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**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of the GUNNISON VALLEY



FALL 2012

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here for good

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

Our Quiet Philanthropists

Philanthropy is as natural to John and Sandra Cosentino as breathing fresh mountain air. The Cosentinos were honored by the Community Foundation this summer with the "Quiet Philanthropist" award, which pretty well sums up the way they go about living and giving.

The Cosentinos were Charter Members of the early Gunnison Area Foundation. They've provided the now merged Community Foundation the home that much of the community remembers as "the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building" since 2004.

The couple seems to have formed a habit of giving, which has sped the Foundation on its path to living its mission in the valley. Not only gifts to the Foundation; gifts through the Foundation as well. To the parks, to the schools, the hospital and so many more. Outside the Foundation, others can share similar stories. Rotary (John is a multiple Paul Harris fellow), St. Peters, the CB Land Trust, Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy, the schools.

Asked why they give, Sandra replies, "Because we care." John's response: "It's just the way we are." Sandra adds, "If you care about something, you want the best for it. Gunnison is our home, and we're so proud of this community." John sums up their quiet approach: "Anonymity has always been fine with us . . . the main thing is to be able to help if we see a need. It's satisfying enough to know we did it."

We honor John and Sandra Cosentino for their friendship and for their approach to "giving back." We know that our Valley is a better place because they're at home here. And we thank them for coming clean and letting us tell others how one couple has made a big difference to the work of the Foundation.



**"Giving
because
we care."**



Miss the sweet truck?

She'll be back next summer with a load of grandkids! (Many thanks to Robert, Mary, Ronny and Carolyn!)

Look what our donors do!

(And our Board and Advisors too!)

Donors have the back of every nonprofit around the world. That's certainly true at the Community Foundation. The work we are able to do – grants, awards, education – is because caring donors make it possible. Every program, every grant, every bit of advice given happens only because a donor funds the activity! What a pleasure it is to say that 100% of our Board members, Advisors and Staff fund the basic “back-office” operation of the Foundation so that every undesignated dollar given by our donors goes right to work in the community. A huge salute and lots of love to our Donors!

Donor Spotlight:

Ted and Sharon Troy

Love Affair with the Valley



TED AND SHARON TROY

Once upon a time, many, many years ago, Ted and Sharon Troy visited the magical town of Crested Butte. Sitting at the Eldo on a September day, enjoying a beer with a bowl of chili . . . it started to snow and that did it! The beauty pulled them in and the Troys began their love affair with the valley.

Now going on almost 40 years in the Valley, they love to share the wonder and the magic with their children and grandchildren. Longevity and consistency spills over into support for nonprofits in the valley through the Foundation. The Troys are consistent year-after-year supporters. Ted says, “I don’t have time to research every nonprofit. I trust the Foundation to be sure their grants do the most good.” (We love that sentiment, Ted.)

Ted and Sharon like their giving to be based on the value of the work the nonprofits accomplish – on their impact. And they like to spread their giving across a broad range of interests . . . just like the Foundation Community Grant cycle does.

Pam Montgomery, CFGV’s Executive Director says, “Ted and Sharon are a true delight. Not only are they great donors, they’re wonderful hosts as well! We’re grateful to Bob Simmons, former board member of the Crested Butte Community Foundation, who brought the Troys to us. Thanks, Bob – we miss you!”

Meet our newest legacy donor

– our Board President!

Noelle Hagan - living her legacy as well as leaving it.



Celebrate!

Transitions . . . A Matter of Timing

The Foundation loved having the Hospice and Palliative Care funds with us for so many years as they began to grow their endowments. We’re delighted they are now at home with the Gunnison Valley Health Foundation – so closely aligned with their mission. Cheers to you all!

Mountain Roots Food Project brought three fledgling programs together to become the robust organization they are today focused on food sustainability in the Valley. We were honored to be their fiscal sponsor as they honed their programs and sought 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Find them at www.mountainrootsfoodproject.org. A toast (organic, of course) to all!

Under the guidance (and sheltered by the wings) of the Community Foundation, fledgling nonprofits flourish as they seek federal nonprofit status. The Foundation offers administrative and consulting services to help young organizations find their way to flying off on their own.

Inspiration . . . our nonprofits ROCK!

If you seek inspiration, look no further than our nonprofits. They give our valley character, provide services not available through the private sector or government and each speaks to the passion of their boards and staff.

For a link to the nonprofits that received funding through the 2012 Community Grant Cycle, visit www.cfgv.org/grantees.

STEP . . . this one’s a huge winner!! Easy And Effective

Your Community Foundation announces the Sustainable, Tough, Efficient, Purposeful nonprofits program (STEP). Eleven consultants banked more than 300 hours with the Foundation for pro bono work with valley nonprofits. From basic to complex, topics stretch from how to navigate QuickBooks to Leadership Training for Executive Directors. Since mid July, we’ve matched 5 consultants with 8 nonprofits on topics ranging from capital campaigns to board development. Signing up is a simple two minute application; the product is priceless. Check it out at www.cfgv.org/nonprofits/step-program.

Social Media? watch for it . . .

The younger generation is changing the way we communicate and participate in community! Thanks to Rob Strickland and students Stephanie, Ramon and Tayler from Western’s 2012 Social Media class! They’ve given us a spot-on plan. Now we need a volunteer to help us implement it. Who wants to help with tweeting, blogging and creating a vibrant Facebook presence? Call us at 970-641-8837 or 349-5966 – we need you!

