## 2008 Annual Report







### Mission and Values

Rose Community Foundation works to enhance the quality of life of the Greater Denver community through its leadership, resources, traditions and values.

We value our Jewish heritage and our roots in Jewish traditions including charity, philanthropy and nondiscrimination.

We value excellence and uphold the highest standards in the pursuit of our mission.

We value the trust and respect of the community and continually strive to earn and sustain that trust by consistent and disciplined adherence to our mission.

Rose Community Foundation's support for the Greater Denver community is focused in five program areas: Aging, Child and Family Development, Education, Health and Jewish Life. In addition to grantmaking, Rose Philanthropic Services assists individuals and families in their philanthropic activities.

### The History of Rose Community Foundation



Major General Maurice Rose (1899 – 1945)

Rose Community Foundation derives its name from Major General Maurice Rose (1899-1945), one of America's most decorated military leaders of the 20th century. A Denver native and the son and grandson of Orthodox Jewish rabbis, he was commander of the first military unit to penetrate Germany during World War II.

In the year prior to his death on the battlefield, a group of Jewish business and professional leaders organized an effort to build a new hospital that would fill a gap in the Denver community. The campaign gained momentum when the organizers named the new hospital in honor of General Rose. In 1948, General Dwight D. Eisenhower laid the cornerstone for the main building of the hospital.

On April 25, 1995, following a national trend among independent nonprofit hospitals, Rose Medical Center was acquired by a health-care corporation. With the proceeds of the sale, approximately \$170 million, the hospital trustees formed Rose Community Foundation as a vehicle to perpetuate the legacy of the hospital: its standards of excellence, its tradition of philanthropy and its commitment to serve the entire community.

To read more, please visit rcfdenver.org/about\_history.htm.

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In addition to offering meeting space to community organizations, Rose Community Foundation is proud to provide office space and support to the Colorado Association of Funders (coloradofunders.org), a nonprofit regional membership organization for grantmakers throughout the state.

#### Cover Photo:

Two young residents of Father Ed Judy House, a transitional housing facility for homeless families run by Catholic Charities.

### The State of the Foundation



Scott L. Levin

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At Rose Community Foundation...

We believe that hope is the most abundant resource in philanthropy. Hope is the beacon that shines light on opportunity, even in the shadows cast by difficult economic times.

We believe that 2008 will go down in history as a year of remarkable transition in American life. Even as some of our most trusted institutions faltered, new forces for good emerged and took root across our nation and here in our community. More Americans than ever took part in a spirited debate about our values and our future direction. Young Americans, often absent from this debate, were front and center. People of all backgrounds and beliefs were inspired as we saw the rise of a new and different kind of leadership. And at the heart of this success was a message of hope and a corresponding call to action.

At Rose Community Foundation, we are privileged to work in an environment where hope and optimism are in endless supply. When revenue shortages shrink the capacity of government and business, the nonprofit community finds ways to stretch to meet growing needs. We stand in admiration of the staff, volunteers and board members of nonprofit organizations forced to make very difficult adaptations to a rapidly changing economy. In a special tribute to this resilience, in late

2008 and early 2009, the Foundation awarded more than \$1.1 million in unsolicited one-time grants to 65 organizations providing vital services to sustain the health and well-being of our community.

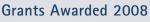
Rose Community Foundation's capacity to invest in the community is directly affected by the economy. In this environment, we face challenges similar to those of our grantees: how can we continue to best fulfill our mission with diminished resources and an uncertain economic future? Our trustees, committees and staff have grappled with this question. Like many of our grantees, we have trimmed nonessential operating costs, focused a greater share of our resources on current community needs, and we continue to look for new and creative ways to maximize the impact and usefulness of our grantmaking dollars.

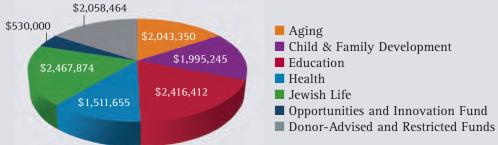
But our core values and strategies are unchanged. We will continue to invest in efforts to improve the larger systems that affect many lives – health care, K-12 education, early childhood, and the way different generations of Jewish people connect to community. And we also continue to invest in hope – the shared vision of a better future that mobilizes the talent, wisdom, generosity and hard work of people who, in good times and challenging times, help *build community together*.

## **Summarized Financial Information**

Statement of Financial Po	osition		Statement of Activities		
	Unaudited 2008	Audited 2007		Unaudited 2008	Audited 2007
ASSETS			SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Cash and investments	\$ 217,642,000	\$ 323,257,000	Contributions	\$ 12,892,000	\$ 2,242,000
Other assets	1,455,000	1,049,000	Investment income/(loss)	(87,244,000)	23,026,000
Total assets	\$ 219,097,000	\$324,306,000	Other	470,000	665,000
			Total support and revenues	(73,882,000)	25,933,000
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			GRANTS AND EXPENSES		
Grants payable	\$ 5,330,000	\$ 7,026,000	Administrative expenses	1,118,000	892,000
Other liabilities	868,000	1,313,000	Philanthropic services expenses	245,000	270,000
Agency endowments/other funds			Program expenses	2,307,000	2,578,000
held on behalf of others	30,213,000	44,796,000	Grants	10,933,000	11,256,000
Total liabilities	36,411,000	53,135,000	Total grants and expenses	14,603,000	14,996,000
Net assets	182,686,000	271,171,000	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(88,485,000)	10,937,000
Total liabilities and net			Net assets, beginning of year	271,171,000	260,234,000
assets	\$ 219,097,000	\$324,306,000	Net assets, end of year	\$ 182,686,000	\$ 271,171,000

Grantmaking and Endowment Distributions – Five-Year History							
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		
Number of Grants	782	887	801	768	833		
Amount Granted	\$10,220,000	\$12,940,000	\$11,640,000	\$12,455,000	\$13,023,000		
<b>Endowment Distributions</b>	\$802,000	\$1,108,000	\$1,134,000	\$1,240,000	\$1,294,000		
Total Distributions	\$11,022,000	\$14,048,000	\$12,774,000	\$13,695,000	\$14,317,000		





NOTE: Copies of Rose Community Foundation's full audited financial statements and tax returns will be posted on the Foundation's website as soon as they are available at rcfdenver.org, or you may call 303.398.7434.

## **Guidelines for Grant Proposals**

Rose Community Foundation's *Guidelines* for Grant Proposals is our invitation to work together to build community. The Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations, schools, government agencies and other funders working on projects that correspond to priorities within our program areas. These abbreviated guidelines offer an overview. Before applying, grantseekers should consult the complete *Guidelines* for *Grant Proposals*, available online at rcfdenver.org, or by calling the grants manager at 303.398.7446.

## Rose Community Foundation's Grantmaking Program

The Foundation awards grants to organizations, projects and initiatives that support our mission and program priorities in five areas: Aging, Child and Family Development, Education, Health and Jewish Life. In all areas, the highest priority is to support beneficial change in systems affecting the lives of many people. We also consider grants addressing our core values: social justice and nondiscrimination; strengthening the nonprofit sector; and innovative approaches to community issues.

#### Eligibility

Rose Community Foundation funds programs serving the seven-county Greater Denver area of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties. Applicants should be a charitable nonprofit organization or a tax-supported institution such as a school or government agency. New or emerging organizations may apply through a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor. Applicants may have only one proposal pending at a time. Capital requests must adhere to the specified format found in the complete *Guidelines for Grant Proposals*.

#### Deadlines and Response Time

The Foundation does not have submission deadlines. Staff reviews proposals as they are received, and may request additional information or arrange a site visit.

