



COLORADO
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Annual Report 2012

We'd be nowhere without the support of our members.

Some find it enough to know they are supporting the organization that serves as the voice of Colorado's philanthropic sector and as a peer learning environment for the diverse spectrum of Colorado funders. Many of our members take advantage of much of what CAF has to offer. And some contribute greatly to the organization's success by being actively engaged in its work.

A very special note of thanks goes out to Susan Steele, Executive Director of the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation. Her year at the helm of our board in 2012 was just the culmination of several years working in multiple leadership roles on behalf of all the members of the Colorado Association of Funders. Susan served not only as Board Chair, but also as Board Treasurer and Board Secretary. She served on the Philanthropy Project Steering Committee and traveled to Washington with her foundation sector colleagues to meet with members of Congress. She acted as the board liaison to the CAF program committee and also spent two years chairing the Leadership Forum, our peer group for chief executives and giving directors. She brought rigor and enthusiasm to the organization. And she continues to stay involved by taking part in many of our programs.

It's our hope that all of our members will find ways they can engage with CAF. We hope this report will help point you to some of the possibilities.



Best,

Joanne Kelley
Executive Director
Colorado Association of Funders



Many Thanks to **Susan Steele**, executive director of Temple Buell Foundation, for her leadership as our 2012 Board Chair, as well as for her commitment to volunteering in many other CAF capacities in recent years.



Click here for a CAF slideshow of the 2012 Foundations on the Hill highlights

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hovt52BNABI>

TOP WAYS CAF STRENGTHENED THE FIELD IN 2012

We offer dozens of learning opportunities and events throughout the year, so it's possible you might have missed some. Here are some of the programs that resonated last year:

- 1. Moving from Incremental to Transformational Impact** The Colorado Health Foundation co-hosted this special breakfast briefing by Community Wealth Ventures and Share our Strength, whose founder and director shared insights from research and experience with initiatives leading to dramatic improvements on social problems.
- 2. Leadership Forums for CEOs** These peer-led convenings brought foundation leaders together at the University of Denver's Chambers Center in February, May and October to discuss top-of-mind issues and challenges.
- 3. Hunger in Colorado** The CEO of Hunger Free Colorado reported on the impact of hunger in Colorado – on everything from classroom learning to increased obesity – as part of our 2012 series of luncheon program topics for members and their guests.
- 4. Third annual C3 Forum** CAF and its partners brought together funders and nonprofit partners at Regis University for a day of networking, breakout sessions and roundtable conversations designed to build bridges and increase awareness between and among the hundreds of attendees.
- 5. Disaster Philanthropy: Responding to Colorado's Wildfires** Experts from around the country briefed members about their recent experiences in offering assistance in the aftermath of local natural disasters.
- 6. Grantmaking School in Colorado** CAF partnered with the Johnson Center for Philanthropy in May and November to offer two multi-day grantmaking courses on advanced proposal analysis and portfolio management.
- 7. Special Member Gathering** CAF members gathered for a sneak preview of the new History Colorado Center during an event designed for sharing updates, reflecting and networking.
- 8. Foundations on the Hill** Colorado foundations leaders from throughout the state gathering for a celebratory dinner in Washington after meeting personally with all nine members of Colorado's congressional delegation in March.



[Top] Angelle Foucher of The Denver Foundation catches up with colleagues at a special member event at the History Colorado Center. [Bottom] CAF members volunteer at Food Bank of the Rockies, one of several holiday service projects organized by CAF each December.

TOP WAYS YOU CAN ENGAGE WITH CAF IN THE FUTURE

1. Regularly attend programs to connect with funders and increase knowledge and skills
2. Initiate or develop a program, workshop or webinar for members
3. Lead panels as a speaker or moderator
4. Nominate yourself to serve on the board of directors
5. Join the public policy committee to help shape position statements on issues
6. Serve on the communications committee to help build awareness about philanthropy
7. Interact with CAF and fellow members on Twitter by following us @ColoradoFunders and joining the conversation
8. Take part in CAF funder-nonprofit roundtables at C3 Forum and Nonprofit Fall Conference
9. Co-host a program with CAF when you bring a speaker to Colorado
10. Submit your organization's reports, research and other writings for inclusion in our publications, on social media and our website.

[Top] From L to R: Mary Gunn, David and Lucile Packard Foundation; Heather Carroll, Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation; Louise Atkinson, Women's Foundation of Colorado; Susan Steele, Buell Foundation; Sheila Bugdanowitz, Rose Community Foundation, Mark Andersen, Yampa Valley Community Foundation. [Bottom] Sen. Bennet meets with CAF members in historic Vice President's Room at The Capitol.



TOP WAYS CAF AMPLIFIED PHILANTHROPY'S VOICE

Took philanthropy's concerns to Congress

CAF prepared materials and organized visits to Capitol Hill for a record number of foundations, including representatives from large and small private foundations, corporate funders, community foundations from metro and rural Colorado, and out-of-state foundations funding in Colorado.

Collaborated even more with other Colorado nonprofit advocates

We work closely with our colleagues at the Colorado Nonprofit Association to stay connected to nonprofit policy issues that arise in Washington and Denver, while also collaborating on projects and programs including the Colorado Collaboration Award, National Philanthropy Day in Colorado and the C3 Forum.

Joined forces with other regional associations on advocacy work

CAF joined a national effort to step up advocacy for philanthropy at the city, state and national levels. Our Board Chair Susan Steele (Temple Buell Foundation) and Vice Chair Mary Gunn (David and Lucile Packard Foundation) took part in the summer PolicyWorks Institute bringing together associations from roughly 30 states to compare strategies and share insights.

