

# A HELPING HAND FOR COLORADO COMMUNITIES AND ITS PEOPLE



**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD**

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**Credit Union of Colorado  
Foundation**

The past twelve months represented a high point for the Foundation in our mission to support education and emergency human services— we reached nearly \$200,000 in grants and donations in one year: \$198,744 in total grants!

We greet this milestone with pride, and gratitude to the 11,866 members whose donations help make it possible. Last year, Foundation supporters enabled us to make grants to 65 non-profit organizations all across Colorado and \$50,000 in scholarships to 10 deserving students. We also were able to come to the aid of 278 individuals in their time of great need with C-SEAP grants.

We believe strongly that Colorado is full of good people and good organizations helping make our state even greater. When we are able to lend a helping hand to those organizations that truly make a difference in our communities, we know our volunteers and donors will see their communities thrive!

### **A few financial highlights from the past year:**

- **\$47,944 in C-SEAP grants to 278 individuals**
- **65 non-profit organizations received grants—an 18% increase over last year**
- **\$150,800 in general grants to 65 organizations and 10 scholarship students**
- **\$198,774 in total giving**

## **A HELPING HAND TO THOSE ALREADY MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

From hundreds of grant applications each year, we have the honor of selecting the organizations that really do bring about positive change and make an impact in our Colorado towns and cities. They are on the ground, doing the hard work and we are proud to provide funds that help them continue and expand. Here is a sampling of the organizations to which we granted funds this year:



### **We Don't Waste**

Denver Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Large Nonprofit of the Year, We Don't Waste helps feed Coloradans and protect the environment by reclaiming and redistributing quality food to those in need. Whether it comes from restaurants, food distributors, sports venues, caterers, or schools—We Don't Waste has recovered over 100 million servings of food and diverted 25 million pounds of food from going to landfills since 2009. This has conserved over 630 million gallons of water that would have been used to grow food that is thrown away!

### **Second Wind Fund**

Youth suicide is one of the most tragic things to hit any community. That's why Second Wind Fund was created. They serve 23 counties in Colorado and work to decrease the incidence of suicide in children and youth by removing the financial and social barriers to treatment. They also go above and beyond to find therapists who match the particular needs of any child or family, reaching hundreds of kids each year with crucial support in their greatest time of need.



### **Free Our Girls**

Imagine believing you have no realistic choice but to sell your body in order to earn desperately needed money. Free Our Girls designs and implements survivor- and trauma- informed economic empowerment opportunities for women in their journeys to freedom from commercial sexual exploitation and domestic sex trafficking. Last year alone, Free Our Girls sent more than 600 care packages to more than 54 at-risk or actively trafficked women in Colorado, the US and Canada, including tangible steps for safety and exit.

### **Kids in Need of Dentistry**

Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND) is a non-profit organization that serves children across the state of Colorado with low-cost, high quality dental treatment and education. Thanks in part to the Foundation's support, more than 9,776 kids and their families received quality dental care in 2018, representing \$1,000,000 worth of dental care to Colorado children in need.

### **Colorado Uplift**

The mission of Colorado Uplift is to build long-term, life-changing relationships with urban youth to create the next generation of urban leaders and productive community members. Their programs work to keep kids in school earning their diploma, and out of dangerous and criminal situations, by creating new possibilities and empowering our students to overcome obstacles. Their impact is tremendous— 86% of Uplift graduates are now enrolled in college, military or trade school.

## **EDUCATION IS THE HELPING HAND THAT KEEPS ON HELPING**



Education has been a focus of the Foundation's mission from the beginning. We know today that higher education is more important than ever in expanding opportunities for Coloradans. In addition to the ten scholarships awarded each year to deserving undergrad students through our Foundation, we also support community college foundations around the state with scholarship support for students in their communities.

# YOUR HANDS ARE NEEDED TOO!

Nearly 20,000 people contribute to the Foundation. These forward-thinking and generous individuals make it possible for us to reach so many with the helping hand of grants and scholarships.

Please join us! Make a one-time donation or set up a monthly giving amount from your checking account. Simply go online to sign up and learn more at:

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

Thank you. By joining us to help the Credit Union of Colorado Foundation, you give Colorado and its communities the extra helping hand they need to shine.

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