Where were you in 1975? I was over 1,200 miles away from Northern Colorado attending junior high and contemplating my annual summer pilgrimage to Colorado’s Western Slope. Of course, I was completely unaware that about that same time there was a group of community leaders in Northern Colorado who were working diligently to form a new foundation that would one day offer me a job!
As we celebrate the Community Foundation's 45th year, we are particularly grateful to the group who, in the early 1970s, started an initiative called Designing Tomorrow Today (DT2). The Community Foundation was just one of many new ideas and projects that came into being thanks to their willingness to put their dreams into action. They were willing to take risks and make investments that lead to results — qualities even more necessary today given the extraordinarily rapid pace of change.

Every generation has the opportunity and responsibility to reimagine the future — to “pay it forward” in a way that creates new possibilities. And while the next generation will surely benefit from the work we do today, perhaps no one benefits more than those actually doing the dreaming and planning. Giving back is its own reward.

Today, this never-ending process continues. In 2019, the Community Foundation established the Hach Center for Regional Engagement as our flagship program. I am confident the Hach Center will be here 45 years from now, as yet another generation contemplates the future of Northern Colorado.

Community foundations, by their very nature, are organizations with long memories. Their assets are primarily endowed, their major gifts are often the result of estate planning conducted many years before. Community foundations tend to possess the special quality of helping us honor our heritage while looking to the future. They call on us to dream and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

Our sincere thanks to the thousands of people who have been a part of the Community Foundation family over the last 45 years. Your contributions to the communities we serve are making an impact today, and your dreams for the future are shaping tomorrow.
HONOR THE FOUNDATION’S 45TH ANNIVERSARY AT OUR CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY

2020 marks the 45th anniversary of the Community Foundation. We will remember top philanthropic moments from this past year and take a trip down memory lane beginning in 1975. We anticipate great attendance and strong opportunities to recognize sponsors at this year’s Celebration.

Leading up to our 2019 celebration, we recognized our sponsors in many ways— including direct mail, email, social media, enewsletters and printed collateral. It was sponsorship that made it possible to bring together donors, community members, and nonprofits. Special thanks to First National Bank, First Western Trust, Eide Bailly, Impact Financial Strategies, BizWest, and NAI Affinity for your lead sponsorships last year.

Please join us in honoring the impact the philanthropic community makes and celebrate our 45th year by registering as a sponsor. Click here to learn more about sponsorship benefits or contact our team at events@NoCoFoundation.org.

CIVICO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY VISITS NOCO

Northern Colorado hosted the CiviCO Leadership Academy statewide huddle in Fort Collins on January 16. Over 50 leaders from across Colorado enjoyed the hospitality of CSU’s Canvas Stadium and Bohemian Foundation, with support from the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and additional local partners. Click here for more information about CiviCO Leadership Academy. Photo credit: William A. Cotton/Colorado State University
NEW FACES AT THE FOUNDATION

This month we said goodbye to Ashton Anderson who started at the Foundation as an intern in 2016. After completing her two-year-long internship in May 2018, Ashton returned to the Foundation in a part-time capacity in the fall of 2018 to coordinate events, including our Celebration of Philanthropy and Colorado Gives Day. Join us in thanking Ashton for her years of service to the Foundation and wishing her well as she moves into the next phase of her career.

In the past few months we’ve welcomed three new faces to the Foundation, adding two new roles.
Codi Farrar manages our office, supports Foundation guests, and oversees the internship program. She previously worked in healthcare administration and interned at the United Way of Larimer County as an undergrad at CSU. Codi replaced Lizzie Gaurilooff who moved into the position of Events and Communications Coordinator. Congratulations Lizzie!

Jeremy Geisert joined our finance team and comes to us from Empower Retirement in Denver. He reviews our daily accounting functions, processes the month-end closing procedures, and helps ensure our financial reporting meets exacting standards. Growing up in Fort Collins, he earned both his undergrad and MBA degrees from CSU.

Sandra Sheffler joined our donor services and finance teams and handles daily accounting functions, including gift processing, payables, and grants. She has 20 years of experience in accounting-based positions, including 14 years in municipal government. A Longmont native, she’s lived on a farm in rural Loveland for 24 years.

NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Community Foundation is looking for a Development and Stewardship Coordinator to join our dynamic team. We invite you to help us find the right person for this newly created position; this role will provide a unique opportunity to connect with the most philanthropic aspects of the Northern Colorado region by supporting both the Chief Engagement Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until filled. For a full job description and online application form, visit nocofoundation.org/jobs

REMINDER: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 28

Scholarships are targeted by location, high school, field of study, and other criteria that reflect the intentions of our respective donors. Students are invited to complete one brief, general application that will automatically match them to the scholarship awards for which they qualify. Click here to apply by February 28.
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Breaking Good News NoCo

Good news is contagious. We invite 501(c)(3) public charities that serve Northern Colorado residents to share a success story, a milestone, or an achievement, and we will gladly help spread the word on our website and social media!

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CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIPS

Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success is an Estes Park nonprofit supporting early childhood services for the past 14 years. Among other services, EVICS provides scholarships to families for access to childcare and preschool. In 2019, demand for scholarships increased substantially, and the organization dipped into operating funds to help children access care. A Community Foundation fund offered EVICS a matching grant challenge of $10,000, which the organization has successfully met! www.evics.org/

FOOTHILLS GATEWAY ACCREDITED FOR 44TH TIME

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International granted Foothills Gateway, Inc., a three-year accreditation in late 2019, continuing the organization’s 44-year trend of voluntarily meeting and exceeding CARF standards. Of the 1,016 CARF standards Foothills Gateway was surveyed against, only two recommendations for improvement were made. Info: foothillsgateway.org

RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY

The Sustainable Living Association teaches regional businesses about social, environmental, and economic responsibility through its annual Sustainability Leadership Program that runs from March-October. Participants learn powerful leadership strategies for enacting sustainability as a driver of organizational engagement, innovation, and change-capability. These individuals become change makers for businesses, nonprofits, and government to tackle the larger challenges of sustainability. Applications are being accepted for the 2020 program. www.sustainablelivingassociation.org