### Aging Program Priorities

Promotes change in how communities organize care and support for both seniors and caregivers, with particular attention to the needs of low- and moderate-income seniors. Highest consideration is given to programs that:

- provide quality direct in-home and community-based services
- expand and improve transportation services
- improve the availability and quality of end-of-life care

## Child and Family Development Program Priorities

Funds programs that support low-income children from birth to age five and programs that help individuals obtain the skills and resources they need to provide for their families. Highest consideration is given to programs focused on:

- early childhood development, especially parent education programs and high-quality early childhood education
- family self-sufficiency, including employment training and family support services
- efforts to plan, create, implement and evaluate public policy that has a positive impact on early childhood education and development, and family self-sufficiency

#### **Education Program Priorities**

Supports programs that lead to improved student achievement for prekindergarten through grade 12. The highest priorities in Education include:

- quality teaching by supporting the development, recruitment and retention of great educators
- systemic change focused on closing the achievement gap between demographic groups

The Foundation makes a limited number of grants for direct-service education programs outside of the school day.

#### Health Program Priorities

Supports efforts that improve access to affordable health care and health care coverage, and help create a better coordinated health care system. The highest priorities in Health are:

- access to care
- improving the cost-effectiveness of the health care system
- health policy and public health leadership
- primary prevention

### Jewish Life Program Priorities

Focuses on connecting Jews to Judaism and to each other through institutions and an emerging network of communities providing innovative programs. The highest priorities in Jewish Life are:

- welcoming and connecting Jews and others in their households to Jewish life
- promoting Jewish growth and learning
- building organizational strength
- fostering leadership

#### **Submitting Proposals**

For complete instructions on proposal content and format, consult Rose Community Foundation's *Guidelines for Grant Proposals* or visit refdenver.org.

## **Aging**



A volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels of Boulder delivers some cheer along with a nutritious meal.

We believe that a healthy community values its older adults by ensuring a spectrum of opportunities and services that enable them to enjoy independent and meaningful lives as long as possible.

### **Funding Priorities**

- Provide quality direct in-home and community-based services
- Expand and improve transportation services
- Improve the availability and quality of end-of-life care

### **Impact**

- \$2,043,350 granted in 2008
- Rose Community Foundation was recognized with three awards for its work in aging: the Distinguished Public Service Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region VIII; AARP's Community Partner Award for Boomers Leading Change; and, in early 2009, the National Council on Aging's Arthur Flemming Award.
- The Aging and Child and Family Development program areas jointly supported a \$525,000 program-related investment in a nationally supported transit-oriented development fund, with the goal of ensuring affordable housing near mass transit in Denver.
- Boomers Leading Change awarded 15
  matching grants of \$10,000 each to
  projects designed to engage people 55 and
  over in community service, employment
  and lifelong learning.
- In response to the economic downturn at the end of 2008, Aging awarded \$155,100 in unsolicited one-time grants to 25 directservice organizations.

- Luella Stadig, age 81

## Dominican Sisters Home Health Agency of Denver

dominicansisters.org



Sylvia Green (left), a certified nursing assistant, chats with Luella Stadig during a weekly housekeeping visit.

## Objective: To provide housekeeping services to frail and low-income older adults in metro Denver.

Impact: Catholic nuns started the Dominican Sisters Home Health Agency of Denver (DSHHA) in 1923, providing nursing care to elderly and poor individuals. While only Sister Regis Nuva remains on staff, the nuns' influence continues to be a part of the character of the organization – one that exists to serve those in greatest need. "The majority of our clients live on less than \$10,000 a year," says Donna Heath, the executive director. In addition to nursing care and medical equipment, DSHHA

provides housekeeping services to help older adults and others stay in their homes. "My laundry room is in the basement and I don't go up and down stairs very well," says client Luella Stadig. Stadig also receives regular visits from a nurse who fills her pill trays. According to Heath, "All of our housekeeping staff is trained to look for medical issues. This has really become a way for us to do early intervention." In 2008, Dominican Sisters made 26,000 home visits, 6,400 of which were to provide housekeeping services.

### 2008 Aging Grants

To see a description of each of the grants listed below, please visit rcfdenver.org/2008grants.htm.

Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter - \$50,000 over two years

**Boomers Leading Change -** two grants totaling \$285,000

An initiative of Rose Community Foundation

Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. - \$90,000 over two years

Catholic Charities - \$27,250

Colorado Commission on Aging, 9NEWS Senior Source - \$250,000





The Foundation's Boomers Leading Change initiative encourages baby boomers to engage in the community.

Colorado Gerontological Society - \$10,000

Continuing Legal Education in Colorado - \$8,000

The Denver Center for Crime Victims - \$10,000

Easter Seals Colorado - \$50,000 over two years

Enterprise Community Partners - \$315,000 toward a total grant of \$525,000

**Grantmakers in Aging -** two grants totaling \$38,000

Hmong American Association of Colorado - \$15,000

Jewish Family Service of Colorado - \$100.000

Life Quality Institute - \$125,000

Meals on Wheels of Boulder - \$30,000

"There is no question that the senior population is going to grow over the next decade. Access to transit allows older adults to age in place."

- Melinda Pollack, senior program director for Enterprise Community Partners

## Enterprise Community Partners enterprisecommunity.org



A light-rail train passes in front of The Point Apartments, a mixed-use building developed by Hope Communities where public transportation is readily accessible to residents.

## Objective: To preserve or create at least 1,200 affordable homes along transit corridors in Denver.

Impact: For many older adults and low-income individuals and families, public transportation is a lifeline. In 2008, Rose Community Foundation granted \$525,000 from its Aging and Child and Family Development program areas to seed a transit-focused loan fund in Denver to be administered by Enterprise Community Partners. Enterprise is a nonprofit organization that works to ensure the availability of affordable housing across the nation. In Denver, a primary focus is the establishment

of a \$15 million fund that will be used by a local nonprofit, Urban Land Conservancy (ULC), which has also invested \$1 million. "We are working to identify and buy properties along major transit corridors that ensure permanent affordable housing," says Aaron Miripol, ULC's president and CEO. With the real estate market down, he says, "Now is the time to purchase strategic properties with our nonprofit partners." The City of Denver, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority and several banks and national foundations are also contributors to the loan fund.

Seniors Inc. - \$120,000 over two years

Senior Support Services - \$25,000

Special Transit - \$100,000

Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch - \$225,000 over two years

Washington Street Community Center - \$10,000

Woodward Respite Care Fund - \$5,000

### **Additional Aging Grants**

In response to the effect of the economic downturn on nonprofit organizations, the following agencies received a one-time grant from the Aging program area. These 25 direct-service grants totaled \$155,100.

Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter
American Red Cross, Mile High Chapter
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.
Catholic Charities
Colorado Center for the Blind
The Denver Center for Crime Victims
Dominican Sisters Home Health Agency
of Denver
Easter Seals Colorado

Hmong American Association of Colorado

Jewish Family Service of Colorado Longmont Meals on Wheels Lutheran Family Services of Colorado Meals on Wheels of Boulder **Project Angel Heart RSVP** of Boulder County St. Anthony Health Foundation St. Francis Center The Senior Hub Senior Support Services Seniors Inc. Seniors' Resource Center **Special Transit** Vietnamese Elderly Association of Colorado Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch

Washington Street Community Center



A jobseeker at the AARP Foundation WorkSearch computer lab



The wonders of sound

## Child and Family Development

We believe that supporting the healthy development of young children is the most effective way to help them have a successful life. We know that the most significant factor in a child's well-being is a family's economic security.