Contributed to Colorado Secretary of State's work on nonprofits

CAF Executive Director Joanne Kelley met with other nonprofits to help Colorado Secretary of State's Scott Gessler and his office to identify key challenges and issues facing the sector and ways the Secretary of State's office could provide assistance through training and other means.

Provided Colorado-specific data on philanthropy

CAF collected and shared sector-wide data on statewide foundation and individual giving trends to help illustrate the reach of Colorado philanthropy.



Cherry blossoms at their peak during CAF trip to Washington in March.

CAF Board of Directors 2012

Susan Steele, *Board Chair* | Executive Director, Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation

Mary Shipsey Gunn, *Board Vice Chair and Chair-Elect* | Manager, Pueblo Grantmaking, David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Shepard Nevel, *Board Secretary* | Vice President, Policy and Operations, The Colorado Health Foundation

Alyssa Kopf, *Board Treasurer* | CEO, Community Shares of Colorado

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WHO MAKE
OUR WORK
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Communications Committee 2012

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Josie Burke | El Pomar Foundation
Christie McElhinney | The Colorado Trust

CAF Funder-Nonprofit Roundtables at CNA Fall Conference 2012

Matt Carpenter | El Pomar Foundation
MaryJo Houk | Women's Foundation of Colorado
Doris Kester | Southern Colorado Community Foundation
Ruth Rohs | IMA Foundation
Ellen Sandberg | First Data Foundation
Bob Sweeney | Kenneth King Foundation
Chris Wiant | Caring for Colorado Foundation

Foundations on the Hill 2012

Mark Anderson | Yampa Valley Community Foundation
Louise Atkinson | Women's Foundation of Colorado
Sheila Bugdanowitz | Rose Community Foundation
Linda Childears | Daniels Fund
Heather Carroll | Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation
Mary Gunn | David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Ted Harms | The Anschutz Foundation
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Monique Lovato | Xcel Energy
Paul Major | Telluride Foundation
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Janice Fritsch, CAF Program Committee Chair

C3 Forum 2012

Kumella Aiu | Anschutz Family Foundation
Melanie Anderson | Summerlee Foundation
Erin Binford | Temple Buell
Jeanne Bistranin | Adolph Coors Foundation
Suzanne Bruce | Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
Matt Carpenter | El Pomar Foundation
Colleen Church | Caring for Colorado
Molly Conneen | Daniels Fund
Whitney Connor | Rose Community Foundation
Beth Conover | Gates Family Foundation
Gay Cook | The Colorado Trust
Tom Currigan | Kaiser Foundation
Cindy Eby | Mile High United Way
Wendell Fleming | Larrk Foundation
Lisa Flores | Gates Family Foundation
Susan France | Bonfils-Stanton Foundation
Janice Fritsch | Kenneth King Foundation
David Gies | Animal Assistance Foundation
Claire Gilbert | Brett Family Foundation
Charlotte Gillespie | A.V. Hunter Trust
Ted Harms | Anschutz Foundation
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Amy Latham | The Colorado Health Foundation
Julie Lerudis | Boettcher Foundation
Janet Lopez | Rose Community Foundation
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Shepard Nevel | The Colorado Health Foundation



Regis University was the site of the 2012 C3 Forum, an annual partnership between CAF, the Colorado Nonprofit Association and the Community Resource Center.

Khanh Nguyen | The Colorado Health Foundation
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Susan Steele | Temple Buell Foundation
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LaDawn Sullivan | Denver Foundation
Shanda Vangas | Xcel Energy
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Abel Wurmnest | Anschutz Family Foundation

CAF Holiday Service Projects:

Kumella Aiu | Anschutz Family Foundation
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Gwyn Barley | The Colorado Trust
Laura Carlson | Temple Buell Foundation
Michele Chader | The Colorado Trust
Kary Cramer | A.V. Hunter Trust
Scott Downes | The Colorado Trust
Jeanine Draut | The Colorado Trust
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Tara Rojas | IMA Foundation
Lisa Rucker | The Anschutz Foundation
Ellen Sandberg | First Data Foundation



Claire Gilbert, Program Officer at Brett Family Foundation in Boulder and Colette Liddell, CAF Program and Member Services Manager, team up with other CAF members to sort and pack food during a volunteer project at Food Bank of the Rockies in Dec. 2012.

Jill Schneider | Caring Connection
Donna Skultety | A.V. Hunter Trust
Tara Spahr | The Colorado Trust
Susan Steele | Temple Buell Foundation
Nancy Thompson | Caring Connection
Teri Truesdell | IMA Foundation
Janet Willson | A.V. Hunter Trust
Abel Wurmnest | Anschutz Family Foundation

	2012	2011
Statement of Activities		
Income		
Membership Dues	154,666	135,835
Grants & Contributions	34,030	137,845
Program	35,553	37,920
Interest Income	630	991
In-Kind Contributions	15,000	15,000
Total Income	239,879	327,591
Expenses		
Educational Programs	23,578	29,926
Professional Fees	4,735	13,632
Professional Development	7,392	4,179
Administrative, general, other	193,645	191,342
Total Expenses	229,350	239,079
Net Income	10,530	88,512

Statement of Financial Position		
Assets		
Cash	257,327	274,420
Accounts Receivable	153,735	—
Prepaid Assets	5,082	5,197
Fixed Assets	—	347
Total Assets	416,144	279,964
Equity		
Fund Balance	240,684	152,172
Net Income	10,530	88,512
Total Equity	251,215	240,684
Total Liabilities	164,929	39,280
Total Liabilities & Equity	416,144	279,964

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