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CFGV

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of the GUNNISON VALLEY

FALL 2010

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

CFGV a National and Statewide Resource

CFGV has been asked to participate in the development of a guide for community foundations interested in considering new structures and relationships. The publication will help foundations navigate a path to success for those pursuing creative affiliations, shared services, or mergers. Thanks go to the Boards of the two organizations that were willing to participate in the unique process we use in our leadership training resulting in the 2007 merger of two foundations into the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley. The country recognizes your vision and process. Just as we were honored to contribute to the restructure of the Colorado Common Grant Report, we are pleased to participate in the creation of this new manual being developed by the Community Foundations Leadership Team and the Council on Foundations.

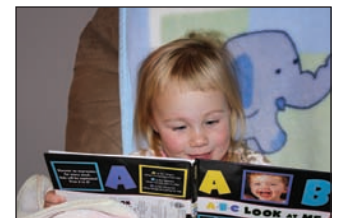
Imagination Library Raising Young Readers

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

EMILIE BUCHWALD

As we write, exactly 300 youngsters are enrolled in our chapter of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program. The numbers hold steady as youngsters "graduate" when they turn five and others are born to take their place. Each child in the program receives an age-appropriate book each month and parents are encouraged to read with their kids. It is a proven fact that children whose parents read with them do better in school *and* in life. The \$30 per child per year that the program costs is a small price for the positive return on the future of our kids. We'd welcome your investment in the future, too – please call if you'd like to help build the Early Childhood Literacy Fund or to register your child. 970-641-8837.

MacKenzie has grown – and so has her love of books. This year she can pick out letters when she reads with her folks before bed each night!



MACKENZIE PEARCY

Donor Advised Funds

Your priority is our priority.

A Donor Advised Fund takes just minutes to establish and enables you to remain actively involved in your giving. You name the fund and then make grant recommendations in the name of the fund (or anonymously) to qualified charities you care about. We'll even work with you to find the organization doing the work you love.

Our staff is your staff.

Donor Advised Funds are a popular alternative to private foundations because they offer more flexibility and greater tax advantages. Our staff becomes your staff - we do all the back office work.

No more 990 tax returns for you! Your gift has an immediate tax advantage and grants are made at your convenience.

CFGV has \$3,533,610 in 24 donor advised funds and we steward the assets with great care.

Investment talk

Directly from the pen of our investment manager, Bob Tesch: "For the 12-month period ending September 30, the Foundation's Endowment Fund was up 6.18%, compared to 4.91% for the S&P 500. The Investment Committee has been able to participate in up-market growth and protect assets during down-market cycles through strict attention to asset allocation and re-balancing." Thanks for your attention and careful analysis at our monthly investment meetings, Bob. (You can read Bob's bio at: <http://www.cfgv.org/btesch.php>.)

Gifts with a Future

Three CFGV Board members have added the Foundation to their estate plans – for three different reasons and in three different ways. They have each given us permission for you to know the following:



GARY HAUSLER is establishing an Acorn Fund. Gary is a big proponent of funds begun and set aside for a period of time, growing, growing, growing and becoming active way out in the future.



MARYO EWELL is splitting her estate, after specific gifts to family, among three nonprofits she believes bring great value to the community. Maryo says she is the poster girl for giving well from a modest place in life.



BILL LAGRANGE loves the Valley and wants to be a part of life here forever. His gift is known but the method is undisclosed to us. And we're not in a hurry to find out!

You, too, can make a gift from your estate. Just ask your attorney or financial advisor how it is best for you to live on in the Valley forever . . . or call us for ideas. 970-641-8837

"Thank you and blessings."

That was the message on the Foundation answering machine one Monday morning.



VISITATION HOSPITAL

Help for Haiti

When the Foundation responded to our community's desire to help after the catastrophic realities of the earthquake in Haiti, we set up two funds. One was for immediate needs in the days following the disaster and a second was for long-term rebuilding and refocusing of efforts to create intentional progress out of chaos.

The immediate needs funding was sent for medical supplies necessary in treating the badly wounded in the first days following the earthquake. The money for the long-term infrastructure needs trickled in over time and was sent at the end of the summer. The message on the answering machine was a thank you to the citizens of Gunnison County. Visitation Hospital, the recipient of both grants, is now doing out-patient surgery at their facility – a direct outcome of the concern shown by people from around the world.

In all, almost \$8500 was stewarded by the Foundation for Haiti. As we said in the letter that accompanied the second grant, "Distance can be a small factor when neighbors reach out to neighbors in need. We are privileged to be the bridge between our community and the Haitian community as the recovery process continues." Thanks to all the donors who looked beyond home to offer a hand to those in need.

"You are so welcome!"

In line with providing strategic education, the Foundation met with valley nonprofit Board Presidents in the spring of 2010 to explore their leadership needs. What they told us became the basis for a Board Leadership Development Series of seminars – which began last May and will continue through January of 2011. Hungry for information about effective strategies in building competent boards, recruiting and orienting new board members and renewing commitment of veteran members – participants are learning frameworks for best practices.

