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Annual Meeting of the Foundation

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Foundation

This past year has been challenging and unlike any other in the history of not only Colorado but the world. The pandemic changed how we live and how we work. But despite the many challenges, Coloradans rose to meet them, and the Foundation continued its work supporting students and non-profits in achieving their goals.

7,084 members joined the Foundation since July 1, 2020

\$40,013 in C-SEAP grants to 188 individuals

\$171,900 in general grants to 80 non-profit organizations and 10 scholarships

\$211,913 in total grants made since July 1, 2020

A Year of Change and Community Need

To all our valued Foundation members,

As we all know first-hand, the last year has been full of changes and challenges for every Coloradoan and all of our society worldwide. Many individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations faced unique obstacles. Our Credit Union and Foundation remained strong in our commitments to serve our communities and be there when institutions and people needed us the most. Just this year, we gave \$50 thousand in college scholarships to deserving students and granted more than \$180 thousand to over 80 non-profits across Colorado.

As the new Board Chair, I am honored to lead our Foundation and advance our efforts to expand our impact across Colorado. I am grateful for the service of Doug Schneider who served our organization as Chairman of our Foundation and Senior Vice President of Marketing and E commerce for the Credit Union. Since the Foundation's inception in 2012, Doug was fundamental in establishing the purpose and structure of our Foundation.

We have the opportunity to do so much good and help so many Colorado non-profits in their important missions. I look forward to working with our Board to build a strategic plan to define how we can broaden our impact across the communities we serve in Colorado.



Kamela L. Pancroft
Board Chair
Credit Union of Colorado Foundation



Reaching out to those most in need during this time.

Our choices of grant recipients this year were shaped in part by those most impacted by the unique challenges of the last 12 months. Just a few of the organizations to whom we granted funds this year highlight this philosophy:

The Denver Voice denvervoice.org

Homelessness hit all-time highs in Colorado as jobs were lost when businesses were forced to close. The Denver Voice newspaper is an active actor in the effort to prevent homelessness and help those who are facing it. Their mission is to facilitate a dialogue addressing the roots of homelessness by telling stories of people whose lives are impacted by poverty and homelessness.

CEO / Center for Employment Opportunities ceoworks.org

When finding a job is hard for everyone, imagine how difficult it is for someone just out of jail or prison. The mission of CEO is to provide immediate, effective, and comprehensive employment services exclusively to individuals who have recently returned home from incarceration.

CPCD Headstart cpcdheadstart.org

Children are the most vulnerable people in our society. That's why they need the most support. CPCD is there to provide it. The mission of CPCD is to prepare children for success in school and in life by providing excellent comprehensive early childhood services in partnership with diverse families and the community.

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center *childlawcenter.org*

Because children cannot speak out for themselves, the mission of the Children's Law Center is to advocate for children and youth, drive systemic reform, and boldly challenge the status quo so that every young person who has experienced trauma or instability has the opportunity to thrive.

The Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking

combathumantrafficking.org

Many people would be hard pressed to define human trafficking and those that could, might not think of Colorado as a place it exists. Unfortunately, it does. Human trafficking is a severe form of exploitation of another person involving force, fraud, or coercion for labor or commercial sexual purposes. Trafficking does not require transportation of a person(s) across state or country borders, and may involve U.S. citizens and/or foreign nationals. The mission of LCHT is to inform social change that eliminates human exploitation within Colorado.



Education Has Never Been More Crucial

Education has been a focus of the Foundation's work since our beginning. We want every Coloradan to be able to achieve their dreams, and education is the critical stepping-stone to success. Even though this year was more challenging in terms of donations and new members, we maintained our year goal of providing scholarships to ten students from throughout Colorado. Each student received a \$5,000 scholarship to the school of their choice.



As always, our members make the difference.

More than 7,000 Credit Union of Colorado members contributed to the Foundation during this past year and allowed us to provide the scholarships and grants to non-profits across the state as we described above.

Please join us! Make a one-time donation or set up a monthly giving amount from your Credit Union of Colorado checking account. Go online to sign up and learn more at: cuofcofoundation.org

By joining us to help our communities, you make Colorado a better place to live, work, play and give back. Thank you.



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