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update

COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of the GUNNISON VALLEY

CFGV
here for good

FALL 2011

OUR MISSION The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley strengthens and enriches the community through engaged philanthropy, thoughtful grantmaking, strategic education and collaborative leadership.

*"There are many little ways
to enlarge your child's world.
Love of books is the best of all."*

JACQUELINE KENNEDY

Imagination Library Growing with Kids

We're up 50 youngsters this year in our Imagination Library program. We can happily say we serve half of the County's youngest residents – those under 5. Each child receives an age-appropriate book in the mail every month and parents are encouraged to read with their kids. Research tells us that little ones whose parents read with them do better in school and in life. We'd be happy to have you invest in the future of our youngsters – it's investing in your future, too. The \$30 per child per year is a small price for giving our kids a great start in life. Registration forms are available at our libraries and doctors' offices or by calling the office at 970/641-8837. To invest in the kids, you can donate to the Foundation's Early Childhood Literacy Fund online at CFGV.org or call the office or even use the US mail to send a check!



MACKENZIE PEARCY

Mackenzie is three and in preschool! Time does fly. This from her mom: "Thanks again for such a great program. It has been a huge boost for Mackenzie's literacy and love of books and reading. She is so excited when she recognizes letters, shapes, colors, numbers, and concepts in her books that she is learning in preschool. The books are an important building block in her early education. It's interesting, her very favorite books are ones that have been mailed to her as part of the program. We still read some of the "baby" books over and over."

The Foundation took more than five . . .

We took some of our own advice . . . and completed the Foundation's newest Strategic Plan through a wonderfully thorough process facilitated by Leadership Learning System's Gail Digate. Beginning with a Board retreat and with half the board serving on follow-up ad hoc committees, the plan is complete! With the three main goals of Service, Support and Sustainability, the Board has committed to live this plan for the next five years with annual updates and yearly action plans. The plan is available online at CFGV.org/about.php.

CFGV facilitates a community conversation

resulting in recommendations for alternative learning in the RE1J School District

Speak Your Peace – the CFGV’s main community initiative – came of age this year when the RE1J School District asked for our assistance facilitating a community conversation around alternative education. Gail Digate of Leadership Learning Systems and Pam Montgomery, CFGV Executive Director, worked with the Schools and the Community to form an Ad Hoc committee for the purpose of discovering facts, testing assumptions and formulating a comprehensive recommendation. The widely diverse positions held by the members of the committee were set aside for the common interest they all held – the education of alternative learners. We used a research-based process to find that common interest and focus on positive approaches which were presented to the Board of Education in June. The plan is now being implemented in the schools and Andy Hanks, Principal of Gunnison High School, says, “The Community Foundation provided much needed assistance that allowed stakeholders to work through tough conversations and decisions . . . [and] everyone’s hard work and diligence in keeping the best interests of the students in the forefront resulted in a successful outcome for all.”



Gifts with a future

Please meet our latest legacy donors at CFGV. They’ve joined us with two new perspectives.



STEPHANIE JUNEAU

Stephanie Juneau believes that the Foundation is here for all time. Wherever she goes, the Foundation can be seen – in the schools, though the Valley’s art programs – everywhere you look. Daughter Ani was an Imagination Library youngster, attended Stepping Stones and is now in kindergarten. In her work with the RE1J School District, Stephanie sees firsthand the many ways support filters in. “What better way to give back than to put the Foundation in my will,” she said. Thank you, Stephanie, for your vision!

Nancy Ruehle has the wonderful voice you hear when you call the Foundation – well-known and loved in the Valley for her caring nature. She has been on the CFGV staff for seven years, which has solidified her deep belief in the Foundation’s vital role in the Valley. She says, “This community has been indescribably good to us – we want to ‘pay forward’ some of that love and support.” We’re grateful, Nancy.



NANCY RUEHLE

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Let us know what you think about our new logo. Email info@cfgv.org and give us your thoughts.

More than Money ~ We’re here for good.

Since 1997 we’ve been spreading the word that we are one valley, many voices. It is true that last year we made grants in excess of half a million dollars to the community (surprising, isn’t it?) And our assets hover right around \$6,000,000 – astonishing in a community of 15,000.

The Foundation is much more than our grants and monetary assets, though. And it is more in ways that don’t necessarily attract the media – so not as many folks know about these programs as might know about the money.

