

PROFILES IN GIVING: MARGARET BROWN



Judy Knapp and
Margaret Brown

Margaret Brown recently established a Field of Interest Fund at the Community Foundation to support developmentally

disabled individuals and programs in Weld County. She has a passion in her determination to help families dealing with developmental disabilities to access community services.

Margaret is a unique, level-headed, professional community advocate, with a knack for business and accounting. She and her late husband, Byron Brown, were the parents of twin developmentally disabled sons with autism (Mark and Scott) who now in their mid-fifties, live independently in their own apartments in Greeley.

Margaret was one of the individuals who started the ARC of Weld County and served on that board for many years. During that time and continuing after she left, she also served on the board of ARC of Colorado. She was instrumental over the years in advocating for the developmentally disabled on the local level and with the state legislature.

At 88 years young, Margaret is a wonderful example of how life can be lived and how you can turn your passion into a legacy through the Community Foundation. She has chosen to become a member of the Community Foundation Centennial Society by including the Foundation in her estate plans. Through philanthropic services, strategic investments and community leadership, the Community Foundation helps people support the causes they care about, now and for generations to come. If you are interested in establishing a fund with the Community Foundation, please give us a call at (970) 304-9970.

The Community Foundation Elects New Board Officers



The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County announced the

2008 Community Foundation Board Officers. Bill Hertneky was re-elected as Chair. R. Lee Seward, DVM was elected Vice Chair. Betty Hall was elected Secretary. Nick Berryman was elected Treasurer. Stan Cass will remain on the Executive Committee as the Immediate Past Chair.

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Centennial Society

The Centennial Society is a means to recognize and thank those people who share the Foundation's vision of building permanent charitable capital, and who have affirmed that vision by making a planned gift to the Community Foundation.

Centennial Society Members include:

Anonymous (6)
Dan and Deb Austin
Byron and Margaret Brown
Col. and Mrs. Stanley Cass
Charles "Chuck" Childers
Nelle and William Deason
Bill and Sharon Farr
Mary Gillespie
Tom and Nona Gordon
Lucile J. Gray
Jerry Gress

George and Betty Hall
Mildred Hansen
Bill and Theresa Hertneky
Gladys Hopkins
Phylabe Houston
Leoma Hunter
Mary and Hubert Littler
Tom and Barb Macgillivray
Helen C. McCandless
Glenn McDonald
Pete and Jean Morrell

Norm and Marty Noe
R. Lee and Rebecca Seward
Howard and Beverley Skinner
Howard Smith
Scott and Pat Thomas

If you are in the process of making or revising your estate plan, we hope that you will consider making a gift to the Community Foundation.

The Donor Next Door

Donor stories featuring new funds at the Community Foundation.

8th Street Company Fund



The 8th Street Company Fund was established as a Special Project fund to support the mission of the 8th Street Company, Inc. The Company is dedicated to nurturing emerging choreographic artists and providing an artistic outlet for promising dancers. It is the first dance company of its kind in the Greeley area with the purpose of seeking strong talent and choreography that is new and original.

Dr. Thomas R. and Janis S. Dunn Fund



The Dr. Thomas R. and Janis S. Dunn Fund was created as a Designated Fund to support the First Congregational Church of Greeley. The Dunn's started the fund with an IRA rollover donation. The money was transferred directly from their accounts to the Community Foundation, as a tax-free lifetime gift. The Fund will benefit programs and activities of the church from the income generated from the endowment.

Honor Flight Northern Colorado Fund



The Honor Flight Northern Colorado Fund was created as a Pass-Through Fund to fly WWII veterans from Larimer and Weld Counties to Washington, D.C. to see the WWII Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and the Iwo Jima Monument all at no cost to the veterans. The first flight is scheduled for September 23-24.

Weld Food Bank Acorn Fund



Weld Food Bank collects, stores and processes food to distribute to low-income people. In an effort to enhance their capacity, an Acorn Fund for the Weld Food Bank was established as a way to create an endowment which will grow over the next five years for the purpose of providing support to the organization. Individuals may donate to this endowment by contacting the Community Foundation.

Sam Chuenchit Soccer Scholarship Fund



The Sam Chuenchit Soccer Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Sumret "Sam" Chuenchit. Sam coached soccer in Greeley for more than 30 years including stints at Greeley Central, Greeley West and Northridge High Schools. He was praised for his coaching style, congeniality and passion for family and life. The Fund will provide scholarships to a male and female soccer player in Greeley.

Gunderson Family Fund



The Gunderson Family Fund was established by Nancy Gunderson, the winner of the \$10,000 endowment drawing in honor of the Community Foundation's 10th Anniversary. Nancy and her family chose to establish a Donor-Advised Fund to support the causes they care about. Donor-Advised funds are a convenient and flexible tool for people who want to be personally involved in suggesting grant awards made possible by their fund.

