

Fearless Philanthropy



SANDRA AND JOHN COSENTINO

Cosentinos Have Hearts of Gold

More than ten years ago, John and Sandra Cosentino quietly offered CFGV a home. The former KFC building on Tomichi Avenue provided a cozy space to create a community hub. John and Sandra were already Charter Members of CFGV and were recognized with a "Quiet Philanthropist" award in 2012 by the Foundation's Board of Directors. Their kindness allowed CFGV to focus more time and money on programs and outreach. The Foundation moved into a new home on Main Street at the beginning of 2016. We can't say thank you enough to John and Sandra for their generosity – especially the gift of "home" for all those years!



SANDY MARK & FRECKLES

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FALL 2016 DONOR UPDATE

DONORS ROCK!



STORY SPOTLIGHT Gunnison Valley Mentors



Each year, we ask our Community Grant Winners to include an impact story in their report back to us. Enjoy our

STORY SPOTLIGHT.

"Olivia was referred to us for a mentor when she was ten years old. We matched her with Kiersten. Olivia's family experiences generational poverty, has a history of drug/alcohol abuse and incarceration. Olivia's world turned upside down at age thirteen. Kiersten noticed some unusual changes that seemed uncharacteristic of a thirteen-year-old girl.

Olivia was eight months pregnant and didn't know. It was Kiersten who sat by her side as she told her story of sexual abuse to officials. Kiersten supported Olivia and her family through the sentencing of the perpetrator, during labor and delivery, through the adoption process and re-integration into the community. Olivia is now in high school with a tight-knit group of friends and plans to attend college. That's what we do. Gunnison Valley Mentors supports and gives hope to young people who are facing challenging circumstances."

Donors - You make it happen!

GRACEFULLY GIVING BACK Honoring Two Community Heroes

Inspired by Virginia Jones' amazing commitment to community, the CFGV Board of Directors created a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009. Virginia was the very first recipient, and the community lost a great friend upon her death in August of 2016. Listing her many accomplishments and areas of community involvement would take this whole newsletter. We'll keep it simple. Virginia holds a special place in our hearts and will be greatly missed because of her brave determination, never-ending enthusiasm and eagerness to jump in with both feet to make the Gunnison Valley a more vibrant place.



VIRGINIA JONES

Sandy Mark was a tireless volunteer in the community. Past President of CFGV's Board was one of her many roles with various organizations in the Gunnison Valley. Sandy's thoughtful way with words, quick wit and encouragement to all were among her most memorable traits. Not to mention that she was always the best-dressed in the room! Sandy's quiet leadership inspired innovative thinking among her fellow volunteers.

Virginia and Sandy – you're irreplaceable! Thank you for giving back so gracefully.

Gunnison Memorial Scholarship

Since 1968, 170 scholarships awarded...and counting!



TARA MORTELL ANSLEY POTOKER AVERY FORSYTHE

"The fall has been a great start, and I'm really looking forward to continuing my classes next semester. I'm lucky to have come from a high school that prepared me well for the challenges of college. Scholarships like this have allowed me to focus on my studies – thank you." ~ AVERY

Local Kiwanis Club Improving the World...One Student at a Time

Gunnison's Kiwanis Club will live on for many years, thanks to a new scholarship fund at CFGV in their name. Kiwanians worked hard for many years to provide college scholarships through proceeds from their annual Blue Mesa Fishing Tournament. Beginning in 2016, the scholarship fund is administered by CFGV. Big congrats to Colby Archuleta for winning this year's award. Best of luck with new adventures at Colorado State University!



COLBY ARCHULETA

"Your generosity has inspired me to work hard in hopes that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

~ COLBY



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!"

~ THOREAU

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

Stacey Mickelson – 2016 Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award

Her students say she's creative, caring, fun and friendly. Fellow teachers commend her collaborative thinking and humble demeanor. Stacey's advice to new teachers? **"Be patient.**

Stick with it even when it feels hard. You're making a difference in the lives of our community's young people."

~ STACEY MICKELSON



STACEY MICKELSON
PHOTO: GUNNISON COUNTRY TIMES

Safe Driving is No Accident FIVE Students receive scholarships to MasterDrive



ZACH MARSHALL

CALEB LINDAHL

JAMES BIVENS

HOPE FREEMAN

"I learned many important skills; two of the most memorable are emergency braking and how to recover from a skid. Just in time for winter! I feel so much more confident driving now – thank you."

