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Connecting a unique population to career and education

Rose Community Foundation plays a unique role in driving innovative and positive change in the community. “Beyond grantmaking, we’ve learned over the years we can make significant impact by using our relationships and resources to open doors, start conversations and assemble collective funding — to foster the evolution of new ideas,” explains Janet Lopez, Rose Community Foundation senior program officer for Education. The Foundation’s role in developing the Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative is an example of this evolution.

Israel Juarez is a driven, passionate young man, talented musician and expressive poet. His personal tagline — Great Hopes and Dreams — gives a glimpse into how he approaches life and his aspirations. Israel's life path was not so clear five years ago. At 16, he dropped out of school and eventually ended up in jail. Israel struggled to get on a positive trajectory until he connected with the Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative.

Israel is one of 9,000 young adults in Denver, aged 16 to 24, who are disconnected from school and/or work, referred to as “opportunity youth.” The Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative is working to re-engage this unique population by connecting them with career paths and the education they need to get there.

“These kids have had a tough background and lack a good support system. Most are very low income,” explains Lorena Zimmer, director of Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative. “Our goal is to reduce the number of opportunity youth in Denver through a sustainable system of pathways and on-ramps to career and education.”

Rose Community Foundation launched the initiative in 2013 with funding from the Aspen Institute. Central to its success is collaboration among disparate groups that historically have not worked together—workforce agencies, school dropout programs, community colleges and more.

A PROGRAM OFFERING YOUTH NEW OPPORTUNITIES GROWS UP

The collaborative approach is working. Opportunity youth numbers in Denver have decreased 10 percent, and people like Israel are the proof. Israel now has a great job and is finishing his GED. He hopes to be the first in his family to attend college and is helping other youth like him find successful paths.

The Initiative itself found a new, long-term path in 2016 when the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, whose mission is to get Coloradans into great jobs, took ownership of it. This evolution is a boon for all as the Chamber is perfectly positioned to help connect these youth with Colorado businesses, and Rose Community Foundation can apply its resources to other areas of need.

Read more at rcfdenver.org/opportunityyouthboost
facilitating collaboration

Rose Community Foundation has long believed that “we are stronger together.” Collaboration is at the heart of everything the organization does. Recently, the Foundation has been helping grantees unite in “clusters” of similar disciplines, “to work together to become stronger as a field of work,” explains Elsa Holguín, Rose Community Foundation senior program officer for Child and Family Development. A cluster of early childhood home visitation grantees is one example.

GROWING A LITTLE-KNOWN SEGMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THROUGH COLLABORATION

When most of us think about early childhood education, we think of daycare or preschool – locations where children go to learn, engage and play. Yet, what happens in the home is also hugely important in the development of young children. That is where home visitation comes in.

“Home visiting programs allow us to provide families with support and information in the home,” explains Heather Tritten, executive director of Parent Possible, a Rose Community Foundation home visitation grantee. “Our programs promote child development and school readiness because not every child is served through a licensed childcare setting. This is another way we’re serving children and families.”
“We are trying to best serve families. These collaborations and relationships help us all to make sure families are getting what they need.”

— HEATHER TRITTEN, executive director of Parent Possible

One of Parent Possible’s programs is Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), which serves low-income parents of children aged three through kindergarten. During a typical home visit, a home visitor uses roleplay to show the parent and child how to work on the week’s topic and packet of activities – topics like literacy, science and motor skills. This gives the parent tools and confidence to continue practicing with the child until the next home visit.

In 2016, Holguín brought Parent Possible and other home visitation grantees together. “These grantees face similar challenges and can benefit by working together,” she says. “Specifically, they, and the entire field of home visitation face a lack of public awareness and understanding. This can prevent them from securing funding, having a voice in public policy and reaching more families in need.”

After coming together, the cluster of grantees is now collaborating to address challenges like these, sharing resources and referring one another’s services.