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley is on a mission . . . join us! Here’s a snapshot of how we operate:

For the Good of the Donor. The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley (CFGV) builds respectful relationships with those who allow us the privilege of stewarding their funds. We strive to make philanthropy easy. Through ethical, transparent fund management, our donors grow their funds. Through flexible policies and responsive staff, we help our donors have the greatest impact on the community with their grants. Our new program, Business Gives 365, will reach out to small businesses with a fun, social-media, hands-on program. Watch for it in January.

For the Good of the Nonprofit. The Community Foundation offers guidance and support to show our trust and belief in Valley nonprofit programs. The CFGV makes grants, stewards agency endowments, offers fiscal sponsorship for fledgling agencies (like Mountain Roots Food Project and the Crested Butte Film Festival), coordinates the Gunnison Valley Nonprofit Association, offers a Board Leadership Development education series, sponsors seminars, and counsels with agency staff and board members as requested.

For the Good of the Community. The Community Foundation offers its Civility Initiative (Speak Your Peace) to help those with differing viewpoints explore common interests rather than opposing positions. The Imagination Library program is offered by the Foundation, as is the Defensive Driving Scholarship and the Dan Tredway Excellence in Teaching Award. And CFGV is one of the sponsors of the Gunnison Valley Leadership Program.

Here for Good! Find us on the web at www.cfgv.org. Or call – we’re very friendly! 970/349-5966 or 970/641-8837.

Live Forever!

You’ll create a legacy in the Valley when you remember CFGV in your will, trust, life insurance policy or retirement plan. Ask your attorney or financial advisor what’s best for you or visit our website for easy bequest language to start a conversation with your family or advisor. www.cfgv.org/legacy

Donor Advised Funds

Your priority is our priority.

A personalized fund at the Community Foundation is the perfect way to give up the hassle of philanthropy and stay actively involved in giving, supporting the organizations and issues that matter most to you. You name the fund and make grant recommendations in the name of the fund or anonymously. We'll even work with you to find the organization doing the work you love.

Our staff is your staff.

Donor Advised Funds (DAF) offer more flexibility than private foundations. We'll even help turn your private foundation into a DAF – and you'll find you have even more leeway about when you decide to grant. Our staff becomes your staff and all your back office work is done by us. No more 990 returns! For new gifts, you have an immediate tax advantage and grants are made at your convenience.

**Our donor
advised
fund
motto:**

**Grant
Replenish
Grow**

Community Commitment

Cliff Clawson

Volunteer of the Year

The 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Cliff Clawson. As stated in the nomination letter from Julie Robinson of Habitat for Humanity, "Cliff sees a need and just jumps in to address it . . . [he] is the first one on the job and the last to leave." Included with Habitat's nomination were two letters of support, one of which said, "it's as if Cliff is a fictional character who does his projects in a quiet and unassuming way." Humble to the core, Cliff is the ideal volunteer – doing his work from a center of love for his community. The award comes with a \$1000 donation to the Volunteer's charitable fund of choice – and Cliff chose the Knights of Columbus Scholarship fund – two lucky young people went off to school this year with a quiet boost from Cliff.



CLIFF CLAWSON

Martha Gentry

Lifetime Achievement Award

Occasionally the Community Foundation Board chooses to present a special award. For only the second time, a Lifetime Achievement Award was made. Martha Gentry was recognized for "living wholeheartedly her passionate concern and belief in a just society; tirelessly giving of her time, energy and understanding to build and brighten community; and sharing a model of involved citizenship and enthusiastic leadership that belies the concept of 'retirement.'" Martha's special skills translate into a noteworthy ability to bring people together around a set of shared values and beliefs and translating them into viable and ongoing organizations.



MARTHA GENTRY

Molly Foster

Defensive Driving Scholarship

Molly Foster, a Gunnison High School student, received the Foundation's 10th Annual Defensive Driving Scholarship. Molly's application told us she would develop confidence which would lead to wiser driving choices. "You may only get one chance to make a right choice," she said. Molly participated in a 2-day driving skills course with MasterDrive in Colorado Springs thanks to designated gifts from anonymous donors to the Foundation.

Through MasterDrive of Colorado Springs, Molly experienced lifesaving skills training in her own vehicle with a professional instructor, learning crash avoidance and precision maneuvering, controlling the vehicle's changing weight dynamics, braking, backing, and skid control and recovery. Molly says "I want to go back!" You can read more about MasterDrive at www.masterdrive.com.