~ JAMES

"I learned to quickly avoid things that may pop up on the road unexpectedly and how to drive in reverse. MasterDrive taught me how to be a safer driver and gave me a lot more confidence."

~ EVERETT



EVERETT FILLMORE

Bump, Bounce, Boogie Asleep at the Wheel rocked the I Bar Ranch

Thank you for the community event of the summer! More than 700 people came out to the I Bar on August 10th to see Ray Benson and “The Wheel” rock the house. What better way to support the community than with a little shuckin’ and jivin’?



ROY BENSON
PHOTO: LOU REIFSCHEIDER

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

One Valley with an Eye on the Future

The One Valley Prosperity Project (OVPP) is more than another plan on the shelf.



Community action teams are moving forward to improve housing, recreation and

tourism, community health and economic resiliency. CFGV recently received funding from the El Pomar

Foundation that will boost the

Community Health committee’s work on a comprehensive community wellness and health guide.

Look for hard copy information cards around town and an electronic version hosted on the Gunnison County Libraries’ website at www.gvwellnessguide.org



Topnotch Nonprofit Institute Draws Regional Crowd

Nonprofits from around the Western Slope gathered in Gunnison on Western’s campus for a full-day of The Topnotch Nonprofit Institute in September. 110 participants. Twelve sessions. Eleven Western Slope communities represented.



PHOTO: ROBERTA MARQUETTE

“What an eye-opener your supportive workshops were for me. I had no idea that Southwest Colorado offered such helpful programs for those of us trying to begin and keep alive our important, community-based 501(c)(3)s attempting to improve the quality of life for the communities we serve.”

~ MICHAEL ESTWANIK, TELLURIDE



A DAY OF LEARNING – WITH SOME FUN SPRINKLED IN!
PHOTO: ROBERTA MARQUETTE

An Attitude of Gratitude

“It is better to give than receive – unless you’re trying to feed needy children and then receiving is mighty fine indeed!”

Thank you for implementing an efficient grant-making process and for telling the story of the Valley’s non-profits to the broader community.”

KATIE DIX,
GUNNISON COUNTRY FOOD PANTRY



Imagination from Birth: A lifetime of reading

“I see many pregnant mamas and new parents at the clinic. I always tell these patients how important reading to their child is for cognitive development, even from a very young age. Signing Koa up for Imagination Library through CFGV was one of the first things we did when he was born!”

~ LAURA VILLANUEVA, MD



Excellence in Every STEP Sustainable Tough Efficient Purposeful

You’ve heard the timeless saying, “Give a man a fish and he’ll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he’ll eat for a lifetime.”

You could say that inspires the Foundation’s work every day. Through the STEP Program, any nonprofit in the Valley can access coaching and teaching on a variety of topics – at NO COST to them! Your support helps us lay the groundwork for best practices, excellence and learning.

Do Good. And good will come to you.



You make it happen! Local programs and projects are elevated with your contributions to Community Grants. 30 local organizations demonstrated excellence and were awarded funds through their 2016 Community Grant Applications. Free music for kids. Enhanced equipment for more accurate avalanche condition forecasting. Expanded science field experiences for school children. Suicide prevention programming. These are just a few examples from groups working to improve life in the Gunnison Valley.

What will you leave behind? You can live forever in this place you love.

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.

Some people inspire themselves. Amazing people inspire others. Thank you to our known legacy donors who have committed to this place in paradise, forever, through the Foundation.



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“ The results of philanthropy are always beyond calculation. ”

MIRIAM BEARD

It takes a village... YOU make the Gunnison Valley go 'round!

You run into your neighbors at the grocery store. You say hi to your kid's teacher out on the trails. How fortunate we are to live in a community that cares. Friends helping friends. Partnerships for the common good. The Community Foundation is inspired every day by new collaborations.



Thank you, Gunnison Cattlemen's Days Royalty for assisting with our summer concert!

PICTURED HERE: 2016 QUEEN HANNAH AND 2017 PRINCESS TAYLOR
PHOTO: LOU REIFSCHEIDER



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Kent Viles and Bryan Wickenhauser deep in a hat-to-hat discussion, dreaming up their next "do good" partnership. Thanks, you two, for the donated guitars and venue that made Asleep at the Wheel such a huge success!

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