

THE Community EDITION

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In the News

Interested in Downtown Loveland?

The Community Foundation will host an educational event on Nov. 13 to spur efforts for enhancing downtown. This event, made possible by a grant from the Foundation's Loveland Community Fund and leadership of the Loveland Community Fund Committee, will feature an expert panel from the renowned Urban Land Institute, led by former Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut. To register, visit www.CommunityFoundationNC.org.



FortZED Speeds Forward: In April, FortZED won a \$6.3 million U.S. Department of Energy grant that will fund development of technology to transform downtown Fort Collins into a Zero Energy District, creating as much local, renewable energy as it uses.

Kicking off FortZED's Green Restaurant Initiative in August, local restaurants were selected to undergo a "green" renovation to decrease energy use and improve efficiency.

FortZED is the brainchild of UniverCity Connections, a Community Foundation of Northern Colorado initiative. To learn more, visit www.UniverCityConnections.org.

Fort Collins Veterans Plaza: Show your gratitude to Larimer County veterans with a tax-deductible donation to build a veterans plaza at Spring Canyon Community Park. Construction will begin after organizers meet the \$360,000 fundraising goal. Visit the website, www.FortCollinsVeteransPlaza.org, for more information.

Donor Spotlight: Louis Family Fund

Since retiring from his dental practice in January 1996, Dale Louis has participated in more than 50 dental mission trips throughout Asia, Central and South America and Africa.

His wife, Mary Ann, retired from her teaching career and trained to become Dale's dental assistant for these missions.

In May, the Berthoud residents established the Louis Family Fund with the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado to continue their philanthropy and create a legacy for their children.

"We hope by establishing this fund, we not only set a positive example for our children, but also establish a vehicle for charitable giving long after we are gone," Mary Ann said.

The couple said their Donor Advised fund is an easy and hassle-free way to donate to nonprofit agencies of their choice.

"The Foundation provides all financial services and management. We can focus on when and where to send donations," Dale said. "The management fee is very low and the investment income the fund earns will give us more to donate."

Dale and Mary Ann say the Community Foundation keeps them informed as well.

"Through the newsletter and other information we receive, we learn about worthwhile organizations we would like to support," Mary Ann said. "The Community Foundation is a positive organization for the community and region."

Their friends say they are selfless.

"They go at their own expense, four or five times a year, to places that are not always safe," said Berthoud Mayor and Community Foundation Trustee Tom Patterson. "Their philanthropy extends all over, because it's not just helping people locally; it's a broad-minded approach to addressing human problems. I can't think of better diplomats representing us abroad."

Dale and Mary Ann are planning three more trips abroad this fall. They will continue to use their dental training to help alleviate the pain and suffering of the world's poorest people.

"To us, that is an important part of what philanthropy should be," Mary Ann said.



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NEW Foundation FUNDS

The Community Foundation is pleased to report that 12 new funds have been established since Jan. 1, 2008.

- Boardman Family Fund
- Colorado Youth Outdoors at Swift Ponds Outdoor Education Facility Endowment Fund
- Disabled Resource Services Agency Endowment Fund
- Fort Collins Peace Corps Museum Endowment Fund
- Fort Collins Peace Corps Museum Building Fund
- Fort Collins Veterans Plaza Fund
- Harrison Family Fund
- Homeless Gear Fund
- Initiatives Fund (Community Foundation)
- Larimer County 4-H Youth Foundation Endowment Fund
- Louis Family Fund
- National Technological University Foundation Graduate Fellowship Fund

The individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit agencies that establish charitable funds at the Community Foundation each have different goals and needs. As our partners in giving, the fund advisors benefit from the services, resources, strategic thinking and flexibility we provide.

To learn more about establishing a fund at the Community Foundation, call Ray Caraway or Roxanne Fry at (970) 224-3462.

Matching Funds Grow Endowments

One way the Community Foundation promotes philanthropy is by investing in the vision, passion, and expertise of local nonprofit organizations.

The Matching Funds Initiative takes that investment to a higher level. By assisting selected nonprofit partners with their endowment-building efforts, the Community Foundation leverages their fundraising and helps them achieve their goal of long-term sustainability.

