



Rose Community Foundation

Leadership Update

As we reach the first milestone in our organization-wide strategic planning, we want to share a brief update. In April we wrapped up the first phase of this work, which involved conversations with those closest to the Foundation's work – our board of trustees and staff – about past accomplishments and future aspirations, strengths, as well as growth opportunities. This month, we have entered a new strategic planning phase in which we are widening our lens, looking outward to explore needs and priorities in Greater Denver, and soliciting external feedback about Rose Community Foundation and our work.

We invite you to read about more specifics of our strategic planning process in my [blog post here](#).

I also shared my thoughts this week in a separate blog post on the recent shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch. My hope is that it will spark conversation and exploration of what each of us can do – individually and collectively – to stop this horrific trend of preventable tragedies once and for all. You can [read more here](#).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindy Eichenbaum Lent".

Sincerely,
Lindy Eichenbaum Lent
President and CEO

CHRISTINE DELEON RECEIVES SHEILA BUGDANOWITZ LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Foundation presented its second-annual Sheila Bugdanowitz Leadership Development Award to **Christine DeLeon**, CEO and founder of Moonshot edVentures, at the Foundation's Annual Breakfast on April 17. The award – funded by donations made in Bugdanowitz's memory – aims to recognize and support emerging leaders in the Greater Denver nonprofit community. "Christine is working to ensure that the

diversity of our school leaders matches that of our students,” said Trinidad Rodriguez (right), Foundation trustee and chair of the education committee. [MORE](#)



NONPROFIT ENDOWMENT COHORT CELEBRATION

The 2018-2019 Nonprofit Endowment Cohort marked the end of a successful cycle with a celebration at The Logan School for Creative Learning. The program gives nonprofit organizations and professionals training and incentives to integrate endowment building and legacy giving into their development work, with the goal of launching their own endowment. Applications are now open for the 2019-2020 cohort. [Learn more and apply today.](#)



LIVE ON | LIFE & LEGACY YEAR IN REVIEW

The Live On | LIFE & LEGACY™ program recently wrapped up a successful first year. This initiative, in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, helps local Jewish nonprofits secure their future by building endowments through legacy gifts.

From March 2018 - February 2019

28 ORGANIZATIONS

in the Denver community secured over

500 LEGACY COMMITMENTS

from

374 LEGACY DONORS.

The estimated value of those gifts is

OVER \$25 MILLION.



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ROSE YOUTH FOUNDATION AND ROOTS & BRANCHES

Applications for the next **Rose Youth Foundation** class are now open. RYF is a youth-led program, empowering teens grades 10-12 to use the tools of philanthropy to make a difference. [Learn more about the program.](#) The application deadline is May 31.

Roots & Branches Foundation brings together a diverse group of Jewish young adults ages 25 to 40 who collaborate to make a difference in the community through strategic philanthropy. [Learn more and apply today.](#) Application deadline is May 15.



FOUNDATION STAFF UPDATE

The Foundation is excited to welcome three new staff members. **Linette Hidalgo** is the new Donor Services and Database Associate. **Afshin Sarvestani** recently joined

the team as the Accounting and Benefits Associate. And in June 2019, **Judy Altenberg** will join the Foundation as Director of Gift Planning and Donor Relations. Altenberg has been actively involved in the Foundation as a volunteer for 12 years, including as a Foundation trustee and chair of the Jewish Life committee. [MORE](#)



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- In March 2019, [Latino Community Foundation of Colorado](#) officially became an independent nonprofit organization. LCFC was launched in 2007 by Rose Community Foundation and nonprofit partners. One of only a few Latino community foundations in the country, LCFC is already a key player in the philanthropic sector of Colorado.
 - At the 2019 Annual Breakfast, attendees enjoyed a recap video of the Foundation's work over the last year, featuring Project Angel Heart, the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network and JCC Denver. [Watch now.](#)
 - The Foundation has been in the news! Read the [latest news coverage](#) on our initiatives and programs.
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