

# WE LOVE OUR DONORS



ROSE TOCKE

"Philanthropy is part of my personal financial planning, and I look forward to the day that I can be a "legacy donor." It's rewarding to give, and it makes me happy. Giving back benefits a lot of people and makes them happy too. It's a win-win!"



POLLY & LEE SPANN

"If setting up the Defensive Driving scholarship has saved just one life or helped a young person avoid an accident, it's more than worth it."



ROGER & SANDY DORF

"We have been second home owners in Crested Butte for 20 years. We love the Gunnison Valley. We give to CFGV because it is such an important part of making the valley the wonderful place it is for people to live, work, and play."

"The valley has offered such opportunities personally and as a business. REG's fund at CFGV is a great way to give back. It's painless!"

DODSON HARPER



CFGV helps me connect my head with my heart.

Gail Digate

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of the GUNNISON VALLEY

# CFGV here for good FALL 2014 UPDATE



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

## LIVING FOREVER IN THE VALLEY

### 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.*

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley was born right here, and we're definitely Here for Good. We're here to gather together all those whose love of this place inspires them to call it "Home." Our outlook is perpetual. Let us partner with you to ensure that your legacy is fulfilled, fully embracing your vision and intent.



### 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  
2012 Gunnison Country REALTORS® Scholarship Winner

David Bright



JORDAN WALLIN  
2014 Gunnison Memorial Scholarship Winner



CLIFFORD GIBBENS  
2014 Gunnison Memorial Scholarship Winner

MARA MCLOUGHLIN  
2014 Gunnison Memorial Scholarship Winner



TABITHA LINDAHL

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



ELIZABETH STEPANEK

"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.

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!

"All teens & new drivers should attend Masterdrive!"

Elizabeth Stepanek



JOSHUA CONTRERAS

## 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](http://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.



[cfgv.org](http://cfgv.org)

CHRISTOPHER O'NEILL  
MATTHEW HOWARD





## 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 meadows, the smell and taste of BBQ and the familia of The Bellamy Brothers . . . what a feast for the senses. Adding savor was the notion that it was for the good 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!

Letting the Love Flow -  
Bellamy Brothers  
Style



## Helping the Valley Grow - CFGV Style

"Our family of givers are at home here, and the Foundation is the kitchen table - where we gather to celebrate . . . for meaningful conversations . . . and to serve and nourish the community. We and our legacy are Here For Good."

Boyd Pederson



## SIX POINTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN . . . Round Two - Thanks to You!



Six Points' new home is now close to completion, after more hard work and your remarkable generosity.

Many of you raised the roof with two separate matching challenges, bringing in \$231,000 to hasten moving day - expected in November!

## HEALTHY CONVERSATIONS

Access to healthcare for all is a big concern. Through a series of live-streaming conversations around the State, local community leaders joined to listen and reflect on options for increasing access in our rural area. We're grateful to The Colorado Trust for granting funds to CFGV to support these gatherings. And thankful to our local partners - the League of Women Voters, Department of Health and Human Services, Gunnison Valley Health and WSCU.



## COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS ARE 100 YEARS OLD!

1914. One hundred years ago. The world's first community foundation was established in Cleveland, Ohio. That model opened the way to a new kind of generosity.

The average person could now pool their gifts with others to make a huge difference in their own community.

In 2014, CFGV is one of more than 700 community foundations in the USA. You make it happen because community foundations are "of the people, by the people and for the people."

## 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!



# Your Gifts in Action

windows to the difference you make.



WESTERN SLOPE  
CONSERVATION CENTER



GUNNISON MENTORS



MOUNTAIN ROOTS  
Photo: John Gioia



WSCU STUDENT  
AWARENESS TRAINING



FOOD PANTRY SENIORS' DAY



CSU EXTENSION JUNIOR MASTER  
GARDENER



SIX POINTS



CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
Photo: Nathan Bilow



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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



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