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Douglas County Community Foundation's Quarterly Newsletter

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Our Foundation

As we get further into a new year, it's important to have a renewed focus on our mission and vision and reinforce the commitment we've made to the Douglas County community, which will continue to guide our work in 2025.

Our Mission: To provide leadership and responsible stewardship of philanthropic resources to strengthen our community and enrich the lives of every resident in Douglas County.

Our Vision: A community where people elevate one another and have the resources and support to live a healthy, engaged and fulfilled life.

Our Commitment: To responsibly manage philanthropic contributions, maintain agile funds and serve as a conduit in emergencies, inspire local giving, and provide resources and support to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs within our community.

A Look Into 2025: DCCF will continue to work with our community partners to make an even greater impact in 2025. Our Inaugural Nonprofit Symposium will be held in April and promises to be an educational and informational event specifically tailored to Douglas County nonprofits, donors, and businesses. We look forward to refining our annual Heroes Gala and Drive Fore DCCF Golf Tournament, as well as taking a deeper dive into our more sophisticated philanthropic giving. For the latter, that means two new focus areas... growing and streamlining our granting process so that more Douglas County nonprofits can thrive, and creating additional programming around Donor Advised Funds and other gifting possibilities.

Welcome New Staff!

DCCF is excited to announce the appointment of Kirsten Swanson-Moore as Executive Director and welcome Monica Wasden as Director of Operations.

As the Executive Director, Swanson-Moore is responsible for leading and advancing the organization's vision, strategic initiatives and priorities and serves as the lead fundraiser to build a perpetual endowment for granting and meeting financial and operational goals to sustain the organization.

As the Director of Operations, Wasden is responsible for all internal operational and administrative functions and has organizational, administrative and program authority as deemed appropriate by the DCCF Board of Directors for the effective pursuit and achievement of DCCF's mission.

Read more about the DCCF staff team here.



Kirsten Swanson-Moore, Executive Director



Monica Wasden, Director of Operations



SPOTLIGHT:

Community Partner

DCCF is pleased to partner with Douglas County to administer and maximize donations to the <u>Douglas Has Heart</u> fund, which helps provide needed resources to nonprofits in Douglas County working to address homelessness issues in our community. These organizations include:

- Help & Hope Center
- Douglas County Homeless Initiative
- Parker Task Force
- SECOR Cares

MORE: Douglas Has Heart

Nonprofit Partners: Share Your IMPACT

If you are already a DCCF Nonprofit Partner, click on the link below to fill out the questionnaire and have the opportunity to share your IMPACT story in DCCF communications channels.

MORE: Share Your IMPACT



SPOTLIGHT: Nonprofit Partner

<u>Help & Hope Center</u> (HHC) is a nonprofit human service organization dedicated to providing assistance to people in Douglas and Elbert counties who are in serious economic need, at risk of homelessness, or in a similar crisis.

HHC was one of 16 nonprofits to receive grant funding through DCCF's 2024 First Cycle Community Grants program. This funding helped support HHC in delivering 73,063 pounds of food and \$43,388 in clothing and household items to families and individuals experiencing financial distress, which is an average of 87 people per day. HHC served 31,819 people in 2024, with 98% being Douglas County residents.

MORE: Nonprofit Partners

SPOTLIGHT: Board of Directors



DCCF Board of Directors and Douglas County Commissioners awarding \$135,000 to local nonprofits as part of the Philip S. Miller Trust granting partnership.

DCCF is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of community leaders, business owners and individuals

from throughout Douglas County who demonstrate personal involvement in civic affairs and a high level of commitment and philanthropic leadership in our community.

The following Directors have been selected to lead DCCF as 2025 Board Officers:

Tera Radloff, Chair – Castle Pines North Metropolitan District

Terri Wiebold, Vice Chair – Owner/Publisher, The Castle Pines Connection

Wynne Shaw, Treasurer – Former Mayor Pro Tem, City of Lone Tree

Kay Dry, Secretary – Colorado Drinking Water Market Sector Leader, HDR

Brock Smethills, Immediate Past Chair – President, Sterling Ranch Development Co.

MORE: Board of Directors



Save the Date

Save the dates for some of DCCF's biggest fundraising and networking events, including:

April 11, 2025 – DCCF will host its **Inaugural Nonprofit Symposium**, which promises to be an educational and informational event specifically tailored to Douglas County nonprofits, donors and businesses.

June 16, 2025 – The annual **Drive Fore DCCF Golf Tournament** will be hosted by the beautiful and exclusive Club at Ravenna.

September 12, 2025 – The annual **DCCF Heroes Gala**, a night of inspiration honoring heroes and celebrating community, will be hosted at Signature Aviation at Centennial Airport.

More information on these events will be available soon.

MORE: DCCF Events



Get Involved

There are many opportunities for Douglas County residents, nonprofits, businesses and community partners to get involved with DCCF initiatives and support the community, including...

VOLUNTEER your time with a **DCCF** Committee

ESTABLISH a legacy by Opening a Giving Account

DONATE (in any amount) to:

- DCCF General Fund
- Douglas County Gives "Give Where You Live" Campaign
- Community Emergency Relief Fund
- Douglas Has Heart Fund
- Kendrick Castillo Memorial Fund

Click below to see the DCCF programs, events and community partners that were featured or mentioned in recent news stories:

DCCF in the News









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