MOLLY FOSTER

Emily Kowal

Excellence in Teaching Award

The prestigious Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award is presented during Gunnison High School Commencement to a full-time teacher selected by an anonymous committee of teachers and administrators using specific criteria set by the Tredway Family, founders of the fund. Emily Kowal, who has taught for 12 years in Gunnison, received the award for being "an innovator involved in classroom, school and district activities that challenge students to stretch." She is flexible, takes on challenges...and stays positive and upbeat while doing so.



EMILY KOWAL

"The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

WILLIAM JAMES

Investment talk with Bob Tesch

Responding with conversation, consideration and caution.

We think that the stock market is modeling itself on the wild swings of fall temperatures in the mountains. Up one day and down the next. We don't "react," we "respond" with conversation, consideration and caution. Our investment manager, Bob Tesch, says, "The Foundation has weathered worse storms than this, and it is our disciplined diversification and rebalancing, and long-term focus that will bring the Foundation accounts through this period successfully." Our strategy is consistent and we are committed to careful observance of our plan. (You can read Bob's bio at: www.dfgv.org/btesch.phb)

Grants in Action

In its Competitive Grants Cycle, The Community Foundation funds projects that work for the greater good of the County in the areas of arts and culture, community development, environment, education, human services, athletics, recreation, historical tradition and preservation and domestic animal welfare protection.



CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE MUSEUM



LITERACY ACTION



CELEBRATE THE BEAT



CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN THEATRE



CRESTED BUTTE MUSIC FESTIVAL



COAL CREEK WATERSHED COALITION



GUNNISON ARTS CENTER



ADAPTIVE SPORTS CENTER



ALPENGLLOW Photo: Nathan Bilow



CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST



TRAILHEAD DISCOVERY MUSEUM
Photo: Alison White Photography



STEPPING STONES



SIX POINTS



PARTNERS



MOUNTAIN ROOTS FOOD PROJECT



Photo: Nathan Bilow

CRESTED BUTTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Enjoy these shots of "grants in action," and visit our website for a complete listing of the 2011 grants. www.cfgv.org/rgrantees.php



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*How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait a single moment
before starting to improve the world.*
ANNE FRANK



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2011

Competitive Grant Awards

Education, Athletics & Recreation & Domestic Animal Welfare

Stepping Stones Preschool Tuition Assistance Program
Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory
Expand Environmental Education Program for Valley Youngsters
Tenderfoot Child and Family Development Center
Expand Experiential Learning Adventures
Crested Butte Community School 3 Enrichment Programs
Crested Butte Nordic Council
Youth Skate Skiing Gear & Biathlon Equipment
Gunnison Community School Artist-in-Residence Program
Trailhead Discovery Museum & Arts Center
Garden to Grocery Living Exhibit
Literacy Action Program
Support for Children's Portion of Family Literacy Program
Paradise Place Preschool
Scholarship Program & New Playground Equipment
Adaptive Sports Center Community Kids Camp/Outdoor Adventure
Activities for Local Youth With Disabilities
Gunnison Animal Welfare League
Kind News subscriptions for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade classrooms in the
County & 101 Ways to be Kind to Animals Posters for all Schools

Human Services and Community Development

Six Points Evaluation and Training General Operating Support
Gunnison – Hinsdale Youth Services (Partners)
General Operating Support
Gunnison County Juvenile Services
Support for the Family Advocacy and Support Team (FAST) and
Gunnison County Substance Abuse and Prevention Project - GCSAPP
Gunnison Area Restorative Practices General Program Support
Living Journeys General Operating Support
Habitat for Humanity General Operating Support
Jubilee House Program Support for Ongoing Victims'
Assistance Programs
Mountain Roots Food Project Farm to School Program
Western's Responsible Alcohol Partnership
Continuing Support for Late-Night Alcohol-Free Activities
Nurturing Parent Program Operating and Program Support
Midwestern Colorado Mental Health Center Equine Therapy Program

Arts and Culture, Historic Preservation and Environment

Artists of the West Elks General Operating Support
Celebrate the Beat 3 Week Dance Residency/Crested Butte
Community School
Crested Butte Center for the Arts
All-Valley Alpenglow Concert – August 1st
Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum
General Operating Support
Crested Butte Mountain Theatre
General Operating Support
Crested Butte Music Festival General Operating Support
Crested Butte Dance Collective Move the Butte
Gunnison Council for the Arts Support Toward Replacing Sound
Equipment and Artist Fees
KBUT General Operating Support
Crested Butte Land Trust Kochevar Project, Phase III
Coal Creek Watershed Coalition
Installation of Best Management Practices