



WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LEAVE YOUR MARK – CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS FOR COMMUNITY GOOD

Working Together:

NEW PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE TWO RIVERS
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN
GLENWOOD SPRINGS ANNOUNCED

AFTER MANY MONTHS OF conversations, our two community foundations have reached agreement on an exciting affiliation to work together to market endowments to donor families in Glenwood Springs.

WCCF Board chairman Verne Smith praised the recent developments. "We are thrilled to be working with the community leaders involved with Two Rivers Community Foundation. They have a long history of promoting philanthropy and raising private funds for community projects such as the community center pool and ice rink. Our community foundation has had great success promoting and managing endowment gifts which provide a permanent source of funding for grants and scholarships to benefit the community. By working together, we feel we can reach more civic-minded people in Glenwood who may want to consider an endowment legacy gift to help their community."

Both organizations are quick to highlight the strengths they bring to the affiliation. The local Glenwood group has an established reputation, good track record and



Two Rivers Community Foundation has raised \$820,000 in private donations for the Glenwood Springs Community Center pool.

credibility in their home community. Leaders in Glenwood know what community needs are most pressing and what organizations are doing good work. Our regional community foundation brings strength and efficiency in a number of administrative areas, including specialized software for community foundations and policies and procedures for grants and scholarship administration, investment policy and oversight, and planned giving.

Notes Anne Wenzel, Executive Director of the WCCF, "across the country we are seeing more and more affiliations between smaller local community foundations and larger regional or statewide community foundations. In rural parts of the country, it doesn't always make sense for every town or county to have their own community foundation. The administrative requirements and IRS compliance issues can be burdensome for community

foundations without staff. Our community foundation can be a resource in these communities, and an attractive partner to donors who are considering endowments which require special management to insure the donors' intentions are fulfilled in perpetuity."

"Two Rivers Community Foundation has been working to expand into a full service community foundation," said Terri Miller, board chair for the Glenwood Springs foundation. "This means broadening our base from fundraising for community projects to growing permanent gifts. An affiliation with WCCF will allow us to accomplish this goal in a much more efficient and timely manner."

Local and regional community foundations working together is very much a trend in rural parts of the country....

Community Grants for 2007

THE WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR
COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR 2007:

Our regional community foundation has
awarded a total of \$362,175 in grants
and scholarships to date in 2007, an
18% increase over awards made in 2006.

Center for Independence (Montrose office)	\$1,000
Counseling and Education Center (Low-income counseling program)	\$1,000
Colorado Discover Ability (van)	\$1,000
Delta Meth Task Force (Community outreach campaign)	\$1,000
Dos Rios Family Resource Center (School District #51) (After-school program)	\$2,000
Early Childhood Partners (General operating support)	\$1,000
Family Visitor Program (General operating support)	\$1,000
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (Renovation of "T-House")	\$1,000
High Country RSVP/CMC Foundation (Tax & medicare D counseling)	\$1,000
Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley (General operating support)	\$1,000
Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado (For programs serving children and teens in Montrose)	\$1,000
Housing Resources of Western Colorado (Transitional housing for veterans)	\$1,000
Mesa Developmental Services (Toy kits for Infant/Toddler program)	\$1,700
Mountain Regional Housing Corporation (Training and certification)	\$ 800
Neighbor to Neighbor/RSVP West (General operating support)	\$1,000
North Fork River Improvement Association (Paonia River Park)	\$1,000
Columbine Senior Services (Nucla Naturita Senior Citizens meal services)	\$ 250
Ouray Performing Arts Guild/Ridgway Secondary School (Ambassadors of Music Tour and Carnegie Hall)	\$ 500
Riverside Educational Center (tutoring and enrichment activities)	\$2,000
San Miguel Resource Center (Volunteer advocate training/ client services in West Montrose County)	\$1,000
Sharing Ministries (Gleaning project)	\$1,000
Solar Energy International (Renewable energy presentations in schools)	\$1,000
Strong Families Safe Kids (Snuggle Up Bright Beginnings program)	\$1,000
Surface Creek Community Service (food bank program)	\$1,000
Voyager Youth Program (General operating support)	\$1,000
Western Colorado Food and Agriculture Association (General operating support)	\$ 500
Western Colorado Math and Science Center (teachers institute)	\$1,700
Western Slope Center for Children (General operating support)	\$1,500
Wheels for Eagle (General operating support)	\$1,000
Youth Zone (General operating support)	\$1,000

Mike Williams Memorial Scholarship

HONORING A BELOVED MENTOR, TEACHER AND FRIEND



Mike Williams

A high-school geology field trip at Arches National Park came to a tragic end last May when Mike Williams, a beloved science teacher at Fruita Monument High School, died suddenly of a heart-attack. Family, friends and students were devastated by the loss of Mike, known for his love of teaching, tuba playing and the outdoors.

Remembering Mike and continuing his education legacy were a priority for the Fruita community as they looked for ways to memorialize the teacher who had impacted and inspired so many lives in his 15-year tenure at Fruita Monument High School. The Fruita Rotary Club responded by creating the Mike Williams

Memorial Scholarship through their scholarship fund at the Western Colorado Community Foundation. "Mike made a profound impact in the lives of his students, his friends and our community," said Tom McNamara, club president, "And we see this as a way of helping his memory to continue teaching and serving students."

Thanks to the generosity of the Fruita branches of Alpine, American National and US banks, the Mike Williams Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Fruita Monument High School senior each year. This year's recipient, Laura Yanowich, was presented with her award and a Hawaiian shirt (a trademark of Williams) at a ceremony in July.



Tom McNamara, Laura Yanowich, Felicie Williams

Our regional community foundation currently manages ten different scholarship funds to help young people further their education. We will be awarding a total of \$38,000 in scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year.

Other 2007 Scholarship Recipients

OUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2007:

Faye Shofner Tally Memorial Scholarships

Clayton Bargsten, *Fruita Monument High School*
Bjorn Bauer, *Vail Christian High School*
Becca Kugler, *Fruita Monument High School*
Emily Lich, *Vail Christian High School*
Dianna Puckett, *Grand Junction Central High School*
Laura Yanowich, *Fruita Monument High School*

Fruita Rotary Scholarships

Michael Mudd, *Fruita Monument High School*
Christina Reed, *Fruita Monument High School*
Laura Yanowich, *Fruita Monument High School*
— in memory of Mike Williams

Kay Armstrong Memorial Scholarships

Kassidy Benson, *Cedaredge High School*
DJ Horton, *Hotchkiss High School*
Michelle Koroshetz, *Cedaredge High School*
Stephanie Leger, *Hotchkiss High School*
Bridgette Stramel, *Delta High School*

Stewart/Watson/Wheeler Scholarships

Amber Barnes, *Hotchkiss High School*
Nicole Bennett, *Delta High School*
Haley Carlton, *Cedaredge High School*
Savanna Linman, *Hotchkiss High School*
Jessica Miller, *Hotchkiss High School*
Chelsey Shreve, *Hotchkiss High School*
Stephen Schwarzer, *Hotchkiss High School*
Hannah Todd, *Hotchkiss High School*

Lew Goodhart Memorial Scholarships

Elizabeth Fessenden, *Mesa State College*
Rhiannon Stockert, *Mesa State College*



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Community Foundation Welcomes New Program Assistant

We are pleased to announce that Mary Cornforth Cawood has joined our team as our Program Assistant. Mary will manage the grants, scholarships and N*STAR training programs. Mary is a Grand Valley native, and previously worked nine years as a fundraising consultant where she assisted non-profit organizations with fund raising and public awareness in a variety of capacities.

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