Interspersed with three weekday focused conversations between Board Presidents and their Executive Directors, the Saturday sessions have been well received, with one participant commenting, "Many times, being able to clarify, simplify, and organize the question provides the avenue for the answer. Thank you!" We say, "You're Welcome!"

Welcome New Board Members



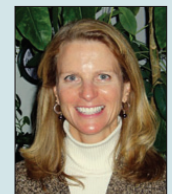
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Community Commitment

Jeff Walker

Volunteer of the Year

The 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Jeff Walker, Vice President and Loan Officer, Community Banks of Colorado – Gunnison, at the Grants Award Ceremony in July. Tina McGuinness, Executive Director of Partners, who nominated Jeff said, “Jeff is one of those very special and active citizens who dedicate themselves to making a positive difference in our world.” He was commended for guiding the organization toward sustainability, building relationships and leading with purpose – “with his heart, passion and compassion.” Part of the honor of being Volunteer of the Year is being able to recommend a \$1000 grant to the nonprofit of choice. Not surprisingly, Jeff chose Partners!



JEFF WALKER

Gail Digate

Illustrious Service to the Foundation

By acclamation, the CFGV Board created an award to be presented to Gail Digate, President, Leadership Learning Systems. Gail’s involvement with the Foundation began when she volunteered to help create the curriculum for the first sessions of the Civility Initiative. She is an integral part of the many programs that have their roots in the Initiative including the Board Development Series currently being offered by the Foundation. Her work with WSC, REIJ Schools, the Women’s Leadership Group, Gunnison Valley Leadership Program and her consultation with many community nonprofits further the work of the Civility program. Pam Montgomery, Executive Director of the CFGV, presented the award for Gail’s “unquenchable belief in civil dialogue as a way of being in community, her passionate vision of a valley of engaged, enlightened and informed citizens, her keen enthusiasm for helping others live beyond their expectations and into their possibilities and for hundreds upon hundreds of hours of expertise generously shared.”



GAIL DIGATE

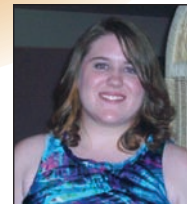
*To accomplish great things,
we must not only act, but also dream;
not only plan, but also believe.*

ANATOLE FRANCE

Jessica Steele

Defensive Driving Scholarship

Jessica Steele, a Gunnison High School student, received the CFGV’s 9th Annual Defensive Driving Scholarship. Jessica’s application told us she would tell her friends about her experiences, that “there would be one more safe teenage driver in the community,” and that responsible driving includes being aware of other drivers and pedestrians and being courteous. Good thinking, Jessica! Jessica participated in a 2-day driving skills course with MasterDrive in Colorado Springs thanks to gifts from anonymous donors to the Foundation.



JESSICA STEELE

Bob Howard

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, initiators of the award. Bob Howard, who has taught for 20 years in Gunnison, received the 10th annual award in part for “extraordinary creativity in modifying classroom material to meet each student’s needs . . . and using technology to invigorate the content area.” When asked how he felt about being chosen by his peers for the award, Bob said. “It is very humbling - Dan Tredway was the consummate professional. And I’m honored to be associated with the others who have won the award over the years.”



BOB HOWARD

Bob’s advice to new teachers came in a triad, “get involved, try new things and keep learning – there’s always more to know!”

The Foundation takes five . . .

Using the best practices we offer in educational opportunities to Valley nonprofits, the Foundation Board revised its mission statement and looked at what next steps we must take to be the best we can be. At an energizing strategic retreat, the Board began creating a “living document” strategic plan with consultant Gail Digate of Leadership Learning Systems. Watch over the next year as the CFGV becomes more visible to the community as a whole, communicates more often in new and exciting ways with donors, both seasoned and new, and refines the ways in which we support our nonprofits.

Our newly polished mission statement encapsulates our work succinctly:

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CFGV Facts

Donor intent - *our most treasured asset*

Monetary assets: \$5,413,848

2009 grants: \$544,000

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Competitive Grants Nourish Valley's Nonprofits

- Local poets' and photographers' work published in the 9th Annual Gunnison Valley Journal
- Restrooms at the County Fairgrounds being designed for solar heating
- Paradise Place, Stepping Stones and Tenderfoot preschools all received scholarship dollars
- The Soo Bahk Do character program implemented for all students at the Valley School
- Our youngest citizens learn science with 2 new exhibits at the Trailhead Museum – a Bernoulli Blower and a rocket launcher
- Yummy food is encouraging students to attend alcohol-free parties on the WSC campus
- Enormous utility bills at the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum's historic building are offset by CFGV \$\$

Click on "Nonprofits" and then "Grantees" at www.cfgv.org to see ALL the nonprofit competitive grant awards.



GUNNISON VALLEY JOURNAL



CRESTED BUTTE MUSIC FESTIVAL



18 MILE RADIUS AT CFGV COMMUNITY PARTY

From a valley nonprofit . . .
"Thank you for your faith in us this year."



CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST



CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN THEATRE



SIX POINTS



STEPPING STONES



ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY



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