The Community Foundation issued challenge grants to **Hospice of Larimer County** and **Larimer Center for Mental Health** in January to help each agency grow its endowment and expand its donor base. For every \$2 raised by each nonprofit agency, the Community Foundation will provide \$1 in matching funds, up to \$70,000 for each organization. They have until Dec. 31 to meet the requirements.

Larimer Center for Mental Health, which received the Foundation's 2008 Agency of Distinction Award, plans to use the grant to expand its commitment to excellence in mental health care.

"We are excited about the investment the Foundation is making in the Center," Executive Director Randy Ratliff said. "It truly speaks to the Foundation's dedication to our community."

Hospice of Larimer County leaders hope that the challenge grant will help them secure long-term funding of hospice care that is not guaranteed through Medicare or other funding sources. To meet these goals, Hospice has established the Enduring Legacy Society to direct charitable donations to the Hospice of Larimer County Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation.

"We are grateful to the Community Foundation for helping us establish an endowment and for this generous challenge grant," Chief Executive Officer Evan Hyatt said. "With its assistance and support, what has seemed like an impossible task is more feasible."

The Community Foundation manages 33 agency funds. For a complete list, visit www.CommunityFoundationNC.org and click on Nonprofit Agencies > Establish an Agency Fund. To make a donation, click on Donors > Donate to an Existing Fund, or call (970) 224-3462.

Welcome, New Trustees and Staff



LuAnn Ball



Connie Dohn



John Roberts



Jean Sutherland

Board of Trustees:

For a complete list of trustees, visit www.CommunityFoundationNC.org and click on About Us > Trustees.



Chief Financial Officer Donna Long joined the staff in March 2008 to replace Sandy Boatman, who retired after five years with the Community Foundation. Donna ensures the proper accounting of each charitable fund. She graduated from Colorado State University College of Business and has extensive experience serving the Northern Colorado region in public and private accounting. Contact Donna at (970) 488-1988 or donna@CommunityFoundationNC.org.

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Homelessness Initiative Reports, “Phase I: Mission Accomplished”

The Homelessness Initiative Task Group of UniverCity Connections unveiled its study at an Aug. 21 press conference in Old Town Square and announced the development of a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Fort Collins.

“The report brings Fort Collins another step closer to the national partnership that now includes more than 500 communities partnered through 350 10-year plans,” Philip Mangano, executive director of the federal U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, said during the event attended by community leaders.

Mangano emphasized the importance of not focusing exclusively on services to the homeless, but rather on redirecting resources to reduce and end homelessness.

UniverCity Connections is an initiative of the Community Foundation. A grant from the Community Foundation, made possible by an anonymous donor, paid for the hiring of the report’s author, Dr. Jamie Van Leeuwen. Leeuwen heads Denver’s Road Home, an initiative to end homelessness in 10 years.

“Fort Collins has the unique opportunity to create a strategic and cost-effective response to ensure every man, woman and child in the community has a place to call home,” Leeuwen said. Visit www.UniverCityConnections.org to read the report.

The Homelessness Initiative Task Group, co-chaired by business leaders Chris Kneeland and Jim Sprout, is now working with other initiatives and organizations to write and implement the 10-year plan.

For an update on UniverCity Connections, visit the redesigned website at www.UniverCityConnections.org.

Year-End Giving Made Easy

The end-of-year giving season is approaching, and many of you are probably wondering how to address charitable solicitations from nonprofit organizations. Those who have a Donor Advised fund at the Community Foundation have an easy and effective way to approach those requests.

A Donor Advised fund provides a simple and cost-effective way to organize your charitable giving. Make a gift to the fund, receive a tax-deduction, and then let our staff assist you with grantmaking by handling the due-diligence research, check-writing, mailing and tracking.

The Community Foundation delivers unrivaled philanthropic services to charitably-minded residents of Northern Colorado, and there’s no better time to develop a more strategic approach to your charitable giving. Visit us at www.CommunityFoundationNC.org or call (970) 224-3462.