### **Funding Priorities**

- Early childhood development, especially parent education programs and highquality early childhood education
- Family self-sufficiency, including employment training and family support services
- Efforts to plan, create, implement and evaluate public policy that has a positive impact on early childhood education and development, and family self-sufficiency

#### **Impact**

- \$1,995,245 granted in 2008
- Preschool Denver, the city program to subsidize quality early childhood education for four-year-olds, is fully up and running with more than 4,500 children and more than 100 preschools enrolled. Over several years, Rose helped lead efforts to create and publicly fund this program.
- The Foundation has been a key supporter
  of the early childhood team in the Office
  of Lieutenant Governor Barbara O'Brien as
  they develop a comprehensive early
  childhood system focused on improving
  the well-being of young children.
- The Foundation joined a public-private "sector employment" funding partnership focusing on construction, health care and alternative energy. Housed at Rose, the partnership has received \$450,000 from national funders to launch this initiative over three years.

### 2008 Child and Family Development Grants

To see a description of each of the grants listed below, please visit rcfdenver.org/2008grants.htm.

The Acorn School for Early Childhood Development - \$20,000

Bal Swan Children's Center - \$35,000

Boulder County Housing Authority - \$10,000

Boulder Day Nursery - \$60,000 over two years

Children's Outreach Project - \$25,000



Work Options for Women teaches culinary skills so women can get living-wage jobs.

Colfax Community Network - \$25,000

Colorado Bright Beginnings - \$70,000

Colorado Center on Law and Policy - \$100,000 over two years

Colorado Children's Campaign -\$50,000 toward grants totaling \$154,000

Colorado Community Land Trust - \$15,000 over two years

Colorado Parent & Child Foundation - \$40,000

Community College of Denver - \$21,500

Cross Community Coalition - \$25,000

Denver Children's Advocacy Center - \$10,000

Denver Indian Center - \$21,000 toward a total grant of \$42,000

DenverWorks - \$5,000

Dress for Success Denver - \$10,000



Ed & Ruth Lehman YMCA Longmont - \$22,000

Enterprise Community Partners – \$210,000 toward a total grant of \$525,000

Family Resource Center Association – \$100,000 over two years

Family Star - \$130,000

Friends of the Haven - \$12,500

"They are unbelievable. They meet with you three times a year for teacher conferences that last a full half hour, even for infants. They have provided a wealth of resources to us."

- Kari Kennedy, the mother of two children - "complete opposites" - who both benefited from extra attention provided by teachers at Boulder Day Nursery

## Boulder Day Nursery boulderdaynursery.org



Boulder Day Nursery is one of the few high-quality child care centers affordable to low-income families in Boulder.

## Objective: To provide affordable, high-quality early childhood education for children age six weeks to six years.

Impact: Boulder Day Nursery Association was established in 1917 by women who saw a need to help mothers working in Boulder's bandage and ammunitions factories during World War I. Since then, the organization has continued to focus on providing working families with top-quality child care. "The state allows a ratio of one adult to 15 children in child care facilities. Our ratio is one to seven," says Boulder Day Nursery's Executive Director Steve Callander. This means that the

organization has the resources to work with children with behavioral or developmental challenges in a different way than many child care centers. "It has always been a philosophy of ours that we do not turn those kids away – we address those issues as they come up in the classroom," says Callander. In 2008, the center served nearly 130 children, 85 percent of whom came from low-income families. The organization currently has more than 300 families on its waiting list.

Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families - \$2,500

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver - \$10,000

Hope Center - \$40,000

Housing Colorado - \$20,000

Intercambio de Comunidades - \$20,000

Jefferson Center for Mental Health - \$20,000

The Kempe Foundation - \$50,000

Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People - \$15,000

Metropolitan State College of Denver – two grants totaling \$60,745

Mi Casa Resource Center - \$25,000

MicroBusiness Development Corporation - \$75,000

Mile High Down Syndrome Association - \$10,000

Mile High United Way - \$95,000 over two years

Mountain Resource Center - \$65,000 over two years

Parent Pathways - \$90,000

Relationship Roots - \$30,000

Rocky Mountain Parents as Teachers - \$15,000

Stride - \$25,000

The Tiny Tim Center - \$25,000

UCP of Colorado - \$30,000

University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences – Child Learning Center – \$65,000 over three years

Warren Village - \$50,000

Work Options for Women - \$100,000

YWCA of Boulder County - \$40,000



A training class to learn new job skills

"I'm a single father. This class is a real good opportunity – it's a new industry and there are companies that want to hire us" – Jorge Mendez, a journeyman carpenter who took a course offered through Mi Casa Resource Center while he was unemployed to retrain as a solar-panel installer

### Mi Casa Resource Center micasaresourcecenter.org



Instructor Joe Burdick (left) shows solar panels and solar shingles to his adult students, including Jorge Mendez (right).

## Objective: To support Latino families in becoming economically successful.

Impact: Latinos in Colorado have consistently higher unemployment rates and lower high-school graduation rates than whites. "Our population is so full of potential," says Christine Márquez-Hudson, Mi Casa Resource Center's CEO and executive director. "If we do a good job getting people launched, it will make all the difference for them and their families." Mi Casa helps Latinos build confidence in several ways: succeeding in school, building businesses, or preparing for jobs in high-

growth industries like health care and energy. The organization offers career training, business development services and programs to support youth and families. And, while Mi Casa is focused on Latinos, it serves all ethnicities. In 2008, after more than 30 years, Mi Casa Resource Center dropped the "for Women" that used to be at the end of its name. "We were already serving a lot of men so our name better reflects who we are now," says Márquez-Hudson. "We want everyone to feel welcome."



### Education

We believe that education is an engine of opportunity, and that the quality of our democracy depends on ensuring every child an equal chance to learn and succeed.

### **Funding Priorities**

- Quality teaching by supporting the development, recruitment and retention of great educators
- Systemic change focused on closing the achievement gap between demographic groups

The Foundation also makes a limited number of grants for direct-service education programs outside of the school day.

#### **Impact**

- \$2,416,412 granted in 2008
- ProComp, the groundbreaking performance-pay reform launched in Denver Public Schools (DPS) with

significant Foundation support, continues to inform federal, state and local policy debates about teacher compensation.

- The Foundation made an additional 2008 grant to advance ProComp in DPS.
- A Rose grant supports teachers and administrators at JeffCo Public Schools in designing a teacher-pay system that furthers the priorities of Colorado's largest school district.
- In mid-2008 presidential candidate Barack Obama delivered his first major education policy speech at Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, a Rose grantee.
- A grant to the Higher Education Access
  Alliance supported "tuition equity"
  legislation, an effort to offer in-state
  college tuition rates to undocumented
  Colorado public-school students. While the
  2009 legislation did not pass, it laid the
  groundwork for possible future efforts.

"This is our chihuahua. You can make him bounce up and down and go side to side. Isn't it cool?"

- Christian, an exuberant fourth-grader demonstrating an animated computer program he designed with another student

## OpenWorld Learning openworldlearning.org



Students enjoy watching the results after tweaking a computer program they designed.

## **Objective:** To provide an after-school technology and leadership program to students in grades 3 through 8.

Impact: The students who participate in OpenWorld Learning's after-school programs learn how to work with computers, but they also learn how to solve problems. "We teach them to collaborate. For example the students use 'One, two, three...then ask me'," says OpenWorld CEO Barb Youmans. "One: try to figure it out by yourself. Two: ask a buddy. Three: ask a student leader. If you still don't have an answer, then ask a teacher." Students work for the opportunity to become a student

leader by demonstrating responsibility, respecting other students, and learning how to teach without doing the work for the student who is stuck. All students can earn tangible incentives: at the intermediate level, they receive a refurbished computer to take home, and at the advanced level, a new digital camera. Started in Denver in 2000, OpenWorld Learning now works with 14 public schools and relies on sponsors – individuals, foundations, corporations and businesses – to support its sites.

