

Rose Community Foundation Leadership Update

Strategic Planning: A Journey Together

This year, we at Rose Community Foundation are undertaking a strategic planning process. As stewards of both the Foundation's legacy and its financial resources, we owe it to the community we serve to ensure that we are addressing the needs of both today and tomorrow – and operating in ways that best support that goal. To these ends, our Board of Trustees charged us to spend 2019 asking and answering questions about our vision for the future, how we will serve our region, and the roles we will play in our next chapter.

Read more about our strategic planning process and the questions we will be asking in my blog post [here](#).

Below you'll find highlights of our work from the last six months, but it is by no means a comprehensive list of all of the activities and successes from our team, grantees or fundholders. To stay in the loop, we invite you to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).



Sincerely,
Lindy Eichenbaum Lent
President and CEO

**CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH AND ARTHRITIS EQUIPMENT
EXPANDED THANKS TO NEARLY \$1.3M FROM DONORS**



Last week, the Foundation awarded nearly \$1.3 million in grants to advance cardiology research and purchase equipment for arthritis research and treatment. The one-time grantmaking is an initiative called “Heart and Soul,” which distributed dollars from restricted funds that were established at the Foundation with specific donor intent.

The Foundation fulfilled the original intentions that the donors used in establishing the funds and aligned them with cutting-edge research and care being offered at the following facilities: Center for Women’s Health Research, Children’s Hospital Colorado, Denver Health, Kavod Senior Life, National Jewish Health, and University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus. [Read more.](#)

2019 ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Join us in celebrating highlights of the prior year and envisioning what is ahead for Rose Community Foundation. The breakfast will feature guest speaker and renowned philanthropist futurist Trista Harris, author of "FutureGood."

Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

Sewell Ballroom, Denver Center for the Performing Arts

RSVP by April 10 [online](#) or by calling 303-398-7425.

NEW BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Foundation’s Board of Trustees welcomes two new members in 2019: **Janine Davidson, Ph.D.**, president of Metropolitan State University; and **Morris W. Price, Jr.**, vice president and executive director of City Year Denver. They join 16 existing trustees including Katherine Gold, who will remain board chair through 2019. Steven Cohen was announced as board chair-elect. [Read more](#) about our new Trustees and Committee members.



COMMUNITY ACTION FUND GRANTMAKING

With the desire to make Greater Denver a welcoming and safe place for all, the Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in grants in 2018 to local nonprofits serving immigrants and refugees, as well as communities vulnerable to discrimination and hate.

“As a foundation rooted in values of social justice and inclusion, we are compelled to stand up for those who feel threatened by uncertainty in the immigration policy landscape, troubling upticks in hate crimes or escalating discriminatory rhetoric,” said Lindy Eichenbaum Lent. [Read more.](#)



WE'RE HIRING

The Foundation is seeking qualified candidates for two open positions: Director of Gift Planning and Advisor Relations, and Accounting & Benefits Associate. Please help us spread the word. [The job postings can be found here.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- Here is a roundup of [the Foundation's grantmaking in the second half of the year](#), bringing the total to **\$25 million in 2018 grantmaking**.
- In January, the Foundation hosted a luncheon featuring *The New York Times* **columnist Ron Lieber**, author of the bestselling book “The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money.” Lieber shared [tips and advice](#) for talking with kids about money and building values around multi-generational philanthropy.
- In October, the Foundation hosted a forum for business, nonprofit and government leaders around the importance of a **fair and accurate count in the 2020 Census**. [Read more.](#)
- The Foundation has been in the news! **Read the [latest news coverage](#)** on our initiatives and programs.