A NEED:
For 38 years, Six Points Evaluation and Training has brought hope and purpose to our community’s developmentally disabled adults through work training, residential support, and a sense of community. Bulging at the seams in their rented facility, it was time to pursue the dream of a home of their own. Six Points bought land and launched a capital campaign, aiming for the $1.63 million mark. They’d reached 36% of their goal when two CFGV Donor Advised Fund holders stepped up to help.

A RESPONSE:
Advisors to The Hemminghaus Family Fund and The William B. Endner Fund offered a challenge gift – challenging other donors to join them and challenging Six Points to raise $2.00 for every one raised by CFGV fund advisors and friends, effectively tripling the original amount of $55,000.

(Visit the Six Points website to see their gracious letter to CFGV – www.sixpointsgunnison.org)

GOOD NEWS!
The challenge has been met! Phase II of the construction project should see the structure fully enclosed before winter!

THE MORAL:
At the heart of this, and all the stories you will read in this newsletter, are caring, sharing people. Community generosity makes the stories come to life. Thanks . . . we’re all “Here for Good.”
Conversations in Rural Colorado
Better together!

Last Spring the Foundation hosted a roomful of private foundations from the Front Range to engage in conversations about nonprofit needs in the Valley. The energy was buzzing!

Happening now: Through a grant from the Colorado Trust, CFGV invited community leaders to join citizens around the State in a series of four live-streaming conversations. The goal is to boost awareness and knowledge about health equity – and to discuss options for increasing access to healthcare in rural areas.

The Foundation’s Civility Initiative (Speak Your Peace) was created for such conversational approaches to facing and solving issues that call for heads and hearts working together. Together, we create a healthier community for all our residents.

Want to live forever?
Create a named fund and be “here for good”

A legacy gift is a promise of endless support to our community by those who have lived and loved in these mountains. YOU can create a fund now or designate a gift through a bequest or life insurance.

This year, if you are 70 1/2 years young, a tax free gift can be made from your IRA – why not let those assets be used in full “for good” rather than having the value diminished by taxes?

Call us at 970-641-8837 or 970-349-5966 or e-mail pam@cfgv.org for more information on leaving a beautiful gift as your legacy.

Nonprofits equal Community

Can you even imagine life without nonprofits? There are over 100 in our little Valley! Nonprofits enlighten us, bringing joy, compassion or support, as well as challenging and connecting us. And CFGV is the sustaining “foundation” behind our nonprofits.

It’s a challenge to stay on mission when the technical aspects of governing, finance and IRS rules can take time away from mission effectiveness. CFGV helps with all of that – and more. Our annual Community Grant Cycle offers tangible financial support, often enabling grants from out of the Valley to follow. And our STEP (Sustainable Tough Efficient Purposeful) program offers year-round consulting – more than 120 hours in the last year donated by nine professionals.

CFGV is YOUR community foundation – and we’re “HERE FOR GOOD.”

Patty Jagger
A Shining Star
CFGV’s 2013 Volunteer of the Year

Nominated by Boomers & Beyond, an energetic group for Seniors, Patty Jagger has been a mighty force for good in the Gunnison Valley for over 30 years. Her enthusiastic leadership and organizational skills combine with countless hours selflessly given to make the Gunnison Valley a more interesting, inspiring, and hospitable home.

Patty directed her $1,000 award to the Building Fund for a Senior Center addition to the Community Center in Gunnison. Thank you, Patty, for years of giving from your heart.

Dental Van Brings Smiles
90 Children served

“Billy,” a young local resident, visited the CU School of Dental Medicine Van (SmileMakers) during its 2-week stay in Gunnison this July for a check-up and teeth cleaning that his family could not otherwise afford. An infection resulting from significant tooth decay was discovered. The infection was successfully treated over the course of several visits, and “Billy” left with a happy smile on his face, headed down the road to better dental health.

A healthy mouth means better performance in school! The William B. Endner Fund of CFGV has been a major supporting partner of Dental Van visits. Heartfelt thanks to the Fund Advisors and friends whose gifts are changing the future for many young people.

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

NELSON HENDERSON
Awakening The Joy Of Reading

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

18-month-old Sage Ruehle finds delight on her mom’s lap while on a journey through the treasure-laden world of books.

CFGV’s Imagination Library offers these treasures to our youngest readers-in-training from birth through their 5th birthday, all for the price of Mom or Dad signing them up. Made possible because you, our donors, believe in the priceless gift of literacy, the program delivers a free book each month to these eager little citizens.

Sage and the “good bunny” at www.cfgv.org/specialprojects/imagination-library

Erin Vokoun Lives The Art of Teaching

Gunnison High School Art Teacher Erin Vokoun has turned her career of teaching into an art form. Selected as the 13th honoree of the annual Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award, Erin imparts more than a knowledge of art and creative expression from her students. She also holds them responsible for their thoughts and actions. Her classes are a course in life and how to live it.

Erin teaches high school because, “I truly love teenagers!” Her advice to new teachers comes in a triad:

“DEEPLY BELIEVE in yourself.... in others and above all in the collective of the two.” - ERIN VOKOUN

“Deeply BELIEVE in yourself. Deeply BELIEVE in others . . . and above all, BELIEVE in the COLLECTIVE of the two.”

Students and staff describe her as caring, fun, amazing, and vibrant. One teacher commented, “Everyone wishes for the golden touch and bit of magic that Erin leaves with each person she encounters.” Congrats, Erin!

Scholarships Boost Students Toward Goals

Donors provide the “launch pad”

“Children are made readers in the laps of their parents.” - EMILIE BUCHWALD

Scholarships are investments in the future. Education ensures a better tomorrow for all.

Safe In Numbers

Two Teen Defensive Driving Scholarships Awarded

Thanks to caring, generous donors, the 11th Annual Defensive Driving Award became two awards in 2013. Taylor Shelafo of Gunnison and Danielle Gillman of Crested Butte submitted winning applications that led them to MasterDrive skills training in Colorado Springs. Taylor reports: “I apply the skills I learned every day as I’m learning to drive.” The award is made to young teens with driver’s permits.

You can learn more about MasterDrive at www.masterdrive.com and more about the award at cfgv.org/scholarships-awards/defensive-driving-scholarship
Donor Dollars At Work
bringing you closer to the lives you change

Scuff-proof shoes!
Turning the ordinary into extraordinary by overcoming life’s obstacles. Six Points clients take achievement and perseverance to the next level.
SIX POINTS EVALUATION & TRAINING

Reaching new heights!
Imagine the determination and zest for life!
ADAPTIVE SPORTS CENTER
Photo: Ellen Thommesen

Books on wheels!
Rockin’ readers like this kiddo “check out” books from a library on wheels during summer months.
SEÑORITA RITA’S ROCKIN’ READING ROUTE
Photo: Laura Anderson for GCT

When I grow up . . .
building community by building trails
CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST
Photo: Katie Onheiber

A moment in time. Preserving and sharing the past . . . for the future.
PIONEER MUSEUM
Photo: Bill LaGrange

Music feeds the soul. World-class performances all summer long.
CRESTED MUSIC MUSIC FESTIVAL
Photo: Brad Hodge

I spy - a dancing machine at 96 years young!
Joe’s “Here for Good” - join him!
2013 DONOR APPRECIATION PARTY
Photo: Steve Ogden

Touch, see, feel. Young scientists explore the world with hands-on field work.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL

Learning from those who went first
PARADISE PLACE VISITS
CRESTED BUTTE MUSEUM

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