### 2008 Education Grants

To see a description of each of the grants listed below, please visit rcfdenver.org/2008grants.htm.

A+ Denver - \$20,000

The Colorado Nonprofit Development Center serves as fiscal sponsor.

Alliance for Choice in Education - \$20,000

Alternatives for Youth - \$2,500

America SCORES Denver - \$10,000

Arts Street - \$15,000

Augenblick, Palaich and Associates - \$29,000

Aurora Public Schools - \$378,000

**Boulder Valley School District -** \$5,350

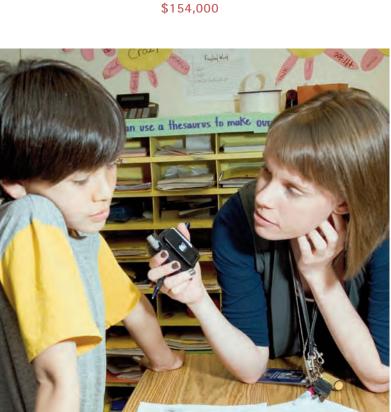
Butterfly Hope – two grants totaling \$10.900

Camp Fire USA, Central Rockies
Council - \$6,000

Catholic Charities - \$15,000

Center for Teaching Quality - two grants totaling \$97,500

Colorado Children's Campaign - \$54,000 toward grants totaling \$154.000



Teacher Jessica Millen works with a hearingimpaired student during a language class.



A student volunteer with Project Voyce, which works to give youth a voice in school decision-making.

Colorado Department of Education - two grants totaling \$79,000

Colorado "I Have a Dream"® Foundation - \$10,000

Colorado Legacy Foundation - \$250,000 over two years

Colorado Minority Engineering Association - \$5,000

Colorado Staff Development Council - \$91,838

Colorado UpLift - \$15,000

Colorado Youth for a Change - \$50,000 over two years

Community Action Development
Corporation - \$9,000 over two years



Students work on homework after school at the Denver Indian Center.

The Conflict Center - \$15,000

Creating Caring Communities - \$10,000

Denver Indian Center - \$21,000 toward a total grant of \$42,000

Denver Kids, Inc. - \$15,000

Denver Public Schools - \$33,500

Denver Public Schools Office of Intentional School Culture - \$14,961

Fireside Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization - \$5,500

Foster Elementary School - \$15,000

Goodwill Industries of Denver - \$10,000

Grantmakers for Education - \$3,000

Hope Communities - \$5,000

"I Have a Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County - \$10,000

The Learning Source - \$10,000

Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts - \$14,000

Mapleton Public Schools - \$275,000

Metro Organizations for People - \$73,000

Mi Casa Resource Center - \$15,000

New Vista High School - \$6,858

OpenWorld Learning - \$15,000

Padres Unidos - \$25,000

Project VOYCE - \$15,000

Public Education & Business Coalition - \$50,000

Regis University - \$7,500

#### Rose Community Foundation

The Foundation made three grants from the Education Program Area for projects that it oversees internally.

- \$1,255 to help recognize the achievements of The Alliance for Quality Teaching, which suspended operations.
- \$500,000 to create a fund for the advancement of ProComp, Denver's teacher compensation system, at Rose Community Foundation.
- \$20,250 to support Women's Voices in Education, an effort to include women's voices in discussions about school reform.

Save Our Youth - \$10,000

School Leaders for Colorado - \$10,000

Teens, Inc. - \$7,500

THINK 360 Arts - \$7,500

Urban Science/Technology for All - \$5,000

YESS Institute - \$7,500

YouthBiz - \$10,000

"We had some newcomers who knew basically no English. At first they were embarrassed but they aren't singled out here. Now they like learning how to say things correctly."

 Meaghan Whitney, a teacher and English language acquisition coach for other teachers at Crawford Elementary School, where 80 percent of the student body is comprised of English language learners

## Aurora Public Schools aps.k12.co.us



Teacher Meaghan Whitney engages English language learners in conversation during a lesson on the use of emphasis when speaking.

"Does Alberto know how to ride a bike?"

"Yes, he DOES know how to ride a bike."

## Objective: To address the needs of a growing population of public school students learning the English language.

Impact: Aurora Public Schools (APS) has seen a steady increase in the number of students whose native language is other than English – an increase from 11 percent in 1996 to 38 percent in 2008. Many of these English language learners do not perform in the proficient or advanced ranges and some struggle to make it through to graduation. In 2008, with the help of a \$378,000 grant from Rose Community Foundation, APS began a pilot in four schools to test ways to more

effectively teach students learning English. The anecdotal results so far are promising. "Kids are much more engaged and interested in what they are learning. They are better able to comprehend what is happening in the classroom," says Jean Burke, director of English language acquisition for APS. "Teachers are building ways for students to practice language all day long. It's all part of rethinking how we are going to meet the needs of all of these learners."



A newborn checkup brings grandma and mom to the doctor's office.

### Health

We believe that a vibrant, productive society depends on healthy residents thriving in communities that promote wellness, encourage prevention and ensure high-quality, affordable and cost-effective care for all.

### **Funding Priorities**

- Access to care
- Improving the cost-effectiveness of the health care system
- Health policy and public health leadership
- Primary prevention

#### **Impact**

- \$1,511,655 granted in 2008
- Over the past three years, tens of thousands of individuals in underserved populations have been reached through health screenings, education and prevention efforts conducted by schools,

- health care organizations and grassroots programs working in low-income neighborhoods and ethnic communities.
- The Foundation has continued its commitment to informed public policy and advocacy, providing support to a number of consumer health organizations, funding data collection and analysis for sound policymaking, and advancing health public policy dialogue in Colorado's legislative and executive branches.
- Rose has joined with other Colorado health foundations in significantly improving access to, and quality of health care by investing in a variety of efforts: enrolling eligible persons in Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus*; encouraging private providers to serve publicly insured children; and emphasizing prevention.

### 2008 Health Grants

To see a description of each of the grants listed below, please visit rcfdenver.org/2008grants.htm.

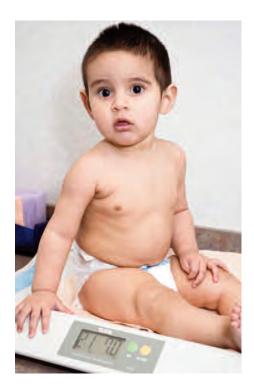
2008 Colorado Health Care Summit - \$4,000

The Office of U.S. Senator Ken Salazar served as fiscal sponsor.

American Lung Association in Colorado - \$10,000

Betty Ford Center - \$25,000

The Children's Hospital Foundation - \$85,000



Colorado AIDS Project - \$25,000

Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry Educational Foundation - \$15,000

Colorado Center on Law and Policy - \$75,000

Colorado Children's Campaign - \$50,000 toward grants totaling \$154,000

Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program - \$36,729

Colorado Community Health
Network - \$100,000 over two years

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative - \$200,000

Colorado Health Institute - \$420,000 over two years

Colorado Legal Services - \$120,000

Colorado Prevention Center - \$45,726

Community Health Services - \$20,000

Family Voices Colorado - \$1,000 UCP of Colorado served as fiscal sponsor.