Welcome
New Board
Members
& Advisors



Tina Brudzinski
BOARD MEMBER



Gail Digate
ADVISOR



Roger Dorr
BOARD MEMB

What is R3G? Knowing the World and the People Around Us!

Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory asked the Foundation to be the neutral convener for a series of focused conversations with folks who have a stake in the use and management of public lands in the East River Valley. Stakeholders represent Ranching, Recreation, Research and Government – hence the acronym R3G.

R3G fits with the purpose of the Foundation's Civility Project – to create a sense of "place" among folks with different views while providing ways to build common points of agreement and shared interests.

By the time this newsletter goes to press, individual conversations about effective community among stakeholders, common interests and (and more) will be complete and the results tabulated. By the time you read this, representatives of the stakeholder groups will have gathered in a meeting facilitated by the Foundation to explore those common interests, individual and collective concerns, and expectations for the future. Watch our website for an update of results. (Do sign up for the CFGV periodic digital updates at www.CFGV.org.)



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

They come, they grow and they read!



MACKENZIE PEARCY

half the area's preschool youngsters to receive their very own book each month by mail.

As we were composing this newsletter, we received an email from Mackenzie's mom, Alysia – and here's part of what she said, "Kenzie thinks of Dolly Parton as kind of an aunt or a close family friend since she sees her picture on her books and occasionally on TV . . . Last night, she asked when Dolly was going to come over so she could tell her thank you and play with her." Is that cute or what? Of course, we'll pass the message along to Dolly ☺.

Sage Ruehle is one of newest little readers. She will be our Imagination Library girl for the next few years . . . so meet Sage!

Mackenzie Pearcy has been one of our Imagination Library kids since the beginning . . . and now she's going to turn five and "graduate!" You've watched her grow and love her books over the years through the photos in our newsletters and our annual reports. Our many wonderful donors have made it possible for almost



SAGE & LYNDSEY RUEHLE

Community Commitment

Volunteers of the Year

Can anyone even imagine nonprofits without volunteers?



BALIE AND BEVERLY GRIFFITH

The 2012 Volunteer of the Year award honors a husband-wife team for their tireless energy in supporting the Valley they love to come home to. Beverly and Balie Griffith split their time between Austin, Texas, and Crested Butte.

Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, Union Congregational Church, and the Trust for Public Lands joined

together to nominate the Griffiths to show appreciation for the couple's generous involvement.

Excellence in Teaching Award

Acknowledged by her peers

What better way to touch and shape the future than to teach? And what better way to honor this essential profession than to give an award to one of its exceptional members each year? The prestigious Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award does just that! This year's award was presented to Dr. Marta J. (Jody) Coleman, Gunnison High School English teacher. One of Jody's students remarked, "Dr. Coleman is an amazing woman! I have learned so much and am obsessed with her class!"



JODY COLEMAN

A former student added, "She is hugely dedicated to teaching, always available, puts in enormous hours and cares deeply about her students."

Defensive Driving Scholarship . . . keeping them safe

Our children are

our most precious resource



TAILA OULTON

Gunnison High School student Taila Oulton spent two days in the driver's seat learning safe techniques with the pros. At the MasterDrive facility in Colorado Springs, she performed some attention-getting maneuvers with cone driving at speed and practiced skid recovery in person (her favorite!)

Concerned donors to the Foundation award this scholarship yearly, knowing the importance of serious, learned skills to the safety of young drivers and those who share the road with them. You can learn more about MasterDrive at www.masterdrive.com



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GUNNISON SKATEPARK



MOUNTAIN ROOTS FOOD PROJECT



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY



BOOMERS AND BEYOND

An extraordinary gift SO SAYS THE NEXT GENERATION

Giving back comes naturally to Cat Hausler – she learned it from her parents and grandparents.

Soon to be the Foundation's first second-generation advisor, Cat says she's excited to begin taking part in the process of making recommendations for her family's donor advised fund.

Back in Wisconsin, her grandmother, Nonnie, was instrumental in the development of the South Wood County Community Foundation. Here in the Gunnison Valley, her folks did the same for CFGV.

Right now, just out of college, Cat thinks that education for kids in the valley is her main priority. She knows that her ideas may change over time and that the donor advised fund offers that flexibility.



CAT HAUSLER



ANNE HAUSLER

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Mom, Anne Hausler, hip parent that she is, echoed Cat's sentiments with "It's way cool to have her involved!" (We think so, too, Anne – welcome aboard, Cat!)



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MAYA ANGELOU

*I have found that among its other benefits,
giving liberates the soul of the giver.*

5 OUR MOST TREASURED ASSETS ARE THE INTENTIONS OF OUR DONORS Foundation Facts:

- Our most treasured assets are the intentions of our donors – our job is to be sure that the gifts you give are stewarded first for intent and then for impact
- We're "Here For Good," stewarding \$6 million in assets to ensure nonprofit futures in the Valley
- Almost half the kiddos in the County are enrolled in the Imagination Library
- In the past five years, the CFGV has offered counsel to more than 100 nonprofit and community groups on 30 topics either directly or through the conferences and seminars we offer
- CFGV's Board and Advisors provide the funds for back office operations

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