Read more about this approach and other similar groups at rcfdenver.org/clustergrants

THE COLORADO EDUCATION ORGANIZING FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

(CEO for short ) is a collaborative of local and national funders that Rose Community Foundation houses and coordinates. The group, which includes local funders The Denver Foundation and Gates Family Foundation, helps communities develop the capacity to advocate for education reform. In 2016 the CEO collaborative focused specifically in the Aurora Public Schools.

The group created a network of three organizations working primarily in immigrant and refugee communities including the African American, Burmese, Latino and Nepalese communities in Aurora. Networking these organizations will help them build capacity to involve these communities in advocating for their children in the school system. The CEO collaborative has focused resources to serve families and communities who are interested in better outcomes for their children, but who have been underserved in the past.
Rose Community Foundation takes the long view on solving community challenges. That means taking the time to understand issues, and seeking innovative ways to affect change. One such issue is Jewish early childhood education (ECE). For ten years, the Foundation has been working to enhance Jewish ECE practices in our communities. BUILDing Jewish ECE – which grew out of this ten-year focus – is one example of this work.
ROOTS & BRANCHES: 10 YEARS STRONG

Roots & Branches Foundation, a collaborative giving program that brings together Jewish people ages 25 to 40 through philanthropy to shape their Jewish and broader communities, turned 10 in 2016. More than 180 people have participated in the program since its start in 2006.

BUILDING JEWISH ECE:
REACHING NEW LEVELS OF JEWISH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

“It’s like family, everyone is so welcoming,” says Lindsay Stroiman, whose children, ages four and two, participate in ECE programming at the Boulder Jewish Community Center (JCC). “My kids love the programs, and I really feel a sense of community here.”

Stroiman’s experience is exactly what Rose Community Foundation’s initiative, BUILDing Jewish ECE, is aiming for.

“Families with young children are in the midst of formative years, when friendships are cemented and life routines established,” explains Lisa Farber Miller, Rose Community Foundation senior program officer for Jewish Life. “We see ECE as a way of welcoming entire families into our Jewish communities and showing them all that Jewish life offers.”

Looking to capitalize on the opportunities for connection presented by ECE, BUILDing Jewish ECE helps synagogues and JCCs with ECE centers increase enrollment, better engage Jewish families and build stronger connections to the Jewish community. It is the first program of its kind in the nation.

In 2016, the Boulder JCC completed two years in the initiative, alongside other Jewish ECE centers, and learned how to implement and improve business practices such as marketing and enrollment conversion, and to leverage technology to support those practices.

“The initiative helped us think about the ways people connect to community. It’s about more than getting school or program enrollments, but how do we engage the entire family and keep them connected for the long-term. We now have systems that help us do that,” says Susie Valdez, director of early childhood education at the Jay and Rose Phillips Early Childhood Center at the Boulder JCC.

A recent evaluation shows that the initiative vastly improved the ECE centers’ practices. For the Boulder JCC, the organization nearly doubled enrollment, is attracting more diverse program participants and is better connecting people to each other and to the JCC’s breadth of programs.

BUILDing Jewish ECE participants now serve as models for Jewish ECE centers around the country, and standards of excellence developed through the initiative (which were published in April 2017) will help the centers achieve exemplary educational practice and excellence in areas like marketing, and family retention and engagement.

LEARN MORE AT RCFDENVER.ORG/ROOTSANDBRANCHES

BUILDing Jewish ECE is made possible by support from:

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Learn more at buildingjewishece.org
Elders in the Montbello community gather to play bingo while Conectoras from Colorado Latino Age Wave Initiative facilitate.
Manuela Torres is 67. Homebound with no access to transportation, she stays inside her apartment all day, alone. Torres does not speak English and does not know where to go or how to get English lessons. She also has no health care benefits, and when sick, she toughs it out until she can get to Mexico, where accessing health care is much cheaper and easier for her.

“Manuela Torres’ situation demonstrates the complexity that many elderly Latinos in Denver experience,” explains Therese Ellery, Rose Community Foundation senior program officer for Aging.

