

Limited Number of Tables Available; Individual Tickets Now Available Don't miss the celebration!



The 2011 Annual Celebration of Philanthropy is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 11** at the Hilton Fort Collins, beginning with a 4:30 p.m. pre-event reception. The featured speaker will be **David Krueger, M.D.**, who is a physician, author, and executive coach. Dr. Krueger will encourage event attendees to think strategically and creatively about philanthropy and community engagement.

The generous support of sponsors makes this celebration possible. [Click here](#) to reserve your table or purchase tickets, and contact [our team](#) at 488-1977 with any questions.

The Splendors of Japan: April 16 - June 25 at the Global Village Museum

GLOBAL VILLAGE MUSEUM of ARTS & CULTURES

The Community Foundation is proud to highlight the new [Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures](#), located at 200 W. Mountain Ave. in Fort Collins. The museum will be opening to the public on April 16 with its first exhibit, **The Splendors of Japan**. The Global Village Museum is a 501c3 nonprofit organization established in partnership with the City of Fort Collins. [Read on...](#)

Rialto Bridge Project Moves Ahead



The Rialto Bridge Project, an initiative of the Community Foundation, is pleased to receive a **\$100,000 gift from The McWhinney Foundation**. This contribution puts this volunteer led fundraising effort within \$100,000 of its goal of raising \$700,000 to pay for the public portion of the project.

The project, a partnership between the City of Loveland, the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and a private developer, will create a new 20,000 square foot, three-story building to replace two existing, outdated one-story buildings, thus improving density. The City of Loveland and a private developer will jointly own the facility. [Read on...](#)

The Poudre Runs Through It: RSVP for Public Deliberation Session (April 16 at The Drake Center)



Please join UniverCity Connections, Colorado State University and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado in creating a shared understanding ---- a better informed and engaged community regarding the complex topic of water in Northern Colorado. After [three informative education sessions](#), the public will now have an opportunity to participate in the final community deliberation session. Deliberation will focus on alternatives for Northern Colorado's water future. [Click here](#) to watch videos of the education sessions and RSVP for Saturday's public deliberation session.

Twenty Years in the Making: Mattie Collier Fund



Twenty years ago, [MaryLou Smith](#) wrote a letter to Diane Hogerty, who was the Executive Director of the Community Foundation at the time. Smith explained that she had been inspired to establish an endowment fund in memory of her grandmother, Mattie Collier. With only a small amount to invest, MaryLou projected that with a 6% return, the fund would grow over the course of 20 years and eventually reach a sufficient balance to provide an annual scholarship for at-risk youth and specialized services for elementary children in need.

This past week, MaryLou shared the letter with the Community Foundation staff. Twenty years after the creation of the memorial fund, MaryLou's investment well exceeds her original projections. The fund is now in a position to ensure that the legacy of Mattie Collier is forever preserved through a permanent endowment at the Community Foundation. MaryLou's realized goal shows that a small investment combined with a long-term vision can not only leave a legacy but create significant impact in the lives of others. To learn how

to establish a fund, [click here](#).

Bridges out of Poverty: Two day Workshop



Join the Bohemian Foundation on **May 5 and 6** for a two-day community-wide education effort, led by Terie Dreussi Smith, co-author of *Bridges out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*. The workshop will be valuable to professionals working in social services, business, education, health care, government, criminal justice, advocacy groups, and faith communities that work closely with families in poverty. It will also be beneficial to anyone passionate about improving our community and helping lead families to self-sufficiency. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

News from Area Community Foundations: Western Colorado and Aspen



Our friends at other Colorado community foundations are working hard to serve their communities. The [Western Colorado Community Foundation](#) recently received almost \$1 million in assets from the dissolved Holy Family Education Foundation, which previously provided support to the Holy Family Catholic School in Grand Junction. The Community Foundation will now manage two designated funds that provide tuition assistance for students and professional development for teachers and special projects.

The [Aspen Community Foundation](#) and the Aspen Skiing Company Family Fund are wrapping up the 2010-2011 ski season by encouraging environmental stewardship. The Foundation matches Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resort employee contributions to the [Environment Foundation](#). Grants support local environmental causes such as clean air and water programs, trail maintenance and energy efficiency initiatives. [Read more...](#)

Relief Efforts Meet Critical Needs in Japan

When natural disasters strike, the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado assists donors by calling attention to various relief efforts. The following efforts related to the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan have come to our attention.

