



# WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LEAVE YOUR MARK – CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS FOR COMMUNITY GOOD

## MARILLAC CLINIC

### *Insuring Health Care in the Future for those Without*

Quality affordable health care is a growing national problem. For 20 years, Marillac Clinic has provided affordable primary health care to uninsured, low-middle income residents of Mesa County. Services include medical, mental health, dental, optical care and low-cost medications offered at its main facility in Grand Junction and satellite clinic in Palisade, Colorado.

This year, Marillac made a commitment to start an endowment fund at WCCF to diversify its annual income and help insure that its services and programs will be funded for generations to come. O'nita Burnett, Marillac's Director of Finance, noted, "the Community Foundation is an attractive partner for us. We are in the health care business, they are in the endowment business. Our donors can have confidence their endowment donations will be well managed and invested to grow over time. We can focus on patient care and leave investing decisions to the pros."



The Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF) provides endowment services for over 38 different nonprofit organizations and service clubs. For more information about our endowment services, please call 970-243-3767.

## *New Partnership with the Rifle Community Foundation Launched*

CHARITABLE LEGACIES TO BENEFIT THE RIFLE AREA

Since July, our regional community foundation and the Rifle Community Foundation are pleased to be working in a new partnership arrangement.

The Rifle Community Foundation is relatively new with a mission to promote programs and activities that benefit Rifle and the surrounding area. Last year, it awarded grants to a number of educational and social service programs.

The local foundation is interested in attracting private donations and inviting Rifle residents to invest in their community by creating endowment funds. Rifle Mayor Keith Lambert is one of eight members serving on the local community board. He is excited about the affiliation. "WCCF has lots of resources. Our ability to further our cause in Rifle will be greatly benefited by our affiliation with the regional foundation."



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PAVING THE WAY TO A HEALTHY FUTURE

## Valley View Hospital Establishes Endowment at WCCF

Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs is experiencing an unprecedented growth spurt. The Valley View Hospital Foundation has been supporting the hospital's capital programs for the past several years, funding advanced cardiac equipment, catheterization labs, a helicopter pad for emergency patient transport, and this year's project of expanded family waiting rooms.

This past year the Hospital Foundation recognized the need to provide a means for donors who wished to make endowment gifts to the hospital. The Western Colorado Community Foundation is pleased to serve as their endowment partner, providing long-term investment services and assistance with marketing planned gifts and overall support to the Hospital Foundation's endowment building efforts.

Valley View Hospital is the first hospital in our region to establish an endowment at our Community Foundation.



*John Breckinridge has made a planned gift to provide financial support for his favorite causes.*

PLANNED GIFT DONOR PROFILE: JOHN BRECKINRIDGE

## Long-time Volunteer Plans His Charitable Legacy

John Breckinridge moved to Rifle in 1989 from Virginia after retiring from a career as a government meteorologist.

An active skier for many years and still a dedicated tennis player, John also manages to devote at least eight hours each week to his volunteer work at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs. John began volunteering at Valley View in 1997 and has become a familiar and welcome face around the hospital. He not only fills needed jobs at the hospital but also coordinates various volunteer shifts and just completed a three-year term as President of the Hospital Auxiliary.

John recently modified his will and has made provisions to leave an endowment gift to provide financial support for hospice services and animal care, two of his favorite causes. His lifetime of support and caring for others will thus be continued and remembered when he is gone.

Many community-minded donors leave end-of-life gifts to benefit the community they call home.  
For more information about planned gifts and endowments, please call 970-243-3767.

*2008 has been a record-breaking year for the Western Colorado Community Foundation in terms of grants and scholarships! We have awarded almost \$385,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations and paid out \$230,000 in scholarships so far this year.*

GENEVIEVE CLOUGH  
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM  
Announces First Year Winners

## Over \$650,000 in Scholarships Committed to 57 Graduating High School Students

Dozens of recently graduated high school seniors from Rifle High School, Coal Ridge High School and Grand Valley High

School came together in late July at the CMC West Garfield Campus to receive their scholarship awards.

Genevieve Clough and a number of family members were on hand to meet the students and encourage them to do well with their ongoing educational plans. A total of 57 young people will be helped with financial assistance from the Genevieve Clough Fellowship Program.

Notes a winner, Danielle Noble who is attending Grace

College in Minnesota, "Thank you for giving me an opportunity to go to college. It has been an amazing experience, and I could not have made it here without this scholarship!"

Danielle hopes to put her degree in education to good use and become a grade school teacher. Other scholarship winners are studying a range of subjects, from auto mechanics and computer programming to nursing and pharmacy.



### THE FUTURE OF THE PAST

## Grand Valley Historical Society Establishes Endowment

The beautifully renovated Battlement Mesa Schoolhouse is quickly becoming a community meeting place and proud historic landmark for the people of Parachute and Battlement Mesa.

The restoration of this 100-year-old building has been a major project of the Grand Valley Historical Society since its formation in 2000. Several months ago, the Historical Society established an endowment with WCCF.

**"We're all about preserving the past for the benefit of future generations. This endowment will provide an ongoing revenue stream to help with our education activities and future renovation projects."**

— Judi Hayward, President of the Historical Society and a Parachute Town Council Trustee



## New Faces on Staff this Year

We're pleased to announce several staff transitions at WCCF. We created a new Office Manager position and hired **Linda Simpson**. Linda has a strong background in business and an interest in our mission.

**Pam Szédelyi** who lives in Glenwood Springs was hired to be our first Garfield County Outreach Director. Pam works with the boards of two of our local affiliates, the 2 Rivers Community Foundation and the Rifle Community Foundation.

**Cindy Rhodes** joined our team as Program Director to administer our grants, scholarships and nonprofit training programs. Cindy has worked for several nonprofit organizations over the years.

**Melanie Brown** is our accountant and financial manager. Melanie has a strong background in accounting software systems and fund accounting and is enjoying learning the ins and outs of community foundation finance.

## WCCF Board Members and Staff

### Board Members

Bob Johnson, *Chairman*

Richard Tally, *Vice Chairman*

Joe Skinner, *Treasurer*

Rob Bleiberg, *Secretary*

Tony Prinster, *Executive Committee*

Marilee Rippy, *Executive Committee*

Bruce Dixon

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Tom Stuver

Sue Hillhouse

Lenna Watson

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George Wheeler

Dick McKinley

Margo Young-Gardey

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Dan Vogel, *CPA, Dalby, Wendland & Co.*

### Staff

Anne Wenzel, *President and Executive Director*

Cindy Rhodes, *Program Director*

Pam Szédelyi, *Garfield County Outreach Director*

Melanie Brown, *Financial Manager and Accountant*

Linda Simpson, *Office Manager*



Marilee Rippy



Tony Prinster



Tom Stuver

### Welcome New Board Members

The WCCF Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome three new board members in 2008. **Tony Prinster** is a Grand Junction-based attorney and retired President and CEO of City Markets. **Marilee Rippy** is an active community leader and volunteer in Glenwood Springs and has been involved with the 2 Rivers Community Foundation for five years. **Tom Stuver** is a business and estate planning attorney in Rifle and currently serves as chairman of the Rifle Community Foundation.



*Leave Your Mark...* The Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF) works with families, individuals and organizations to oversee charitable endowments for community good. Donors can set up a fund to support charitable causes of their choosing. All legal, tax, and administrative requirements are handled by the WCCF, coupled with sound financial stewardship of funds. CERTIFIED BY THE COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS



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