Peace Corps Museum

The Peace Corps will mark its 50th anniversary in March 2011. To commemorate volunteers’ selfless work, John Roberts established the Fort Collins Peace Corps Museum Building Fund. This fund will finance construction of a 50,000-square-foot museum, displaying 50 years of volunteer work around the world. It is scheduled for completion by the anniversary.

Roberts also established the Fort Collins Peace Corps Museum Endowment Fund to provide long-term resources for the museum and ensure its sustainability. Of the 190,000 current and former Peace Corps volunteers, 7,000 live in Colorado and 700 are Northern Colorado residents. For information, visit www.BeetStreet.org/Museum or call Beet Street at (970) 419-8240.

Donor Services Expanded

As the Community Foundation grows, we continue to enhance our capabilities for serving donors, supporting nonprofit agencies, and acting as a community leader.

- We offer our fund advisors 24/7 access to **DonorCentral**, a password-protected area of www.CommunityFoundationNC.org. Recent upgrades to DonorCentral offer the ability to export gift and grant history; view investment returns, administrative fees and activity expenses; and review quarterly market values since the fund was established.
- We recently unveiled **major revisions to our website, www.CommunityFoundationNC.org**. With updated content, easier navigation, and an increased emphasis on high-tech and high-touch donor services, the site is a one-stop shop for philanthropic resources in Northern Colorado.

To learn more about these and other donor services, contact Chief Operating Officer Roxanne Fry at (970) 488-1989 or roxanne@CommunityFoundationNC.org.



Homeless Gear

Donate Outdoor Gear

“The mission of Homeless Gear is simple. Collect unwanted outdoor gear, such as backpacks and sleeping bags, and re-distribute them to the homeless through local shelters,” founder Ken John said. Visit www.HomelessGear.com or call (970) 282-9001 for drop-off locations or to donate to the Homeless Gear Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation.

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INITIATIVE

The Give 10 Initiative, launched in November 2007, is a collaboration between Bohemian Foundation, Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and United Way of Larimer County to inspire increased giving to Larimer County nonprofit agencies.

Donors who contribute a total of \$10,000 or more to Larimer County 501(c)3 organizations during a calendar year will be recognized and celebrated for their dedication to building stronger communities. Donors may choose to give to one organization or to several; their total contributions need only meet or surpass the \$10,000 mark in a calendar year to enroll in the Give 10 Initiative.

The Give 10 Initiative has expanded donor eligibility for 2008: donors are no longer required to live in Larimer County, and grants from private family foundations are now eligible.

To receive an invitation to the 2009 Give 10 Grand Gala, the signature philanthropy celebration of the year, donors must be enrolled in the Give 10 Initiative by Jan. 9. To learn more and enroll, visit www.CommunityFoundationNC.org and click on Donors, Give 10 Initiative.

Continuing Education Seminars

The Community Foundation is continuing its popular **Lunch and Learn** series for **CPAs, attorneys and trust officers**.

The seminars, led by Peter B. Scott, JD, LL.M. (Tax), Jon-Mark Patterson, JD, and C. Jan Lord, JD, are approved for **two hours of continuing education credits**. Remaining topics for 2008 include:

- **Oct. 24: Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation under New IRC Section 409A.** This new law affects all deferrals of compensation including bonuses, supplemental executive retirement plans, severance pay, stock options, phantom stock, and stock appreciation rights. Learn about the impact on your clients and how to avoid the penalties imposed for violating these rules.
- **Dec. 12: Asset Protection Planning: Protecting Assets from Creditors, Predators and Medicaid.** Refresh your knowledge of asset protection strategies in estate, business and long-term care planning settings using a combination of entities, including trusts, LLCs, and corporate entities. Learn to enhance your services to your clients in times of economic uncertainty.

Online registration is available at www.CommunityFoundationNC.org. Click on the specific link for each Lunch & Learn in the News section.

Founding Trustees Honored

The Community Foundation honored its original trustees with the Founders' Award during the April 23 Annual Luncheon. These forward-thinking leaders established the Foundation in 1975 to build the Lincoln Center.



Back row, left to right: Buford Plemmons, Ray Chamberlain, Bob Everitt, Rev. Charles Patchen. Front row: Emily Patchen (spouse), Margaret Webber (spouse), Don Webber. Not pictured: Tom Gleason.



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