- Our staff has been in contact with Erin Mounsey, Executive Director of the American Red Cross Northern Colorado Chapter. Donors are asked to make their donations online to directly benefit the [Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami Fund](#). In addition, donors can make a \$10 contribution to relief efforts simply by texting REDCROSS to 90999.
- Donors can also support the people of Japan through [United Way](#). The Central Community Chest of Japan, part of the United Way worldwide network, is working to meet the immediate needs of the people of Japan and those affected by the disaster through direct relief and recovery efforts.
- [World Vision](#) emergency relief staff are on the ground in Japan, assessing urgent needs and distributing relief supplies. World Vision plans to distribute relief supplies to meet the daily needs of quake and tsunami survivors, and will respond to the emotional needs of children, who are often the most impacted after such a traumatic event.
- [U.S. Fund for UNICEF \(USF\)](#) is also raising funds to help children in Japan. This is an unusual decision, as Japan is a donor to UNICEF rather than a recipient of its assistance. However, due to the unprecedented nature of the epic disaster and its impact on children, USF resources will be used to assist with the unique needs of children.
- In addition, [Google has created a website](#) that is updated frequently to provide the latest information about the crisis and ways to contribute to relief efforts.

Tying the Knot to Philanthropy: Wedding Charity Fund



As Prince William of Wales and his fiancée, Kate Middleton, prepare for their upcoming wedding, they came up with a unique idea for well-wishers. The couple has set up a fund to encourage charitable donations in lieu of wedding gifts. Kate and Will have chosen 26 charities to benefit from the Royal Wedding Charitable Gift Fund. For more information visit the [fund's website](#). Other engaged couples are turning to giving instead of getting for their weddings through organizations such as the [I Do Foundation](#) or [Heifer International's alternative gift giving registry](#).

Ideas for Giving: Local Programs, Local Impact

The Community Foundation stays in close communication with charitable agencies in our region to strategically connect donors with the causes they care about most. These giving opportunities recently came to our attention:



[Rocky Mountain Medical Outfitting and Recycling](#) collects donations of healthcare equipment and supplies to provide them at no or low cost to those in need, based on sliding scale fees. It is the only organization between California and Minnesota that recycles and locally distributes healthcare equipment and supplies. Rocky Mountain Medical Outfitting and Recycling is in need of general operational funding to pay for rent, utilities and insurance. For more information, please contact [Heather Holmes](#) at 266-8190.



[Homeless Gear](#) has been collecting unwanted outdoor gear and hygiene products and re-distributing those items to the homeless since the program began as a fund of the Community Foundation in 2008. The program, which is now under the umbrella of United Way of Larimer County, makes the days more bearable and the nights survivable for the homeless as they struggle to regain self sufficiency. Since its inception, the Homeless Gear team has collected and distributed more than \$1,380,000 in outdoor gear, clothing, and miscellaneous products. While the program receives many items from manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers, the

donation of used items is key to the success of the program. In addition, cash donations to Homeless Gear are extremely well leveraged: the program has an annual expense budget of less than \$30,000 and in 2010 collected and distributed over \$700,000 in gear and products. To learn more, contact [Ken John](#) at 581-4921.



The Angel House is a shelter program for families who have become homeless. It offers a "Balanced Living Program" that teaches life skills and gives families a place to prepare for a better future. The Angel House will be opening a network of churches in Fort Collins that will allow for an additional four rooms available for homeless families in Larimer County. Funding is always needed to support families as they makes changes in their lives. These changes include obtaining birth certificates and accessing public systems. To learn more, contact [AnnMarie Arbo](#) at 663-1716.

In an effort to make our donors and friends aware of these types of funding needs and program announcements, our website features new submissions from area nonprofit agencies. [Click here](#) to review this month's submissions, and [click here](#) if you would like to have your nonprofit agency featured on our website.

Join The Discussion



"Phil Anthropy", the Community Foundation's Facebook identity, posts updates several times each week. Share your comments on the issues that are impacting our region. [Join the discussion on our Facebook page.](#)

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