



COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF FUNDERS

Building connections. Strengthening philanthropy.



2010
**Annual
Report**



COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF FUNDERS



Shepard Nevel, The Colorado Health Foundation; Lauren Casteel, The Denver Foundation; and Lisa Roy, Timothy and Bernadette Marquez Foundation

mission

To bring people, information and resources together to promote effective and responsible philanthropy in Colorado

vision

To be a leader and partner in building connections and strengthening philanthropy on behalf of the foundation community, the broader nonprofit sector and the people of Colorado

values

To respect and honor the diverse missions of Colorado funders, while working toward shared goals that advance philanthropy and benefit Colorado



Tracy Ulmer, The Denver Post and David Miller, The Denver Foundation



Sarah Indyk and Lisa Farber Miller, Rose Community Foundation and Wendell Fleming, The LARRK Foundation



Kelly Brough, Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, talks to CAF members

welcome



Timothy W. Schultz



Joanne Kelley

Dear Members and Friends:
We're pleased to report that the Colorado Association of Funders remains firmly committed to **building connections** and **strengthening philanthropy** on behalf of our members, the broader nonprofit community and the people of Colorado.

The year 2010 marked the first full year of the association's leadership role in raising awareness about the role foundations and other funders play in serving and supporting our communities. Our members ranked this new work among their highest priorities for the association.

Our ability to connect funders and develop timely educational programs also continues to be a vital part of what we do. At the same time, we've reached out to strengthen relationships and increase our network of stakeholders at the local, state and national levels.

Our success so far would not have happened without the guidance and hard work of those who have been willing to serve as members of our board and committees. We're extremely grateful for the thoughtful leadership of Irene Ibarra, former CEO of The Colorado Trust, who served as CAF's board chair until August 2010.

We also thank all of our members for their vision and continued investment in CAF as we strive to advance philanthropy in Colorado. A 2010 survey of our membership showed overwhelming support for the need to continue investing in two, full-time professional staff to carry out the association's enhanced mission.

Also in 2010, with extensive input from our members, the board of the Colorado Association of Funders began creating a strategic roadmap to guide us into the future. We've reaffirmed our commitment to honor the diverse missions of Colorado funders, while working toward shared goals that advance philanthropy and benefit Coloradans.

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our members and partners, CAF is in a strong position to move forward. We greatly appreciate all you have done to make this possible.

With sincere thanks,

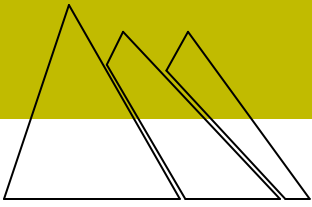
Tim Schultz
Chair, Board of Directors

Joanne Kelley
Executive Director

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We're increasing our commitment to building connections and strengthening philanthropy in Colorado.



strengthening philanthropy

Networking, Education and More

The Colorado Association of Funders provided a wide variety of networking opportunities, educational programs, peer groups and tools. All of these allowed members to connect, share expertise and stay informed about critical, timely issues and innovations. The overall goal of this work: to help Colorado funders increase their reach and impact throughout the communities they serve.

Our monthly program series at the Denver Art Museum and the Denver Public Library featured a diverse range of topics and interactive sessions in 2010. These events, typically held on the first Wednesday of the month, are planned by staff and volunteers and serve as both networking and learning opportunities for all of our members. Special thanks to Phil Gonring of Rose Community Foundation for his two years of leadership in this area.

We kicked off 2010 by bringing funders together with university leaders (the heads of the University of Colorado, the Colorado Community College System and Metropolitan State College of Denver) for a discussion about the state of higher education. CAF members also had the opportunity to hear from the new heads of Denver's cultural institutions and take a tour of a special exhibit in the DAM's Hamilton Wing with new museum director Christoph Heinrich.

A partial list of the year's most popular programs includes:

- ▲ A look at generational differences presented by Paul Taylor of the Pew Research Center in Washington.
- ▲ A spirited interchange about "Colorado's Fiscal Future" with Jon Caldara of the Independence Institute and Wade Buchanan of the Bell Policy Center.
- ▲ A next-day debrief on the November election moderated by The Denver Post's Vincent Carroll. Panelists included political pundits Katy Atkinson, Floyd Ciruli and Steve Welchert.



(L to R) Roweena Naidoo, The Women's Foundation of Colorado; Maureen McDonald, Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation; and Sheila Bugdanowitz, Rose Community Foundation

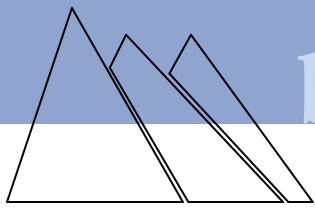
CAF also continued to provide support and leadership to several peer groups that met at various times throughout the year.

