

Rose Community Foundation Leadership Update



Evolving With Our Community

As a community foundation, our core purpose is to serve and help improve a geographic region. We do this through grantmaking, leadership and donor stewardship, a multipronged approach that enables us to leverage both our own assets and other philanthropic resources for the good of the community. We are so fortunate and grateful to be able to do this work, and we are excited about what the future holds for both Greater Denver and Rose Community Foundation.

In 1995, Denver-area community leaders created Rose Community Foundation from the proceeds of the then-nonprofit Rose Medical Center's sale to a health care corporation. Largely influenced by Rose Medical Center itself, the founding values and vision that created the Foundation have guided it ever since, enabling us to make a meaningful impact in enhancing lives in the Greater Denver area. In 23 years, Rose Community Foundation has not significantly changed its priority areas or core functions, yet we know that both our region and its philanthropic funding landscape have changed significantly in the last two decades. As such, our board, committees and staff believe that we owe it to the community we serve – and everyone who worked so hard to build Rose Community Foundation's legacy to date – to ensure that we are meeting Greater Denver's evolving needs as effectively as possible. In 2019, we will begin a comprehensive strategic planning process with that singular goal in mind, and we are committed to inviting our partners and stakeholders along with

us on the journey. Stay tuned for more information, and thank you for your role in helping us strive to be nimble, responsive and always improving.

Below you'll find a roundup of some of our work so far in 2018, 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 on a regular basis, we invite you to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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Lindy Eichenbaum Lent
President and CEO

FUNDHOLDERS MAKING AN IMPACT

"We want to give not just with our money but with our time, and we want to spend time giving back together." Recently, 24 family members and friends volunteered at the 3rd Annual Thorpe Family Day of Service at the Anchor Center for Blind Children and the Mental Health Center of Denver's Dahlia Center for Health and Well-Being. After the devastating loss of their infant son, David and Alicia have worked closely with philanthropic advisor Anita Wesley to create an impactful legacy in his name through their donor-advised fund. Read more about the Thorpe family and Rose Community Foundation's donor-advised funds [here](#).



NEW ROOTS & BRANCHES COHORT BEGINS

Each year, the members of Roots & Branches Foundation work together to understand Jewish traditions and values, explore community needs, and determine how to use grantmaking to help address an issue that resonates with them as young Jewish philanthropists. All members contribute their time, talent and money in support of their group's work.



The 19 members of Roots & Branches Foundation 2018 are a diverse and talented group of young Jewish adults who work in the nonprofit, tech, business and education fields. Check out our impressive list of current members [here](#). The 2017 cohort wrapped up this spring, having granted \$53,000 to programs, projects and organizations that welcome, support, and transform the lives of refugees and/or immigrants and their families.

COMMUNITY ACTION FUND GRANTMAKING

In June, we added our voice to the calls against the policies separating and detaining families at the U.S.-Mexico border. You can read our statement [here](#). And we are grateful to have been able to put our money where our mouth is. Rose Community Foundation has granted \$260,500 in 2018 toward our [Community Action Fund](#) work, with additional grantmaking planned before the end of the year. Funding initiatives



included grants to local nonprofit organizations providing legal and interpretation services for immigrant and refugee children who are facing deportation, detention cases and removal proceedings in the Greater Denver area. Additionally, the current climate has resulted in increased demand being placed on many nonprofits who work with immigrant and refugee families and others vulnerable to hate, which inspired Rose Community Foundation to help address these capacity constraints under our Help the Helpers grant strategy. We have also provided funding to the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado and Together We Count, a new initiative focused on an accurate 2020 Census count to ensure Colorado receives its fair share of federal funding to support a variety of imperative community needs.

ROSE TEAM MEMBERS SOUGHT AFTER FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Recently, two of our program officers were invited to serve national organizations, which gives them a peer network for learnings from around the country to bring back to Greater Denver and helps elevate the work happening locally onto the national stage. Rose Community Foundation's Senior Program Officer for Education, [Janet Lopez](#), joined the Grantmakers for Education national board and serves as the only representative both from Colorado and from a community foundation. Also this summer, Senior Program Officer for Child & Family Development, [Elsa Holguín](#), was selected for the inaugural cohort of Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) Nonpartisan & Binational Public Service Fellowship, an executive leadership program for outstanding Latina professionals who are poised to make urgent and long-lasting improvements in the lives of Latinas.



Janet Lopez
Senior Program Officer for Education



Elsa Holguín
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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

- **Historic Philanthropy Sets Course for a New Day at JCC Denver.** Rose Community Foundation and its partners announced a historic funding agreement in June that will usher in a new era of financial stabilization and leadership that will allow the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center to continue expanding its diverse programming for the benefit of the community – from babies to older adults – for generations to come. [Read more.](#)
- A strong and expanding field of local nonprofits are **organizing grassroots communities around education issues** in Denver and Aurora, and we recently announced a collaborative funding approach to supporting them. [Read more.](#)
- On **September 11**, Rose Community Foundation will be honored at the 4th Annual Spring Intercultural Champion Awards and we are excited to celebrate with this nonprofit that impacts community health and well-being through culturally competent approaches, particularly among refugees populations. If you would like to celebrate with us at this free event, please [register here](#).
- [New Campaign Fights Ageism in Colorado.](#) **Changing the Narrative** hopes to end negative and inaccurate images of aging and mobilize Coloradans to recognize ageism and train individuals and organizations how to talk about aging in ways proven to change negative perceptions. [Learn more about Changing the Narrative](#) and join the movement.
- Our **2017 Annual Report** highlighted the impact of our grantmaking and the generosity of the donors whose giving we help facilitate. See those numbers and read the stories behind them [here](#).
- [Initiative to Engage More Denver and Boulder Teens in Jewish Programs Receives New Funding after Report Shows Positive Outcomes.](#) Rose Community Foundation and Jim Joseph Foundation awarded more than \$2.1 million so local organizations can continue teen engagement.
- Here is a roundup of [Rose Community Foundation's grantmaking in the first half of 2018.](#)