A father consoles his daughter after a vaccination.

Front Range Center for Assault Prevention - \$10,000

Grantmakers in Health - \$3,500

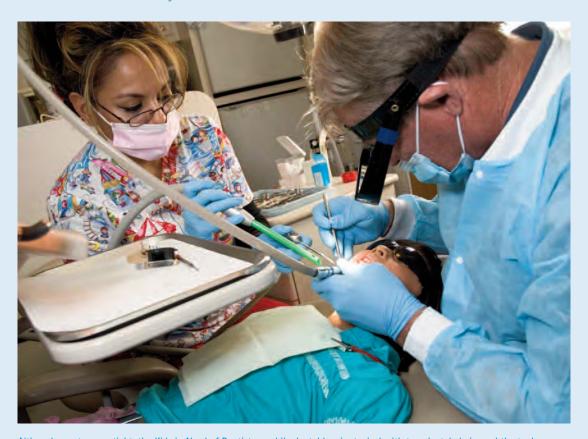
Howard Dental Center - \$10,000

Kids in Need of Dentistry - \$50,000

"Sometimes they are teenagers and they've never seen a dentist before. They are scared. By the time they get to us, we see a lot of decay."

 Pam Moore, a certified dental assistant and clinic coordinator for Kids in Need of Dentistry's mobile dental bus

### Kids in Need of Dentistry kindsmiles.org



Although quarters are tight, the Kids in Need of Dentistry mobile dental bus is stocked with two dental chairs and the tools needed to fix most common dental problems.

## **Objective:** To provide affordable preventive and restorative dental care to children and youth.

Impact: Children with dental decay suffer in more ways than just feeling pain.

According to the Colorado Department of Health, 540,000 hours of school time were lost due to dental problems in 2007. Lacking routine preventive dental visits, some children end up in the emergency room undergoing painful and costly procedures to address decay. Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND) provides dental care at greatly reduced fees to uninsured children, and sees those covered by

government-sponsored health plans, at several clinics and a mobile dental bus that travels the state. KIND also runs a free program called Chopper Topper; in 2008-2009, dental hygienists visited 66 elementary schools to apply sealant to the teeth of second-graders. "We are putting a strong focus on prevention," says KIND Executive Director Julie Collett. "We want people to be aware that we are here to provide the dental care they need." In 2008, KIND had 7,400 patient visits.

Mental Health America of Colorado - \$75,000

Metro Community Provider Network - \$700

NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado Foundation - \$25,000

National Conference of State Legislatures - \$5,000

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains - \$60,000

Rocky Mountain Survivors Center - \$5,000

# Rose Community Foundation The Foundation made three grants from the Health Program Area for projects that it oversees internally.

- \$15,000 to explore the possible establishment of a Latino Health Institute in Colorado.
- \$5,000 to explore the feasibility of developing a tool to monitor and evaluate progress on health reform in Colorado.
- \$15,000 to print and distribute "Health Care and Business: The Bottom Line," an effort to engage business leaders in health care policy reform.



A teenage member of Latinas of Vision (left), an educational after-school program operated by the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR), talks with COLOR Executive Director Jacy Montoya.

### Other Health-Related Grants

Medical Professional Development \$15,350

Rose Community Foundation administers designated funds to support ongoing training and development in specific categories of health care. "They were able to negotiate higher Medicaid reimbursements for our practice and others. They also provide assistance to help practices and patients who may need additional support, including making us aware of transportation services for Medicaid patients."

 Denise Hall, administrator for Advanced Pediatric Associates, a medical practice that now accepts significantly more Medicaid patients thanks to CCHAP

## Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program cchap.org



A doctor and patient find a new use for medical equipment during an exam at Advanced Pediatric Associates.

## **Objective:** To conduct a needs assessment and strategic planning regarding barriers to prenatal care for low-income women.

Impact: For many medical practices there are barriers to accepting patients covered by federal or state health plans, such as lower reimbursement rates and confusing enrollment procedures. Physicians Steve Poole and James Todd established the Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program (CCHAP) in 2006 to help children covered by government-sponsored health plans find a medical "home." With CCHAP's help, more than 450 health care providers are expanding access to publicly insured children by opening their practices to these patients, or by seeing greater numbers.

CCHAP also has its sights on another population – the nearly 30,000 pregnant women covered by government-sponsored health insurance at any given time. Dr. Tracy Johnson is conducting a study of the issue for CCHAP. "Children born into low-income families have significantly more health problems," she says. "It is important to assess whether the current system can provide comprehensive prenatal services to low-income pregnant women who need them."

Rose Community Foundation granted \$36,729 to fund the metro-Denver portion of the study.



Rose Youth Foundation members Elliot Mamet (left) and Nathan Bartell (see page 30)

### Jewish Life

We believe that building strong Jewish communities depends on supporting a welcoming, vibrant and diverse quality of Jewish life. The Foundation believes in the importance of connecting Jews to Judaism and to each other through institutions and an emerging network of communities providing innovative programs.

### **Funding Priorities**

- Welcoming and connecting Jews and others in their households to Jewish life
- Promoting Jewish growth and learning
- Building organizational strength
- Fostering leadership

#### **Impact**

- \$2,467,874 granted in 2008
- The 2007 Denver/Boulder Jewish Community Study, funded by Rose and conducted by the Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado, showed disproportionately higher Jewish population growth as well as extensive

- geographic and household demographic shifts. The Jewish Life Committee used the study to plan for future grantmaking.
- Live On, an initiative to encourage bequests to Jewish organizations, announced more than \$36 million in future bequests from 435 known donors.
- The Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative launched in nine preschools.
- Roots & Branches Foundation for Jews in their 20s and 30s completed its first year by granting \$94,570, with members contributing \$22,000 of their own to the grantmaking funds.
- The Wexner Heritage Program, which focuses on adult leadership development, began its two-year biweekly training at the Foundation.
- Rose's Next Generation Initiative published Legwork, Framework, Artwork: Engaging the Next Generation of Jews, documenting the attitudes, behaviors and desires of Jews in their 20s and 30s.

### 2008 Jewish Life Grants

To see a description of each of the grants listed below, please visit rcfdenver.org/2008grants.htm.

Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado – two grants totaling \$420,000

American Jewish Committee, Colorado Chapter - \$29,000 over two years

Anti-Defamation League, Mountain States Region - \$68,000

Boulder Jewish Community Center - \$34,170

Boulder Jewish Festival - \$20,000

Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver - \$33.540

Denver Academy of Torah and Herzl/RMHA at the Denver Campus – \$89,500 over three years

Herzl/RMHA at the Denver Campus serves as fiscal sponsor.

Denver Community Kollel - \$108,780 over three years

Hillel of Colorado - \$111,000 over two years

Jewish Family Service of Colorado two grants totaling \$59,300

Jewish Funders Network - \$1,200

Kabbalah Experience - \$37,300

Limmud Colorado - \$48,525

Mizel Arts & Culture Center - \$195,000 over three years

Moving Traditions - \$10,000

Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center - \$170,000

Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society and Beck Archives - \$49,500

Roots & Branches Foundation – \$390,820 over three years Rose Community Foundation serves as fiscal sponsor.



A report released by Rose Community Foundation, Legwork, Framework, Artwork: Engaging the Next Generation of Jews, found that many younger Jews prefer to explore their Judaism in personal ways rather than as part of an institution.

"There are a lot of Jewish students that don't necessarily share their Jewish identity. It's been a great opportunity for me to help get other students involved."

