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Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund. The region’s nonprofits creatively launched programs and partnerships to support individuals most affected by the pandemic. The Foundation is heartened to represent such a caring community.
NORTHERN COLORADO COVID-19 FUND GRANTS $530,000 TO SUPPORT NONPROFITS

Our friends and neighbors are vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic. Thankfully, our communities are rallying to the cause, supporting local nonprofits that are diligently working to assist those most in need. The Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund – a partnership between the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and United Way of Larimer County – is receiving gifts and making grants to causes throughout Larimer County.

On March 31, 2020, less than two weeks after it was created, the Response Fund awarded $200,125 to 15 human service groups. On April 20, the volunteer committee selected 22 impactful projects to receive $334,497. To date, the Fund has awarded over $530,000 through 37 separate grants. These groups are active across Larimer County, including Allenspark, Berthoud, Drake, Estes Park, Fort Collins, Glen Haven, Loveland, Wellington, Windsor, and unincorporated areas of the county.
Each grant was distributed to a nonprofit seeking funding for critical needs that have emerged as a direct response to COVID-19. Grants are reviewed by a committee comprised of volunteers from Estes Park, Loveland, and Fort Collins – as well as staff members from the United Way and the Community Foundation. “This knowledgeable committee thoughtfully evaluates each grant application, and provides valuable insight, advice, and direction,” said Claire Bouchard, vice president of community impact for United Way of Larimer County. Grants awarded make an immediate difference in our community, especially supporting people who are faced with food insecurity, childcare needs, housing, or other disruptions caused by the pandemic.

“Every day brings new opportunities and challenges,” stated Ella Fahrlander, chief engagement officer for the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. “Individuals, nonprofits, government, and the private sector are stepping forward to deliver dollars, services, and supplies to those in need.”

ANNOUNCING THE MORGAN COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

Donations to the fund will support county hit hard by virus

The Eastern Colorado Community Fund (ECCF), the United Way of Morgan County, and the Bank of Colorado partnered to establish the Morgan County COVID-19 Response Fund.

The Fund began with a $10,000 gift from a friend of the ECCF (an anonymous Morgan County donor), followed by $5,000 from The United Way of Morgan County, and $5,000 from the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. These organizations are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from private foundations, corporate partners, and individual donors. As a corporate sponsor, the Bank of Colorado branches in Morgan County contributed $15,000 to be used as matching funds.
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Our world has changed since early March, which makes planning today for tomorrow’s needs even more important. As current issues continue to shape what happens in Northern Colorado, the Hach Center for Regional Engagement is positioned to help navigate a path forward. By combining a shared vision, collaborative funding, and the efforts of committed individuals and organizations, we see a promising future for our region. Engage: Learn more at nocofoundation.org/hachcenter.

RECAP: MARCH HACH CENTER EVENT AND REGIONAL WATER SOLUTIONS

Hach Center members and friends joined us on March 3, 2020, at a Hach Center for Regional Engagement event. Todd Doherty, president of Western Water Partnerships, spoke about how market-based, water sharing agreements are a critical component to meet future municipal and industrial water needs.

To learn more about “interruptible supply agreements” and other water concepts presented on March 3 please see this press release from the Colorado Cattlemen’s Association.
“Widespread panic-buying has underscored people's desire to be food secure. Real food security starts with being able to grow, process, and market food locally. In arid Colorado, preserving irrigated farmland near cities and in rural areas is key to ensuring food and dairy staples can be produced and provided to consumers even during a crisis.

Preventing widespread loss of additional irrigated farmland requires a recognition of the enormous value that agricultural land provides to society.

Irrigated agricultural land offers a solution to both food and water security in Colorado. Laws passed since the 2002-2003 drought enable water leasing between farms and cities. Interruptible supply agreements...provide opportunities for agricultural producers to lease water to cities while keeping land in production.”

EVENTS STILL HAPPENING, JUST NOT IN-PERSON, YET

The Foundation is moving forward with events in a thoughtful way, keeping safety paramount. Currently, all events are virtual, and we will contact you when we establish dates and formats. We are still committed to conducting our “business” even if it is not “as usual.”

In the works:

**June:** Hach Center Members Only Event (format: online)  
**July:** Summer Celebration: An evening at the Drive-In  
**August:** Investment Performance Briefing (format: online)  
**October:** Hach Center Fall Event (format: TBA)

Stay tuned for event details.
LOCAL NEWS NEEDS A BOOST TO COVER COVID CRISIS

Locally owned papers are now able to accept tax-deductible donations to support their coverage of COVID-19 in our community.

The nonprofit Local Media Association launched the COVID-19 Local News Fund, localmedia.org, to spark support for community news operation! This is a way to help these papers survive the effects of the coronavirus while providing their pandemic coverage at no charge.

To date, two regional newspapers, BizWest and North Forty News, have launched funds.

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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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NONPROFITS INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

The Kristi Visocky Memorial Fund invites nonprofits to apply for grants for Kristi’s Wish, an annual philanthropic initiative that supports Colorado-based organizations that are making a positive and impactful difference in the world. Preference is given to those that support women and youth in becoming empowered and self-sufficient. Each year, four local organizations are chosen as recipients of the proceeds from the campaign. Apply at: kristisfund.com/grants. Deadline for applications the Kristi’s Wish Campaign is September 1.

FORT COLLINS HABITAT SUCCESSFULLY ADAPTS TO COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT

The importance of a safe home, where you feel secure, has taken on new meaning in the past few weeks. Housing truly is a basic need. Chad & Yolanda, and Karla closed on their two Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity homes in early April in a rather non-traditional, curbside closing. The
team navigated a very different closing — from being inside at a sanitized table with distancing to a bank drive-thru with folding tables, rocks holding down documents. Their homes were sponsored by the Fort Collins Board of Realtors. fortcollinshabitat.org

HARMONY FOUNDATION NOW OFFERS DAYTIME ADDICTION TREATMENT IN FORT COLLINS

Harmony Foundation launched a new intensive outpatient program (IOP) that opened its doors on March 3, 2020. The program will run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. for individuals seeking outpatient substance use and mental health treatment. For more Information call 866-686-7867 or visit www.harmonyfoundationinc.com.

LOVELAND ROTARY KIDSPAK PROVIDED OVER 100,000 MEALS IN 2019

Loveland Rotary Club KidsPak is a weekend hunger-relief program that directly assists approximately 550 students weekly in the Thompson School District. Last year, there were over 6,837 students receiving free/reduced lunch and homeless students in the district exceeded 801. During the 2018/19 school year, KidsPak provided 20,023 bags of food, equaling 100,115 meals. www.lovelandrotarykidspak.org

HOMEWARD ALLIANCE PROVIDES MAIL SERVICE FOR HOMELESS

Did you know that about 1,000 individuals use the mail services of the Murphy Center each year? That means 1,000 people use Homeward Alliance's address for cards from loved ones, job applications, and, in 2020, the Census documents.
As a result, each day the Murphy Center processes the mail of a small town - alphabetizing, filing and pulling mail for guests - all thanks to a small team of volunteers. homewardalliance.org

HEARTS AND HORSES SELECTED TO HELP RESEARCHER LEARN WHY THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING BENEFITS AUTISTIC CHILDREN

Many of those working in the therapeutic riding industry have long recognized the tangible benefits for people with disabilities. A CU-Anschutz researcher awarded a National Institutes of Health grant selected Hearts And Horses to study and develop a body of scientific evidence that quantifies the specific benefits and unique elements that therapeutic riding provides. heartsandhorses.org

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