CAF's Leadership Forum, chaired by Mary Gunn of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, offered foundation CEOs, executive directors and heads of corporate and workplace giving programs opportunities to meet with their peers in the sector and reflect on top-of-mind issues. These forums take place at the University of Denver's Chambers Center in February, May and October and include time for unstructured networking and facilitated discussion.

Our programs allow members to connect, share expertise and stay informed about timely issues and innovations

We launched a quarterly conference call for community foundation leaders across the state to spend time sharing news and discussing trends and other issues. Our corporate funders gathered for a summer reception at the Rock Bottom Brewery (courtesy of CraftWorks Foundation.)

One of our newest peer groups, created by Monique Loseke of Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and Jenny Lehman of The Colorado Trust, allows foundation executive admin staff to come together several times a year to share tools and best practices.



building connections, raising awareness

Telling Our Story

We continued to build on our efforts to engage community stakeholders to ensure they recognize and value the work of foundations.

We began actively promoting the distinctive role of a statewide foundation community made up of individual Colorado funders that support nonprofits, collaborate widely and provide leadership and expertise in their communities. Given the financial constraints on government at all levels, there has never been a more critical time for our members to make sure we get out and tell our stories.

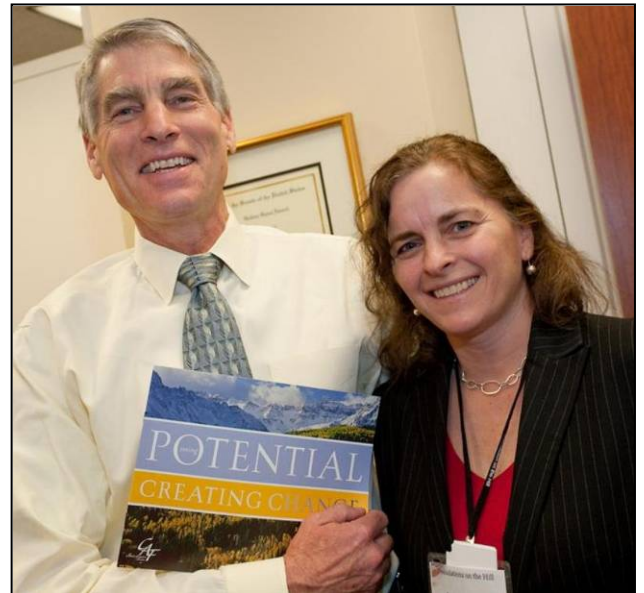
Some of the year's highlights:

- ▲ A new [blog](#) and release of a printed [report](#), website and short [documentary](#), "Seeing Potential, Creating Change," allow us to share stories and data about the reach and impact of Colorado philanthropy with a wide variety of audiences throughout the state and the country.



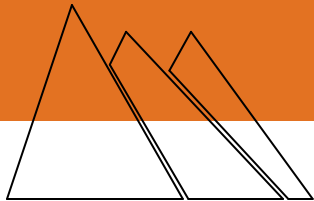
Gov. Bill Ritter and Dorothy Horrell, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation

- ▲ Outreach to elected officials including Attorney General John Suthers and new Secretary of State Scott Gessler, local meetings with legislators as well as a CAF-led trip to Washington to visit the offices of the state's entire Congressional delegation. We again brought together funders with the majority and minority leadership of the Colorado General Assembly to review the year's legislative session.



Sen. Mark Udall and CAF executive Director, Joanne Kelley in his Washington office

- ▲ Initial launch of a research initiative developed jointly with the Foundation Center to measure the various populations benefiting from foundation grants in Colorado.
- ▲ Collaborations and partnerships bringing together funders and the nonprofits they serve in several venues, including a luncheon panel discussion, roundtable sessions at the Colorado Nonprofit Association fall conference and an all-day C3 Forum aimed at encouraging dialogue and promoting understanding between grantmakers and grantseekers. We also offered an all-day social media workshop for 350 funders and nonprofit staff, thanks to the generous support of the Gill Foundation, The Colorado Health Foundation and The Colorado Trust.
- ▲ Participation in several sector-wide initiatives including the Colorado Generosity Project, Path with a Heart nonprofit leadership initiative, the Colorado Collaboration Award and National Philanthropy Day.