 Daniel Kahn, a junior at the University of Denver who is one of Hillel of Colorado's first interns

## Hillel of Colorado hillelcolorado.org



Intern Daniel Kahn (back left) brings some fellow Jewish students to play foosball at the Merage and Allon Hillel Center on the University of Denver campus.

Objective: To provide opportunities for Jewish college students to explore and celebrate their Jewish identity.

Impact: Hillel of Colorado welcomes
Jewish students on three campuses: Colorado
State University, the University of Colorado at
Boulder and the University of Denver (DU).
With a two-year grant of \$111,000 from Rose
Community Foundation, Hillel of Colorado
piloted a new program in 2008, hiring Jewish
student interns to seek out Jewish students on
campus who may be disconnected from Jewish
life. The interns forge relationships with these
students over coffee, a meal or fun activities

with the goal of making a Jewish connection available to those that want it. "Our agenda is not to bring Jewish students into our fold," says Rabbi Adam Naftalin-Kelman, director at the Boulder campus. "It is to give them tools to be able to express their own Jewish identity, however that may be." The interns meet with Hillel staff once a week and benefit beyond making new friends. "Seeing our interns grow and develop their leadership skills has been great," says Rachel Pinsker, campus director at DU.

"I needed the spiritual grounding that Kabbalah has offered to me. It has deepened my ties to Judaism in a way that is very personal. It was really synchronistic timing."

 Nancy Sharp, a Kabbalah Experience participant who came to Colorado to restart her life after being widowed in her 30s

## Kabbalah Experience kabbalah experience.com



Dr. David Sanders (right), executive director of Kabbalah Experience in Denver, gives a student food for thought.

## Objective: To teach the study of Kabbalah, a school of Jewish thought that emphasizes individual spiritual growth.

Impact: Although Kabbalah has gained notice in recent years as pop-culture figures have become involved in its study, this set of Jewish teachings has existed for centuries. "Kabbalah is a body of knowledge," says Dr. David Sanders, executive director of Kabbalah Experience in Denver. "It is about seeing the connections between physical and spiritual reality – moving from the belief in God to actually experiencing God." Sanders, a psychologist who grew up in an Orthodox

Jewish home, began teaching Kabbalah to a few Jewish male acquaintances in 2003. Interest grew through word of mouth and he established Kabbalah Experience three years later for students of all backgrounds. As of early 2009, nearly 100 students are taking classes on a weekly basis and three other teachers have joined Sanders. "For many students that come here, this is the first Jewish learning they've done since they were young," he says. "It often translates into an interest in their Jewish roots and in Judaism."

Rose Community Foundation – \$11,000 to provide grants to nine Limmud Colorado participants for projects that promote new approaches to Jewish learning:

- Boulder Jewish Community Center's Jewish Parenting Series
- Chavurah Brunch Club
- Children's Hassidic Filmmaking Workshop
- Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado's Jewish Family Tree Initiative
- Judaism Your Way's One Jewish Night On the Road
- Minyan Na'aleh's Highland Shabbat
- Shabbat Salon with Rabbi Sara Gilbert
- Shir Fun! A Limmud Kids Music Party
- Spiritual Check-Up Workshop with Aryeh Ben David

Rose Community Foundation Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card Contest Winner-Directed Grants - \$1,000

- Carson Elementary School
- MaxFund
- Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center
- Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

STAR (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal) - \$41,500

Storahtelling - \$38,739



A Foundation event in June 2008 focused on the ways that Jews of different generations engage in Jewish life.

### Additional Jewish Life Grants

In response to the effect of the economic downturn on nonprofit organizations, the following agencies received a one-time grant to retain and sustain services and programs. These 19 grants totaled \$500,000.

American Jewish Committee, Colorado Chapter Anti-Defamation League, Mountain States Region



B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Rocky Mountain Region Boulder Jewish Community Center Boulder Jewish Day School Colorado Agency for Jewish Education Denver Academy of Torah Denver Community Kollel Herzl/RMHA at the Denver Campus Hillel Academy of Denver Hillel of Colorado The Jewish Experience Jewish Family Service of Colorado Mizel Arts & Culture Center Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center Shalom Park Stepping Stones Yeshiva Toras Chaim

Beth Jacob High School

## Rose Youth Foundation and... rcfdenver.org/RYF

Two Rose Community Foundation grantmaking initiatives are continuing to connect younger Jews to the Jewish community and to develop future Jewish leaders.

Rose Youth Foundation was created in 2000 to involve Jewish teens in philanthropy through hands-on grantmaking. Each fall, 23 youth are selected from high schools throughout the metropolitan area to learn about Jewish traditions in giving. The teens then develop funding priorities, review grant proposals, visit applicants and award grants over the course of seven months.

Rose Youth Foundation member Morgen Bernstein takes notes during the group's initial planning retreat of 2008-2009.



In 2008–2009, Rose Youth Foundation funded projects that:

- promote involvement in Jewish life for high school and college-age Jews
- educate and promote respect between Jewish people and others
- promote integration and self-sufficiency of refugees and/or asylees
- provide for the basic needs of, and safety-net services for the elderly, disabled and families with children

The group also supported Denver's Road Home, the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness.

Through May 2009, more than 115 Jewish teens who have been members of Rose Youth Foundation have granted more than \$340,000, primarily within the Jewish community. For a list of 2008–2009 members and the grants they made, visit rcfdenver.org/RYF.



### ...Roots & Branches Foundation

rcfdenver.org/initiatives\_roots.htm

Established in 2007, Roots & Branches Foundation is an opportunity for Jews ages 25 to 40 to learn about philanthropy, develop leadership skills and explore the Denver/Boulder Jewish community. The diverse members work together to identify needs in the community and learn about grantmaking approaches and strategies.



Roots & Branches Foundation members Justin Borus, Amy Pell and Evan Pfaff (back row, left to right) visit with residents of Shalom Park during a site visit to prospective grantees.

Through consensus decision-making, Roots & Branches 2008–2009 members chose to fund programs that:

- connect and engage Jewish people age 25 to 40 to each other and to the Jewish community through culture, social justice and education
- address social justice issues by providing services to, promoting dignity for, and strengthening the confidence of those who fall below the Self-Sufficiency Standard for Colorado

In addition to funds provided by Rose Community Foundation for grantmaking, members of Roots & Branches made contributions, which the Foundation then matched. In total, Roots & Branches Foundation made nine grants totaling \$69,902.

A new group of Roots & Branches Foundation members begins work in July 2009. Learn more at rcfdenver.org/initiatives\_roots.htm.



## 2008 Opportunities and Innovation Fund Grants

Rose Community Foundation supports projects that strengthen our community by addressing the Foundation's core values: social justice and nondiscrimination; strengthening the nonprofit sector; and supporting innovative approaches to community issues.

To see a description of each of the grants listed below, please visit rcfdenver.org/2008grants.htm.

American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado Foundation - \$15,000

Citizens for Constitutional Common Sense - \$5,000

Colorado Nonprofit Association - two grants totaling \$85,000

Colorado Nonprofit Development Center - \$60,000 over two years

Community Shares of Colorado - \$15.000

Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable - \$50,000 FRESC - \$15,000

Latina Initiative - \$10,000

Latino Community Foundation of Colorado - \$80,000 over three years The Latino Community Foundation is housed at Rose Community Foundation.

Metro CareRing - \$15,000

Metro Organizations for People - \$80,000 over two years

Metro Volunteers - \$50,000 over two years

Savings Account for Education - \$50,000



A break for some on-the-job socializing

"So many policy discussions around major issues happen in closed rooms with small groups of people. We created a collaborative framework to discuss these issues more deeply and inclusively."

- Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper

### 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable 2008rmr.org

## 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable Topics:

- America's Retirement Challenge
- Education
- Emergency Preparedness
- Energy and Climate Change
- Health, Wellness and Prevention
- International Relations
- Philanthropy
- Technology
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Unconventional Women



Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper speaks at the 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable.

# Objective: To hold a series of nonpartisan, issue-oriented symposia for the Greater Denver community during the 2008 Democratic National Convention (DNC).

Impact: As plans were being laid for the 2008 DNC in Denver, an idea surfaced – to offer area residents the chance to be a part of highlevel policy discussions. What emerged was the 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable, three days of symposia organized around 10 topics. (See list on left.) Rose Community Foundation granted \$50,000 to support the event.

Each roundtable consisted of a moderator and 12 to 18 panelists, including politicians, nonprofit leaders, academics, business leaders

and activists. No presentations or speeches were allowed, just free-form discussion. "This was not a dialogue series just for convention delegates," says Roundtable Chairman Jim Polsfut. "The citizens of the metro area were also our focus – and 17,000 of them took part in it."

"We had cutting-edge thinkers and incredible audience participation," agrees Stephanie Foote, president of the Roundtable. "And the whole series was 'green.' Everything was handled electronically."

# Latino Community Foundation of Colorado

### rcfdenver.org/latinocfc

Established in 2007, the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado (LCFC) promotes Latino philanthropy and awards grants to strengthen and support nonprofit organizations across the state that are led by, and serve, Latinos. In conjunction with the national organization Hispanics in Philanthropy, the group awarded 14 grants totaling \$227,500 in 2008.

Founding Chair Ron Montoya, who is also a Rose Community Foundation trustee, said "These grants are possible because of the generosity of Latino and other donors. Now more than ever, our community needs our support."

The LCFC is housed at Rose Community Foundation and is also supported by other local and national funders. Visit rcfdenver.org/latinocfc for more information.

## The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado's Founders

The Abarca Family
Raydean Acevedo
Linda and Robert Alvarado
Robert and Chantil
Arciniaga
Cyndi Bush-Luna and
Richard Bush-Luna
Toti Cadavid and Luis Colón
Francisco Garcia
Irene Ibarra and Armando
Quiroz
Andrew "Rusty" and
Mitchell Gonzales

Timothy and Bernadette
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Naomi and Ron Montoya
Grace and Jerry Natividad
Annette Quintana and Len
Silverston
Deborah Quintana and
Family
Lola A. Salazar, President,
Salazar Family
Foundation
Mike Shaw
The Tafoya Family

Founders have made a minimum gift of \$25,000 to support the LCFC.



# National Leadership in Action Award



LCFC Executive Director Marcelina Rivera with W.K. Kellogg Foundation Trustee Ramón Murguía, who presented the National Leadership in Action Award to Rose Community Foundation.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation named Rose Community Foundation one of the five 2008 recipients of its prestigious National Leadership in Action Award, recognizing "excellent work by nonprofit organizations and philanthropic institutions in communities of color."

The Foundation was selected for its leadership in advancing cross-cultural collaborations with Colorado's Latino community and its support of the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado (see left).

"As an organization rooted in the Jewish values of nondiscrimination and philanthropy, Rose Community Foundation is pleased to support another community in developing its philanthropic voice," said President and CEO Sheila Bugdanowitz.

Rose Community Foundation received a \$50,000 grant with the award, which the trustees chose to reinvest in the LCFC.

# Rose Philanthropic Services

# Giving with intention

We believe that donors can have an especially meaningful impact on our community during difficult economic times. The Foundation's staff is available to help donors identify pressing needs, promising opportunities and thoughtful strategies that can make a lasting difference.

We back up our belief with these commitments to:

- assure the highest quality services to donors
- exercise the highest standards of stewardship
- connect donors to priorities they care about, and to community needs
- bring together people, resources and vision through funding collaboratives and learning opportunities
- make charitable giving easy, flexible and effective – take out the work, leave the joy

Rose Philanthropic Services is the arm of Rose Community Foundation that offers donors a variety of services and a broad range of giving opportunities to help them achieve their philanthropic goals. From clarifying a philanthropic vision, to advisory services for family foundations, to reporting on the results a grant produced, the Foundation enables individuals and families to *give with intention* – to act on their charitable values.

Our understanding of the community and our expertise in specific issue areas give donors an edge – the extra measure of thoughtfulness, creativity and knowledge that can make their philanthropic investment as effective as possible.

#### **Donor-Centered Services**

Our commitment to donor satisfaction means taking the necessary time and effort to connect donors to grantees and philanthropic initiatives that best reflect their charitable values and goals. We also make sure our donors enjoy the maximum tax benefits for their philanthropic commitment.

## **Expertise and Proven Strategies**

Rose Community Foundation's team of program officers is nationally recognized for their expertise. We have in-depth understanding of the Denver-area nonprofit community, and are knowledgeable about a wide range of successful grantmaking strategies that may be attractive to donors.

## **Donor Options**

Rose Philanthropic Services offers numerous options to donors, ranging from the simplicity of a one-time gift to the more "hands-on" possibilities of a charitable fund that has the name, the values and the personality that a donor creates for it.

For more complete information on Rose Philanthropic Services, visit rcfdenver.org/donor\_services. To reach the director, call 303.398.7442.

# Types of Funds

## Community Builders Fund

A fund open to any donor who makes a minimum contribution equal to 1 percent or more of the Foundation's unrestricted grantmaking budget for the coming year.

## Designated Fund

Often structured as an endowment, it allows a donor to direct grants to one or more specific charitable organizations.

#### Donor-Advised Fund

A fund established by a donor at the Foundation, which receives immediate tax benefits, earns investment revenue and allows the donor or the donor's designees to recommend grants to qualified charitable organizations on a flexible timetable.

#### Field of Interest Fund

Enables the donor to provide ongoing support to multiple and variable grantees working in a specific field of endeavor.

## **General Support Gifts**

Anyone may make a gift of any amount to support Rose Community Foundation. Donors may also designate their gifts to be used solely for grantmaking in one or more of the Foundation's program areas.

## Nonprofit Organization Endowment Fund

Provides a way for nonprofit organizations to build long-term revenue-producing endowments with Rose Community Foundation as administrator.

## Supporting Organization

A supporting organization operates like a small foundation within Rose Community Foundation. For many donors, it is an efficient and effective alternative to a private foundation.

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As founding donors to the Community Builders Fund, Carol and Larry A. Mizel and family contributed \$120,000 to Rose Community Foundation at the end of 2007. These funds were added directly to the Foundation's 2008 grantmaking budget, increasing the amount available for grants made through the Foundation's program areas.



Two girls enjoy the Colorado sunshine.

# The Bay Philanthropic Fund

"My parents come from a time when they really did want to change the world," says Ben Curtiss Lusher of his philanthropically-minded baby boomer parents. "For them, it's not about the recognition, it's about the cause."

Ben's parents, Barry and Gay Curtiss-Lusher, acknowledge the 1960s influence on their lives. They joined their last names – Gay Curtiss and Barry Lusher – with a hyphen when they married (a name later



Left to right: Barry Curtiss-Lusher, Gay Curtiss-Lusher, Ben Curtiss Lusher, Nicole Graham-Lusher, Joe Curtiss-Lusher and Julie Curtiss-Lusher

unhyphenated by Ben when he married). Barry and Gay took a 15-month backpacking trip around the world before expanding their family. They had ideals and knew they wanted to impart those ideals to their children.