Kersey Centennial Celebration Fund



The Kersey Centennial Celebration Fund was established as a Special Project Fund to support the events and activities surrounding the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Kersey. The events scheduled for August 15-16, 2008 are sponsored by the Kersey Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information

If you would like to contribute to any of these funds or are interested in establishing a new fund, please contact us at (970) 304-9970. You can also visit our website at www.greeleyweldcomfound.org for information on the different types of funds offered by the Community Foundation.

WE REMEMBER: HELEN "SISSY" DENT



Sissy Dent was a long-time supporter of the Community Foundation. She served on the Board of the Weld Community Foundation and was involved in the merger of that Foundation with the Greeley Area Community Foundation into the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County. She served as the Chair of the Board of the Community Foundation in 2004 and also helped establish the Fort Lupton Area Foundation. Sissy devoted her life to raising four children and providing a strong sense of family and community. Sissy passed away February 28, 2008. She will be missed by the Greeley and Fort Lupton communities.

GIVING IN A DOWN ECONOMY

Professional Advisors Corner Presented by AIG Retirement

It's belt-tightening time. Instead of cutting charitable gifts, here are three reasons your clients may want to increase them this year.

1. Deferred gifts are a great way to make a lasting difference without leaving yourself short.

Charitable Gift Annuities: Many long-term investors are seeking ways to convert highly appreciated, low-yielding assets to better income producers. By donating these assets to a Charitable Gift Annuity at the Community Foundation, they minimize capital gains, earn an immediate tax deduction and draw an income that typically exceeds bonds or money market fund payouts.

Life insurance: Insurance is a powerful way to leverage a tax deductible, annual charitable contribution to create a significant gift at death. The insurance payout is usually substantially greater at death than the sum of the payments.

IRA and retirement plans: Making testamentary gifts to charity of retirement assets such as IRAs and 401(k) plans—not only will enable clients to vastly reduce estate taxes but will also allow them to tailor

their donation plans to fit their charitable goals.

2. Donations of appreciated stock still earn great deductions.

Despite recent setbacks, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has more than doubled in the past decade. Many donors still hold highly appreciated stock, and donating it still earns big tax write-offs and avoids capital gains.

If donors want to weed losers out of their portfolio, however, they should sell the stock and write off the loss against gains. They then contribute the sale proceeds to their favorite charitable cause—gaining an income tax deduction and the satisfaction that their bad investment is finally doing something good.

3. Help is needed more when times are harder.

The best reason to give in a down economy is because that's when it does the most good. The same slump that makes it harder for some to keep up their charitable giving makes it harder for others to put food on the table and hope in their lives. Hard times strain families at every seam. Charitable giving helps keep them from coming apart.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Foundation Annual Scholarship Reception

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County will be hosting its annual Scholarship Reception on May 13, 2008 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event, sponsored by First National Bank, gives donors and students the opportunity to meet each other.

The Community Foundation offers 17 different scholarships for students from Greeley and Weld County. If you would like more information about our scholarship program, please contact us at (970) 304-9970 or visit our website at www.greeleyweldcomfound.org.

Special Events Workshop

The Community Foundation will be hosting a Special Events workshop on May 9, 2008 for area nonprofits interested in learning more about planning successful events. Topics discussed will include timelines, budgets, types of events and much more. Please contact the Community Foundation if you are interested in attending the workshop.

Greeley/Weld Senior Foundation Annual Recognition Event

The Greeley/Weld Senior Foundation will be hosting its annual Recognition Event on May 4, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Tri-Pointe Events Center.



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GRANTS IN ACTION

The Community Foundation announced the 92nd Distribution from the Littler Youth Fund. Awards totaled \$21,200 to various programs to support youth throughout Greeley and Weld County. The following organizations received funding this quarter:

- Weld RE-9 School District—Pierce Elementary Playground Project
- North Range Behavioral Health—Sensory Processing Disorders Equipment Project
- Rehabilitation and Visiting Nurses Association—Pediatric Home Care Therapy Assistance Project

The Arts Alive! Fund also funded projects totaling \$4,750 to the following programs:

- Billie Martinez Elementary School—Billie Martinez Goes Musical
- UNC Foundation, Inc.—Creative Spaces

The Arts Alive Fund is now making Individual Achievement Grants of up to \$4,000. If you are an artist from Weld County, at least 18 years old and could benefit from funding to take the next step in your artistic development, you may be eligible for an Arts Alive! Individual Achievement Grant. The deadline for Arts Alive! Individual Achievement Grants is July 15, 2008.

Please visit our website at www.greeleyweldcomfound.org for upcoming grant deadlines or for more information, contact us at (970) 304-9970.

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