In 2016, Colorado Latino Age Wave initiative (Age Wave), a program of the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado (an initiative of Rose Community Foundation), launched a grassroots pilot project to learn about and address issues faced by Latino elders in Metro Denver. Montbello, a Denver community where 60 percent of the population is Latino, was selected for the pilot.

The project leverages conectoras — Spanish for connector — who are Latinas from the community serving as community organizers and health care navigators. They organize monthly community meetings which provide a venue to convene, listen to and explore solutions with the Montbello families.

“Our goal is to work with 100 elders plus their intergenerational family caregivers, helping them become advocates and leaders to affect change in their own community,” says Daniela Young, Age Wave program manager. “We feel true change and sustainability has to come from the people.”

Through this effort, Age Wave and the conectoras have uncovered three priority issues: access to medical services, social isolation and access to dental and vision care.

The community is working together, with guidance from Age Wave, to find positive solutions to these challenges and has already begun making meaningful changes. The monthly meetings alone have led to building trust and stronger relationships with local service providers and new social opportunities, such as monthly bingo, to meet other residents and stay active.

As for Manuela Torres, she has become actively involved in the monthly meetings and never misses a bingo game. “I don’t feel excluded anymore. I feel like I belong to something,” she happily proclaims.
investing in

innovation

Rose Community Foundation has long valued innovation and thoughtful risk-taking. The Foundation often invests in organizations offering services that break down barriers and expand access. The Foundation also encourages new thinking and fresh approaches to long-standing problems. In 2016 Foundation grantmaking funded traditional nonprofits finding new ways to reach clients and the Innovate for Good program encouraged youth to get engaged in solving problems with fresh thinking.
The staff meeting room at Alicia Sanchez International Elementary School has been transformed into a mini dentist office on what otherwise is a normal school day. There is a portable dental chair, portable dental and x-ray units and an intraoral camera to look inside tiny mouths.

“A majority of the students at Sanchez are from low-income families. Throughout the day, more than 50 first, second and third graders will have a dental check-up by a dental hygienist. She will screen the children’s teeth to identify potential problems, apply fluoride varnish and sealants and clean their teeth. For some this is their first dental visit.

“In this high-risk patient population, about one in four kids will have a cavity by the time they’re two,” explains Dr. Dennis Lewis, president and CEO of Dental Aid, the organization screening the students. “And low-income children suffer nearly twelve times more lost school time due to poor oral health than children from higher-income families,” he adds.

Dental Aid is using innovative technology to provide accessible and affordable oral health care for low-income and uninsured residents of Boulder and Broomfield counties. Rather than requiring patients to go to a clinic, dental hygienists travel to sites like schools and conduct dental check-ups using portable equipment that is linked to the home office. Results are sent electronically to a dentist who diagnoses and recommends treatment when necessary. Many of the patients receive all the care they need right there, and uninsured children receive the services at no charge.

“In the end, more people get access to dental care who otherwise wouldn’t have received it,” says Whitney Gustin Connor, Rose Community Foundation senior program officer for Health. “And by reaching them when they’re young, we can help prevent future oral health issues.”
Sheila Bugdanowitz—In Memoriam

Sheila Bugdanowitz, who served as president and CEO of Rose Community Foundation since 1998, passed away unexpectedly in December 2016.

Sheila embodied the Foundation’s values of philanthropy, justice and nondiscrimination and its mission to make the Greater Denver community a better place. Her leadership shaped what Rose Community Foundation is today.

Sheila was legendary for her deep connections and relationships, many of which dated back to her childhood in Denver. She brought people together to make the community a better place for all and she dedicated her life to improving the world around her. Since her death, the Foundation has missed her leadership and her warm and generous spirit, which echoes through the philanthropic community and the community as a whole.

THE SHEILA BUGDANOWITZ LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD

In the months following her death, many who knew Sheila made contributions to the Foundation in her memory. Colleagues, friends and family decided the most meaningful way to honor Sheila’s legacy is to use those funds to establish an award program.