a collective voice

2010 Members

* new or returning members

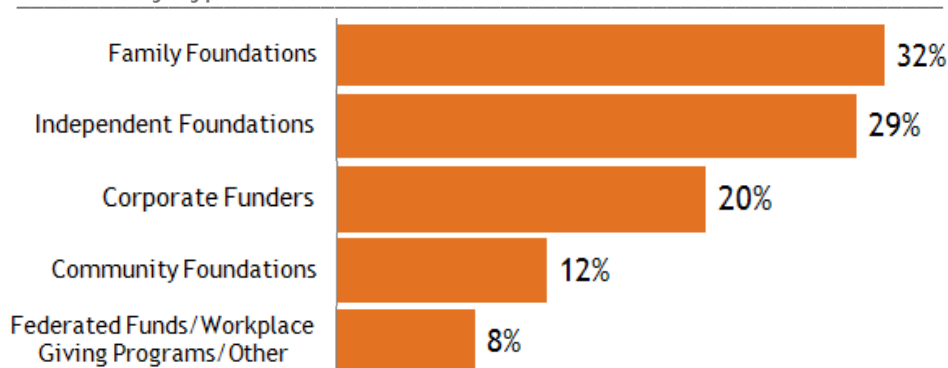
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- Adolph Coors Foundation
- Animal Assistance Foundation
- Anschutz Family Foundation
- * **The Anschutz Foundation**
- Aspen Community Foundation
- Bardsley Foundation
- * **The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**
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- * **Brett Family Foundation**
- Bright Mountain Foundation
- Caring for Colorado Foundation
- Chambers Family Fund
- The Colorado Health Foundation
- The Colorado Trust
- Comcast
- Community First Foundation
- Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado
- Community Foundation Serving Boulder County
- * **Community Shares of Colorado**
- CraftWorks Foundation (formerly The Rock Bottom Foundation)
- Cydney and Tom Marsico Family Foundation
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- David and Laura Merage Foundation
- The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation
- The Denver Foundation
- Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation

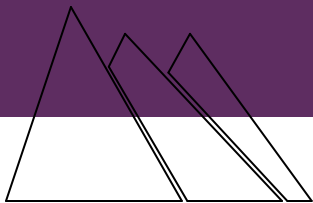
- The Denver Post
- Donnell-Kay Foundation
- The Dowling Foundation
- El Pomar Foundation
- Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
- * **Erion Foundation**
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- Gannett Foundation/9News
- Gates Family Foundation
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- * **Grand Foundation**
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For a current list of CAF members, visit www.coloradofunders.org

Members by Type





leaders & partners

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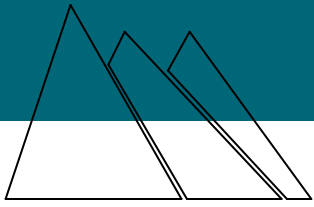
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THE
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financial summary

2010 Financial Summary

The Colorado Association of Funders continues to remain on solid financial ground thanks to strong membership renewals and the addition of several new member organizations, as well as generous grant support.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the unaudited year ended December 31,	2010	2009
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$ 117,385	\$ 107,233
Grants and Contributions	51,015	262,073
Program	31,935	20,915
Interest Income	1,137	1,526
In-Kind Contributions	16,167	16,750
Total Income	217,639	408,497
EXPENSES		
Educational Programs	47,788	24,394
Professional Fees	44,067	82,874
Professional Development	5,114	4,887
Administrative, general, other	190,714	176,580
Total Expenses	287,684	288,735
Net Income	\$ (70,045)	\$ 119,762

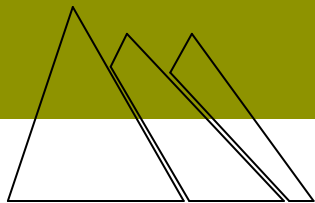


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS		
Cash (including a/r)	\$ 201,027	\$ 256,373
Prepaid Assets	4,253	6,916
Fixed Assets	1,468	2,588
Total Assets	206,748	265,877
EQUITY		
Fund Balance	\$ 222,217	\$ 102,455
Net Income	(70,045)	119,762
Total Equity	152,172	222,217
Total Liabilities	54,576	43,660
Total Liabilities and Equity	206,748	265,877

NOTES

- Figures shown are unaudited as of December 31
- In 2009, CAF received significant grant support to sustain operations through 2010, thus reflecting a loss of net income for 2010
- The Colorado Association of Funders is a nonprofit organization as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- A copy of CAF's tax return is available on the Association's website at www.coloradofunders.org or upon request



making a difference

Committees and Volunteers

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Monique Loseke, Co-Chair
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Leadership Form

Mary Shipsey Gunn, Chair
 The David and Lucile Packard Foundation



Almeta Corbin, Caring for Colorado Foundation, prepares food for needy recipients during CAF's holiday volunteer service project.

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Joanne Kelley
 Executive Director

Abel Wurmnest
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Patrick Horvath, The Denver Foundation; Alyssa Kopf, Community Shares of Colorado; and Monique Lovato, Xcel Energy Foundation decorate mealbags at Project Angel Heart during CAF's holiday volunteer service project.



Michelle Sturm, Anschutz Family Foundation and Molly Connee, Daniels Fund sort medical supplies at Project CURE.



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