

Community Foundation Celebrates 35 Years of Giving

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35 Years of Giving

lance; read reflections from trustees LuAnn Ball, Bob Everitt, and Wynne Odell; and share your memories of the Community Foundation on our [35th Anniversary web page](#).

The Community Foundation was founded in 1975 as Fort Collins leaders were making plans to turn the Lincoln Junior High School building into what we know today as the Lincoln Center, and a group of visionary citizens were actively planning for the future through an initiative called Designing Tomorrow Today (DT2). [Click here](#) to read the whole story; watch a video of a trip down memory

Rialto Bridge Capital Campaign:
Connecting Art, Artists and the Community

The [Rialto Bridge](#) is a 20,000 square-foot public-private project that will provide significant economic stimulus to downtown Loveland. Because downtown revitalization is the primary goal of the Community Foundation's Loveland Community Fund Committee, the Foundation created a charitable fund to serve as a receptacle for gifts made in support of this \$700,000 project. [Phil Farley](#), the Foundation's Director of Loveland Community Relations, is providing staff leadership for the campaign. Gifts to Rialto Bridge are tax-deductible and eligible for a Colorado Income Tax Credit due to its designation as a Larimer County Enterprise Zone Project. Please [click here to make an online donation](#) or [click here to submit your pledge](#). The campaign is experiencing phenomenal success, and we encourage you to watch for major gift announcements in the coming months.

Colorado Gives Day set for December 8
Raising \$1 million in One Day for Colorado Charities

"Colorado Gives Day" is a new initiative to increase support for Colorado charities through online giving. Presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day will take place during a 24-hour period starting at 12 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Donations will be accepted through the website [GivingFirst.org](#), with a goal of raising \$1 million in one day for Colorado charities. Colorado ranks among the lowest of all 50 states in charitable contributions while having some of the highest average incomes.

Many nonprofits in Northern Colorado are featured on the GivingFirst website, and 100% of every gift made will go directly to the designated charity. In addition, an incentive fund created by FirstBank will boost the value of every gift made that day. [Read on...](#)

All about Philanthropy
In Less Than Four Minutes

A charity leader in Seattle recently created a three-minute, 40-second video to demonstrate the economic impact of nonprofit agencies in the U.S. According to [PhilanthropyReports.org](#), "the video was designed to help nonprofit employees and donors understand the scope of their sector." An interview with the video's creator can be found on the [Chronicle of Philanthropy's website](#), and the popular YouTube video ("Know Your Sector") [can be viewed here](#).

End-of-Year Giving Made Easy
Donor advisors: Submit Grant Recommendations by Dec. 10

We encourage those who have Donor Advised funds to submit their end-of-year grant recommendations by Dec. 10. **Grant requests received by Dec. 10 will be processed and mailed by Dec. 31.** Grant requests received after Dec. 10 may take longer than the standard 7-10 day processing time due to increased grantmaking and holiday closures. **We encourage fund advisors to submit grant recommendations via [DonorCentral](#)**, our secure online donor portal. To learn more, contact [Roxanne Fry](#).

Turning Pennies into Thousands "Found Money Fund" Has Long-Term Impact



Terry Armstrong, a professor at the University of Idaho, found three pennies on his way to school in January of 1981. He decided to save all the money he found. Others joined in and they decided they'd use the money for an end-of-year party. When they had only saved \$11, they decided to donate it to the university instead. Thirty years later, the "Found Money Fund" has a balance of \$284,238, thanks to contributions from all over the world. This endowed fund supports provides student scholarships, and the goal is to grow the fund to \$1 million within the next 10 years. [Read on...](#)

Plan Fort Collins: The Big Reveal



We invite you to join UniverCity Connections and the City of Fort Collins on Monday, Dec. 13 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Sunset Event Center, located at 242 Linden Street, Fort Collins. See how [Plan Fort Collins](#) comes to life with showcase projects, including [FortZED](#). You helped set the vision, now help set the plan in motion! Share ideas while enjoying complimentary refreshments and a cash bar. No need to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!

Ideas for Giving: Local Programs, Local Impact

The Community Foundation stays in close communication with charitable agencies in our region to strategically connect donors with the causes they care about most. These giving opportunities recently came to our attention:



[The Health District of Northern Larimer County](#) is a special tax district created by voters in 1960 to serve health needs in the northern two-thirds of Larimer County. The organization is seeking contributions to support the Dental Connections Care Under General Anesthesia Project, which will serve residents with disabilities who are in need of dental care that requires general anesthesia. These individuals often live with dental pain for months -- and sometimes years. The Health District plans to launch this project in January 2011; however, funding is still needed for the purchase of dental supplies and equipment. To learn more, contact [Chelsea Williams](#) at 224-5209.



[The Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation](#) supports the Loveland Library's work as the information center by advocating for public support and use of the library, generating current and long-term funding, and developing volunteer involvement. The Capital Campaign, conducted by The Friends of the Loveland Library has reached \$1.4 million of the \$2 million goal and groundbreaking for the expansion of the Loveland Library has been accomplished. The Foundation is now seeking funding to outfit its teen center in the Loveland Library, which will include study rooms, meeting space and a state-of-the-art gaming room. For more information, please contact [Rose Wheeler](#) at 278-0321.



[The Lincoln Center Renovation and Expansion](#) is well underway, and 90% of the \$8.2 million Capital Campaign goal has been met. The Boettcher Foundation recently issued a challenge grant to support the project: every donated dollar up to \$50,000 will be matched, allowing a contribution of \$1,000 to generate \$2,000 for the Lincoln Center. In addition, all gifts to the project are eligible for a 25% Colorado tax credit due to the Lincoln Center's designation as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project.

In an effort to make our donors and friends aware of these types of funding needs and program announcements, our website features news submissions from area nonprofit agencies. [Click here](#) to review this month's submissions, and [click here](#) if you would like to have your nonprofit agency featured on our website.

Join The Discussion



"Phil Anthropy", the Community Foundation's Facebook identity, posts updates several times each week. Share your comments on the issues that are impacting our region. [Join the discussion on our Facebook page.](#)

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