Sheila was energetic about mentoring and guiding emerging leaders in the nonprofit community. To honor Sheila and continue her work, we established the Sheila Bugdanowitz Leadership Development Award. This annual award will recognize, empower and support emerging professionals in the Greater Denver nonprofit community in the Foundation’s five grantmaking areas. Through this award, we will remember and honor Sheila for years to come.

If you would like to contribute, you can make a gift in Sheila’s honor to this award fund. Gifts can be made online at rcfdenver.org or sent to 600 South Cherry Street, Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80246.
“She was the leader. But she never saw herself that way. But she was the instigator, the facilitator if you will, of bringing people together to make these good things happen.”
— JEAN GALLOWAY, former trustee

“We adored Sheila and she was beloved by all who participated in the Seminar for Mid-America Foundation CEOs with her over the years. She leaves a legacy of great impact in the field of philanthropy—she did so much good for so many people.”
— TRACY RUTNIK, Aspen Institute

“I don’t think she ever knew it, but early on in my tenure at Boomers I adopted Sheila as my secret mentor and would often think to myself, ‘WWSD – What would Sheila do?’ when faced with a decision to make. Her patience, optimism, level-headedness, and grace were both instructive and inspiring, and I consider the opportunity to work with her... one of the great blessings of my life.”
— BARBARA RAYNOR, former executive director of Boomers Leading Change in Health

“She had so much respect for others, so much dignity... she really wanted to know each and every one of us in such a personal way that we all became close friends with her.”
— SCOTT LEVIN, former chair, Board of Trustees
Ensuring a strong foundation for the future

Rose Community Legacy Circle is a group of individuals who have chosen to leave a bequest or other type of planned gift to Rose Community Foundation. Over time, these gifts will ensure that the Foundation can continue to thrive and grow in years to come.

The Legacy Circle reached an important milestone in 2016, by welcoming its 100th member. This milestone is significant; it means that 100 individuals and families are so confident in the Foundation’s stewardship, community expertise and its commitment to honor their intent in the future that they have chosen to make a difference beyond their lifetimes.

These first 100 members have also had the privilege of memorializing their intention in the Foundation’s Living Legacy Tapestry, an artistic archive of the values and experiences that have influenced these donors and their philanthropy. Composed by artists Leah Sobsey and Lynn Bregman Blass of VisualHistoryCollaborative.com, the Tapestry is on display in the Foundation’s lobby, where visitors can take in the richness and diversity of the Legacy Circle.

A CONVERSATION WITH LEGACY DONORS: SUE COBB AND KATE SHEA

Sue Cobb and her wife Kate Shea became part of Rose Community Foundation’s Legacy Circle when they included the Foundation in their will and estate plan. Cobb said the decision to make a legacy gift to the Foundation was not difficult. “Their program areas match our priorities really closely, and expand our horizons as well,” she says. “And after seeing how carefully and thoroughly the Foundation researches, vets and supports its grantees and programs, we knew it would be the perfect place for our philanthropic dollars.” Shea adds that Rose Community Foundation’s focus on the Greater Denver community is also important to the couple.
Both say that making a legacy gift was a way to make a significant philanthropic decision, even though “we don't consider ourselves particularly wealthy,” says Cobb.

She goes on to say that they both feel compelled to think philanthropically thanks to their family experiences. “My parents passed away within a month of each other in 2014,” says Shea. “They had always given back to their community, just as Sue’s had. Giving to the Foundation in this way is one way we can honor their legacy.”

“Philanthropy is an inherently optimistic endeavor in my view,” says Cobb. “Most of us by ourselves cannot give enough to solve a significant social challenge. But if Kate and I do what we can, and others do the same, together we can accomplish a lot for our communities. We can improve the quality of life for those who are struggling, improve our education and health care systems and help promote dialogue and consensus around issues that divide us.” When asked what she would tell someone considering a philanthropic legacy, Cobb emphasized the accessibility of a legacy gift. “You don’t have to be wealthy to give,” she says. “Most of us can give something to help our community, and the Foundation makes it very easy to get started on that path.”

