



COLORADO
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Annual Report 2014

We've said it before and we'll say it again: We'd be nowhere without our members.

For some, it's enough to know they are supporting an organization that serves as a leading voice of Colorado's philanthropic sector and as a peer learning environment connecting the diverse funders working in the state of Colorado. Many of our members participate actively and take advantage of much of what CAF offers. And some make critical and long-lasting contributions to our success by being even more deeply engaged.

We especially owe a debt of gratitude to Mary Shipsey Gunn, formerly of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, who served as our board chair in both 2013 and 2014. It was bittersweet news when we learned she was moving on from her long-time base in Pueblo to her next adventure as Director of Philanthropy at Monterey Peninsula Foundation in California.

Mary's thoughtful leadership has been pivotal for CAF in recent years. She expertly facilitated strategic conversations with the board and helped the organization reflect on – and refine – its reason for being. After first joining the board, Mary volunteered for several additional roles. She spent two years chairing the Leadership Forum, our peer group for chief executives and corporate giving directors, and served as vice chair of the board before taking the helm. She traveled to Washington with her foundation sector colleagues to meet with members of Congress, and to Pittsburgh and Milwaukee for two of our national PolicyWorks Institutes.



Mary Shipsey Gunn,
2013-2014 board chair and CAF
volunteer leader extraordinaire



Mary's always, "all in."

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

With appreciation,

Joanne Kelley
Executive Director
Colorado Association of Funders

TOP WAYS CAF STRENGTHENED THE FIELD IN 2014

We offer dozens of learning opportunities, convenings and events throughout the year. Here are some of the programs that resonated:

- Stanford Fellow Lucy Bernholz keynoting our annual meeting and sharing her thoughts and research on our evolving “Digital Civil Society” and why it matters to philanthropy
- Peer-led Leadership Forum series bringing CEOs together at the University of Denver to discuss top-of-mind issues and challenges
- Leveraging the Network sessions designed to promote member-to-member learning exchanges, with topics ranging from crisis communications to strategic learning
- Quarterly conference calls connecting Colorado community foundation leaders across the state for swapping updates and Q&A time with their far-flung colleagues
- C3 Forum bringing together funders and nonprofit partners for a fifth annual day of networking, breakout sessions and roundtable conversations designed to build bridges and increase awareness between and among the hundreds of attendees
- Member luncheons including one featuring an address by recently retired Kellogg Foundation CEO Sterling Speirn and another bringing together a panel of experts on food insecurity and innovative approaches by foundations seeking to increase access to fresh food
- Annual nonprofit partners networking program with international humorist Tim Gard on finding humor in everyday life
- Colorado foundation leaders from throughout the state gathering for a dinner in Washington after meeting personally with both Senators and other members of Colorado’s congressional delegation in March



TOP WAYS OUR MEMBERS 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. Co-host a program with CAF when you bring a speaker to Colorado
4. Volunteer your moderator or facilitator skills for an upcoming meeting
5. Nominate yourself or a colleague to serve on the board of directors
6. Sponsor one or more of our signature programs throughout the year or join others in providing critical grant support to fund our work
7. Join the public policy committee to help shape position statements on issues
8. Serve on the communications committee to help build awareness about philanthropy
9. Interact with CAF and fellow members on Twitter by following us @Colorado Funders or on Facebook and joining the conversation
10. Travel with us to Washington to update our legislators about Colorado philanthropy
11. Take part in CAF funder-nonprofit dialogue sessions at C3 Forum
12. Send us links to your organization's reports, research and other writings for us to include in our publications, on social media and our website.



TOP WAYS CAF AMPLIFIES PHILANTHROPY'S VOICE & REACH

Joined forces with other regional associations on advocacy work

CAF continues to work closely with our philanthropic partners to step up advocacy for philanthropy at the city, state and national levels. Through the PolicyWorks initiative, we work together with associations from three dozen states to compare strategies and share insights. Through that partnership, we were invited to attend a White House convening on community foundations

Took philanthropy's concerns to Congress

CAF again took the lead in developing materials and planning substantive meetings with key lawmakers on Capitol Hill for our member foundations, including representatives from various types of foundations from regions throughout the state.

Collaborated even more with other Colorado nonprofit advocates

We work closely with our colleagues in the broader nonprofit sector 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.

Contributed to Colorado Secretary of State's work on nonprofits

We also work with other nonprofits to help Colorado's Secretary of State identify key challenges and issues facing the sector and ways the Secretary of State's office can provide assistance through training and other means.

Provided Colorado-specific data on philanthropy

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



CAF Board of Directors 2014

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

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TO OUR MANY
VOLUNTEERS
& SUPPORTERS
WHO MAKE
OUR WORK
POSSIBLE**



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Foundations on the Hill 2014

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C3 Forum 2014

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CAF Holiday Service Projects

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Alicia Jirón | Rose Community Foundation

	2014	2013
Statement of Activities		
Income		
Membership Dues	\$ 155,107	\$ 159,670
Grants & Contributions	32,861	37,791
Program	20,605	18,046
Interest Income	347	481
In-Kind Contributions	15,000	15,000
Total Income	223,920	230,988
Expenses		
Educational Programs	14,267	17,051
Professional Fees	7,239	6,883
Professional Development	11,169	6,974
Administrative, general, other	214,617	196,595
Total Expenses	247,292	227,503
Net Income	\$ (23,372)*	\$ 3,485

*The financials reflect a planned deficit to draw down some reserves from earlier grants.

	2014	2013
Statement of Financial Position		
Assets		
Cash	\$ 226,843	\$ 248,505
Accounts Receivable	1,079	2,942
Prepaid Assets	4,629	2,221
Fixed Assets	13,254	5,518
Total Assets	\$ 245,805	\$ 259,186
Equity		
Fund Balance	\$ 251,265	\$ 247,780
Net Income	(23,372)	3,485
Total Equity	227,893	251,265
Total Liabilities	17,912	7,921
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 245,805	\$ 259,186

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