grants “with a twist” are a hoot! At the Bellamy Brothers benefit concert, 100 balloons were sold for \$5 each. Hidden notes in six lucky balloons gave six audience members the chance to designate CFGV Grant money to the organizations of their choice. It was such fun that we did it again! All who stopped at the CFGV booth during the Arts Festival were entered in a drawing. Nearly 200 people! Each of the eight randomly chosen lucky winners chose a different local organization for a “random act of kindness” grant from CFGV. These heartfelt awards gave a variety of groups a little boost.

Mission accomplished.



Photo: Lydia Stern

LITTLE BLACK DRESS AFFAIR

Once upon a time, 75 ladies from up and down the Gunnison Valley let loose in their little black dresses. The Red Room dance floor was hoppin’, and surprise entertainment did not disappoint. Keep your ears open – the Little Black Dress Affair

will be a semi-annual event at both ends of the Valley. A great chance for all you gals to celebrate community!



You know that familiar, soothing voice. For over ten years, Nancy Ruehle has been on the other end of the phone and greeting visitors at the Foundation office. She's always ready to answer questions, brainstorm ideas or slip a witty pun into any conversation. Behind the scenes she keeps all CFGV funds in order. At the end of 2015, we will say bon voyage to Nancy as she heads into retirement. Rest assured - Nancy still plans to volunteer for CFGV events and happenings when she's not traveling the world or spending time with her family. Nancy - you're a hidden gem at the Foundation.

We'll miss you!

YOU CAN LIVE FOREVER!

It might be the easiest way to support the Valley you love! CFGV is Here for Good, and the Gunnison Valley is too. Your legacy can live on forever through a bequest in your will or by naming CFGV as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. If all full and part-time residents of Gunnison County left 5% of their estate - just 5% - think of the collective impact that would have. **You can live forever in this place you love.**



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PAM



MARYO

Just a few of our legacy donors!



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SANDY

ROGER

Leave a legacy in the place you love

"CFGV helps me connect my head with my heart." Gail Digate

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