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Rose Community
Legacy Circle Member

ORGANIZATIONS BUILD ENDOWMENTS TOGETHER

In 2016, Rose Community Foundation hosted a second cohort, or group, of local nonprofit organizations that wish to learn the skills necessary to build and grow an endowment. This model is built on work the Foundation has done in the past with the Jewish nonprofit community through its Live On: Build Your Jewish Legacy initiative.

One of the participating organizations in this year’s cohort is the Nathan Yip Foundation. “Our board understood that we need to diversify our revenue and develop more sustainable funding to ensure we can continue our work,” says Tarika Cefkin, executive director of the Nathan Yip Foundation. She says being part of a cohort of nonprofits all working to build their endowments has been positive. “We love sharing ideas with other organizations. It feels good to know we’re not in this alone,” she says.
2016 Rose Community Legacy Circle Members

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Graig Weisbart and Shanti Chacko
WE4Smith
Dave and Carolyn Wollard
Gary and Teresa Yourtz
Anonymous (7)

* Of blessed memory

DONOR PROFILE—THE SMITH FAMILY

For the Smiths, philanthropy is a family enterprise. Erica and Wayne Smith and their daughters Morgan and Melody see their WE4Smith donor-advised fund as a vehicle to share their passions and to learn more about their community and nonprofit organizations working to make it better.

The family meets regularly to discuss their passions, and they also share a goal to do community service at a different organization each month. “It is an avenue for learning about philanthropy and about different organizations,” says Erica Smith. Her family is currently focused on organizations engaged with music and music therapy.

Anita Wesley is the family’s philanthropic advisor at Rose Community Foundation, and she helps them research different organizations within their interests. “Anita does all the hard work, and then we get to do the fun part,” says Smith. As a family, they discuss Wesley’s research once a year and determine which organizations they plan to invite to apply for grants.

Smith says they have worked to teach their daughters to be philanthropically minded from the beginning. “At their birthday parties, they have always collected donations instead of presents,” she remarks. She hopes the process of being engaged as advisors on their fund helps deepen their daughters’ philanthropic experience. “My hope is that they find the passion to serve others,” she says.
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2016 by the numbers

The Foundation started with $170 in proceeds from the sale of Rose Medical Center in 1995. By the end of 2016, the Foundation had grown its total assets to $301 million, and made a total of $252 million in grants and distributions.

$ 170 million
Proceeds from the sale of Rose Medical Center in 1995

$ 252 million
Grants and distributions since 1995

$ 301 million
Total Foundation assets at the end of 2016

$ 10 million
Total contributions in 2016

$ 17 million
Grants and distributions awarded to the community and supporting foundation projects in 2016

In 2016, we received $435,000 in unrestricted gifts—a 79% increase over the previous year.

2016 grants & expenses

Program 88%
Fundraising 3%
Administration 9%
grants
AWARDED BY PROGRAM AREA IN 2016

Aging
$1,618,849

Child & Family Development
$1,490,172

Education
$1,492,877

Jewish Life
$954,538*

Health
$1,998,007

* Excludes $1,500,000 of grant funds reserved for a future project.
funds

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

A-P Family Fund
The Enid M. and Mark J. Ablowitz Philanthropy Fund
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M & S Alexander Family Charity Fund
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The B6 Fund
The Bay Philanthropic Fund
The Bender Family Fund
The BLTS Fund
Bugdanowitz Family Fund
The Button Stores Philanthropy Fund
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Mark Cordova Family Fund
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Lee and Barbara Mellman Davis Fund
Deer Dancer Impact Fund
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FireFly Fund
Fischborn Fund
The Foote Wade Family Fund
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Brett, Scott, Devon and Kyle Goldberg Charitable Fund
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Kikumoto Family Fund
Klondike Fund
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The Korff Family Fund
Kortz Family Fund
L & M Charitable Fund
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JHJ Posner Family Fund
RCG Fund
Ready Foods Fund
RLC Foundation
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Marcia and Richard L. Robinson Family Fund
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