



Always Here for Colorado Communities

Annual Meeting of the Board

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The work of the Foundation made important impacts in 2019-2020, despite the nationwide economic, health and social upheaval that affected everyone. It took forward thinking, hard work on the part of individuals, and the collective support of our members.

In a snapshot, here are the high points:

- 6,275 members joined the Foundation since July 1, 2019
- \$47,330 in C-SEAP grants to 242 individuals
- \$205,650 in general grants to 89 non-profit organizations and 11 scholarships
- \$252,980 in total grants made between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020



A Year With Challenges to All

Without a doubt, many non-profits faced the hardest time of their history over the last several months. But with the help of the Foundation, they could continue their important work. Here's a snapshot of a few of the organizations we supported over the last 12 months:

Art From Ashes artfromashes.org

Art from Ashes (AfA) encourages creative empowerment through artistic expression for struggling youth ages 9 to 24. For more than 16 years, AfA's art programs have encouraged marginalized youth to tell their stories and find creative empowerment through poetry and spoken word in their award-winning Phoenix Rising program. All of AfA's programs provide a safe, non-judgmental space with caring adults and community artists for kids to share their dreams, hopes, fears and pain, as well as the opportunity to connect with their community, and transform their stories from trauma to self-empowerment.



A Little Help alittlehelp.org

A Little Help creates programs that enable our elders to remain an integral part of their communities, to live in the homes they have come to love, and to maintain the network of friends and neighbors they have developed over the years. They do this by connecting neighbors to volunteer their time and expertise in support of the mission of the organization. A Little Help can also partner with long-term care facilities to create realistic short- and long-term care plans for our members.

Canine Partners of the Rockies caninepartnersoftherockies.org

For 17 years, Canine Partners of the Rockies have helped enable Coloradans with disabilities to lead more independent and gratifying lives through training and partnering them with highly skilled service dogs. Simple tasks like opening doors and drawers, picking up dropped objects, doing the laundry – even going outside for a bit of fresh air or to get the newspaper – represent challenges that can often seem insurmountable. With a Canine Partner of the Rockies dog, those tasks are made simpler with a furry best friend.

Youth Entity youthentity.org

Youth Entity was created in 2006 to address national needs: helping kids find their unique talents while gaining the self-confidence, knowledge and skills necessary for a successful future. Their programs today include career development and financial literacy programs to help kids explore and learn concepts critical to real-world success.

Mt. Carmel Veterans Center veteranscenter.org

No one can imagine the hardship of coming home after serving in our military except someone who has been there. That's why the Mt. Carmel Veterans Center was created. Based in Colorado Springs, they provide transition and employment assistance, behavioral health and wellness, supportive services, connection to community resources, and safe event space for veterans, military members and their families. Their non-profit has directly impacted more than 6,426 unique clients in the Pikes Peak region through more than 36,567 client visits since 2016.

Education Helps Overcome Obstacles

From its very beginning, education has been a focus of the Foundation's work. We want every Coloradan to be able to make the most of their potential and education is key. We're happy to report we were able to contribute a total of \$55,000 to 11 students from across Colorado. Each student received a \$5,000 scholarship for the 2020-21 school year.

Our scholarships are for Colorado residents enrolled in, or scheduled to enter, an accredited college or university as an undergrad. Each scholar must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade-point average in high school or during the previous 12 months as a college undergraduate. They also had to demonstrate active involvement in their community since we believe a spirit of giving back is essential for anyone's true success.



Get Involved to Help Colorado Communities

More than 50,000 Credit Union of Colorado members help us do our work and make these grants possible.

You can too! Make a one-time donation or set up a monthly giving amount from your Credit Union of Colorado checking account. Simply go online to sign up and learn more at: cuofcfoundation.org

Your help can mean the world for us in helping our communities. Thank you.

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