For years, the parents have given their children – Ben, Joe and Julie – an amount of money at Hanukah to be contributed to any qualified charity. There was one requirement, "We told them that they need to be personally involved," says Gay. "We give where we are also committing our time and energy." Adds Barry, "It's part of living a good life to be involved with your community and your world."

In 2008, Barry and Gay established The Bay Philanthropic Fund, a donor-advised fund at Rose Community Foundation. The Fund receives royalties from an interest in an oil-and-gas business, which the Curtiss-Lushers donated to the Foundation. The entire family, including Ben's wife Nicole Graham-Lusher, discusses together which charities they want to support through the fund.

"I've only recently come to appreciate the magnitude and depth of what my parents do in the community. I hope I can make the same kind of impact that they have made," says Ben.

#### What Makes Sense Now?

In the current financial market, Charitable Lead Trusts (CLTs) are gaining popularity among donors. A CLT is set up for a specified term. Donors make grants each year of the CLT's existence. When the trust ends, the assets pass on to the donor's heirs. CLTs are attractive now due to historically low special interest rates used to calculate asset growth over the life of the trust. For more information on CLTs and other giving options, please call 303.398.7442.

# Advised, Designated and Field of Interest Funds

Allergy and Asthma Health Fund
The Anchor Fund
The Bay Philanthropic Fund
Boomers Leading Change Designated Fund
Bugdanowitz Family Fund
Children's Diabetes Foundation Fund
Colorado Child Health Foundation Restricted
Fund

Colorado Friends Fund of the Harvard
Women's Studies in Religion Program
Community Builders Fund
Cottonwood Institute Designated Fund
David J. and Vicki Perlmutter Dansky Fund
Barbara Mellman Davis Fund
Lee and Barbara Mellman Davis Fund
Early Childhood Education Designated Fund
Steven W. Farber Leadership Fund
Figa Family Fund
Firefly Fund

Firefly Fund
Cal and Jean Frazier Fund
Tom and Margie Gart Family Fund
Brett, Scott, Devon and Kyle Goldberg
Charitable Fund
The Gray Family Donor-Advised Fund
Gerald and Lorna Gray Family Fund

Martin C. Gross Family Foundation

A. Barry and Arlene F. Hirschfeld Family
Fund

Jewish Women's Fund of Colorado

The Dan and Angela Japha Family Charitable Fund

Larry and Helayne Jones Family Fund
Kikumoto Family Fund
David and Judy Koff Family Fund
Kortz Family Fund
Latino Community Foundation of Colorado
Mary Lee and Jay Schusterman Family Fund
J. Leonard Levy and Myra B. Levy Fund
Lion Heritage Fund

Evan and Evi Makovsky Family Fund
MDC/Richmond American Homes Fund
Sue Miller Transitions Fund
Over the Rainbow Fund
The Pollock Family Fund
Pollock/Gorden Donor-Advised Fund
ProComp Restricted Fund
RLC Foundation

Marcia and Richard L. Robinson Family Fund Rose Women's Organization Donor-Advised Fund Rose Youth Foundation Alumni Fund
Marvin and Harriet Shogan Family Fund
Stephen H. Shogan Philanthropic Leadership
Fund
Deanne Tucker Charitable Fund
Richard B. Tucker Family Fund
The WaterBlum Fund
The Wolman Family Fund



Volunteer Jimmie Queen

# Nonprofit Organization Endowment Funds and Sub-Funds

Allied Jewish Apartments Endowment American Jewish Committee Endowment Fund

Anti-Defamation League New Century Endowment Fund

- Atheneus Humanities Fund for the Anti-Defamation League
- · Barbara and Norman Gray Fund

BMH-BJ Congregation

B'nai Havurah Endowment Fund

Boulder Jewish Community Foundation Endowment Fund

Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver Endowment Fund

- The Holocaust Awareness Institute Fund
- The Dr. Irwin E. Vinnik Fellowship Supplementary Fund
- Rabbi Dr. Stanley M. Wagner Community Cultural Fund

Colorado Agency for Jewish Education Congregation Beth Evergreen Endowment Fund

 Ellen Diesenhof Educational Endowment Fund

Congregation Emanuel Fund

Denver Academy of Torah Endowment Fund

- Englard Fund
- Makovsky Fund
- MGB Foundation Fund
- · Obby Shames Fund

Denver Public Schools Foundation



Jeff Aschkinasi of Rose Youth Foundation

Herzl/RMHA at the Denver Campus Endowment Fund

- Auerbach Family Children's Fund
- Jack Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Rose Medical Center Sports and Fitness Endowment
- Charles and Louise Rosenbaum Scholarship Fund

Hillel of Colorado Endowment Fund

- Annie Rosen Fund
- Siegel Endowment Fund

Jewish Family Service of Colorado Endowment

Latino Community Foundation of Colorado Endowment Mizel Museum

Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Endowment Fund

- Dena and Charlie Miller Theatre Fund
- Rose Medical Center Fund
- Wolf Theatre Academy Fund

Shalom Park Endowment

 Milton and Lillian Toltz Staff Appreciation Fund

The Spirituals Project Endowment Fund Jerry Spitz Memorial Education Fund Temple Sinai Endowment Fund Yeshiva Toras Chaim Endowment Fund

# Jewish Women's Fund of Colorado

## rcfdenver.org/jwfc

Jewish Women's Fund of Colorado (JWFC), a donor-advised fund of Rose Community Foundation, is committed to using the power of collective philanthropy to create a systemic difference in the status of women and girls.

JWFC's goals are to *engage*, *educate* and *empower* women so that they may become catalysts for change. These three goals intersect, inform and complement all of JWFC's activities.

#### In 2008, JWFC:

- Awarded grants and financial support to five organizations that are creating long-term, strategic responses to issues affecting women and girls.
- Convened key players from more than 50 Colorado organizations to participate in *Moving Forward* – a national effort to reframe language used around reproductive health.
- Increased its involvement in Colorado Women's Organizations – a collaborative group focused on making a positive difference in the lives of women and girls.
- Welcomed three new members to its Coordinating Council.

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# Rose Women's Organization

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Rose Women's Organization (RWO) is a volunteer-led charitable fund of Rose Community Foundation. Since 1996, RWO has awarded more than \$1.2 million in grants to local organizations. RWO traces its lineage to Rose Auxiliary at Rose Medical Center. From its roots as a service-based group for women, RWO has evolved into an organization that awards grants to improve the health, education and welfare of women, children and families in the Greater Denver community.

For its 2008 grantmaking, RWO issued a targeted request for proposals that focused on enhancing programs and organizations that encourage girls' success in grades 3 through 8. RWO awarded 11 grants totaling more than \$102,000 in 2008. To see a list of those grants and to learn more about the fund, visit rcfdenver.org/rwo.

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Kids wait for their turn to be seen by a dentist at Kids in Need of Dentistry's mobile dental van.

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Education

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A temporary resident of The Delores Project, a homeless shelter for adult women, talks with a staff member.

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Every year, Rose Community Foundation employees contribute to a fund that awards grants to organizations chosen by a volunteer staff committee. The Foundation matches the contributions made by employees. In 2008, the fund was augmented with additional donations made by several of the Foundation's trustees and committee members.

In December, the Workplace Giving Committee approved a grant totaling \$11,538 to Family Tree, an organization that provides a broad range of services and shelter to families and youth of Metro Denver to overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness. thefamilytree.org

In response to a dramatic increase in need throughout the community, the Workplace Giving Committee also organized an office food drive at the end of 2008 yielding 125 pounds of food for the Weinberg Food Pantry at Jewish Family Service of Colorado. jewishfamilyservice.org



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