Matthew Van Eaton 1984 – 2014

Matthew Van Eaton left this life far too soon. However, he also left an imprint of a remarkable spirit that will live forever in this Valley that captured his heart. A 2007 Western graduate, Matt was a passionate fan of the Gunnison Valley. From early family vacations to return trips after graduation, this was his place. He loved it here and embraced it with gusto.

His untimely death rocked his friends and family, yet they knew it must not be the end. They called the Foundation at 1 p.m. on a Monday, and by 2 p.m., a permanent fund was established in his memory. Before the end of the day, the first contribution arrived via CFGV’s website.

That fund will grow into Matt’s legacy through gifts from family, friends and colleagues and through the Foundation’s investment strategy. The fund in Matt’s name is permanent – “here for good”. Distributions each year will stay right here to protect our Valley’s unique, pristine beauty, and to awaken in local kiddos the joy that Matt felt whenever he was at home in the Gunnison Country.

You sit under the shade of a tree today that someone planted long ago. Plant your “tree” with CFGV, and you can live forever.

Anne Hickman 1933 – 2014

A generous life – a lover of this valley – a devoted friend of the Community Foundation. Anne Hickman was a “professional” giver. Her roots were in Little Rock, Arkansas, and her branches reached far into the mountains of Crested Butte, her much loved second home.

Anne served Arkansas communities for decades on the Boards of the Arkansas Arts Center and the Arkansas Children’s Hospital. She was a long-time CFGV Board member and Advisor and generously supported the Valley through her Donor Advised Fund, a legacy her daughter will perpetuate.

We’re so grateful she was with us, sharing her delightfully witty personality and her passion to give back. She will be greatly missed – yet her love and concern for the good of the Valley will forever live on.
JENNIFER KENNEDY ~
Nurturing Kennedy Kids!
Recipient of the 2014 Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award, Jennifer Kennedy is truly a winner! Jennifer’s advice to new teachers is three-fold: “Make sure you take time each day to teach character education; take time for yourself and keep balance in your life; and enjoy each child for who they are.”
Congrats, and deepest thanks to Jennifer for lighting the way for our youngest scholars!

ROTARY CLUBS living the 4-way test!
The Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Gunnison established new funds in 2014. In partnership with CFGV, the local Rotary Clubs are growing their giving for greater impact both today and tomorrow. Thank YOU, Rotarians, for giving your time, talent and treasure to brighten the future for our youth!

YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE...
Today’s Students, Tomorrow’s Leaders
"After a challenging first year-and-a-half of abstract math, basic physics and chemistry, I’m getting to delve into the real meat of Aerospace Engineering, modeling airflows, studying heat transfer of a body moving through air or space, and other amazing processes. Thanks to the CFGV and the Realtor Scholarship Committee for helping make this stage of my life possible!"
David Bright

DRIVING SKILLS FOR LIFE
Donors make all the difference – and this is a BIG one that can be life-saving.
"I’ve learned to stay calm in bad situations."
Tabitha Lindahl
Lee and Polly Spann started the tradition, and others have caught the good-driving bug. Thanks to individual donors, a scholarship from MasterDrive itself, and a gift from the Gunnison Car Club, three young Gunnison Valley drivers traveled to MasterDrive in Colorado Springs this summer to learn best practices from the professionals. The nuts and bolts of safe driving. Joshua Contreras told us he had “mediocre skills and little confidence” before his training. His Mom reported that his confidence was “remarkably improved” on the return trip over Monarch Pass!

ONE GOAL, ONE PASSION ~
One Great Idea!
What do 2014 high school graduates have in common with 2014 Kindergarteners?
ANSWER: Dreams of "What I Want to Be When I Grow Up!"
In considering their Senior Civics Project, Christopher O’Neill and Matthew Howard created a scholarship fund through CFGV. When 2014’s Kindergarteners become the Seniors of 2026, the One Goal, One Passion Scholarship fund will await! A big hug to Chris, Matt and all of you who are contributing to that fund! cfgv.org/scholarships-awards/onegoalonepassion.

NATIONAL STANDARDS:
CFGV is reconfirmed for 5 more years
Thank you for your trust in us. We take it very seriously.
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YOU FUEL OUR COMMUNITY GRANT CYCLE!

We may not have a genie in a bottle . . . yet magic occurs during the Foundation’s annual grant cycle. In response to Valley nonprofits, you make dreams come true. Your gifts help make the Valley a safer, more vibrant and exciting place to live and play.

Your giving makes it all happen. We provide the structure for the granting process, and YOU provide the resources that make wishes come true. THANK YOU for supplying that magical and most critical ingredient! (See photos on back page.)

STEP TO SUCCESS

CFGV’s STEP program raises the bar for any of the Valley’s 114 nonprofits. STEP is a quick way of saying, “Sustainable, Tough, Efficient, Purposeful” – as it relates to nonprofit operations.

Your support allows us to connect nonprofits with the 16 advisors who bank hours with the Foundation. With this simple system in place, CFGV offers pro-bono advising on a myriad of subjects, including board building, strategic planning, fundraising and just about any other challenge our nonprofits encounter. If our own advisors can’t address a particular topic area, we’ll find someone who can!

A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

A High Country eve at the I Bar Ranch, surrounded by hay meadows, the smell and taste of BBQ and the familiar sounds of The Bellamy Brothers . . . what a feast for the senses!

Adding savor was the notion that it was for the good of the Valley, thanks to the I Bar’s generous hosting.

Everyone at the CFGV Benefit Concert on July 2nd shared their love through sponsorships, purchasing tickets, tables, – and by being there!

FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS

"Books help a child to Dream More, Learn More, Care More, and Be More!"  
Dolly Parton

Your gifts light the future with the spark of literacy!

Partnering with Dolly Parton and her foundation, the adventure of literacy begins. Every child in the Valley between birth and age 5 is eligible for the Imagination Library.

Olivia and Zeke, ages 4 and 2, insist on reading their new books as soon as they arrive. Parents Jacob and Liz are delighted that books create such excitement for their kiddos. So begins their journey of literacy for a lifetime!
Welcome New Board Members, Advisors & Staff

Donor dollars work even harder because 100% of CFGV Board, Advisors and Staff support operation expenses with their own monetary gifts.

. . . and Farewell to long-time friend
Anne Hickman
1933-2014