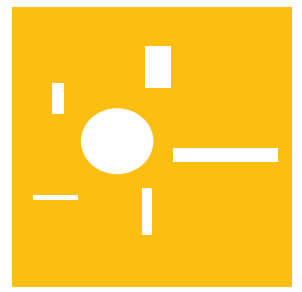
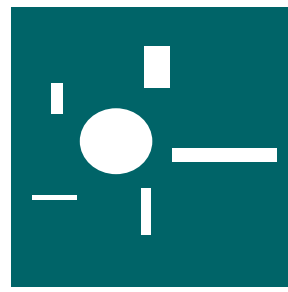
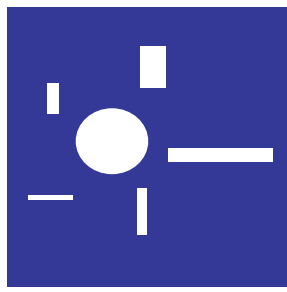
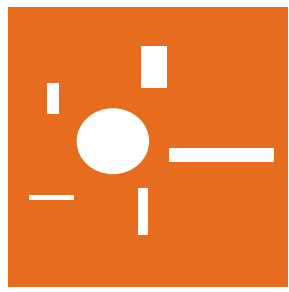
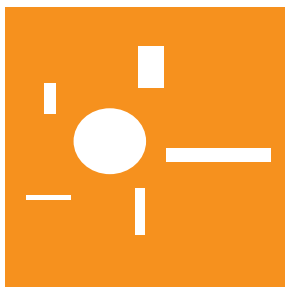


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How Do You Want to be Remembered? Legacy Planning Can Help You Decide

As we get older, it is natural to ask ourselves questions about how we have lived our lives. Did we make the most of our time? Did we have a positive impact on the people we touched? What would we have done differently? And how will we be remembered by our family and friends?

Ernest Becker, the late cultural anthropologist, social theorist, and author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Denial of Death*, said it well. "This is mankind's age-old dilemma in the face of death: What man really fears is not so much extinction, but extinction with insignificance. Man wants to know that his life has somehow counted, that it has left a trace, a trace that has meaning. And in order for anything once alive to have meaning, its effects must remain alive in eternity some way."

"Legacy Planning" is a relative newcomer to the field of financial planning. The more well known aspects - estate planning and financial planning - almost always begin and end with a discussion of numbers. Legacy planning, however, focuses on values - your values or your family's values. The process of planning your legacy usually involves completing a questionnaire to get you thinking about the issues. From there, you might work with a legacy planning specialist who will help you to refine your thoughts, and may create a legacy document for you. Alternatively, you might choose to do it yourself. Depending on your objectives, the end result of the process might take many forms, including:

- a statement of your personal or family values,
- a memoir, perhaps documenting family genealogy and history,
- a formal "family philanthropy philosophy" statement, or
- a family foundation or family donor advised fund.

The questionnaire will help you describe your values, summarize your life's experiences and relate your beliefs to another person. How can you do this, and make it meaningful for your family? This is a tough question, and it is easy to understand why legacy advisors find that there is a need for their services. Any questionnaire attempting to capture this information will ask questions about your life, your family, your experiences, your values, your wealth, and your objectives. If you or your family owned a business, questions about business philosophy will also be important.

The end result of this process can be whatever you want it to be. Many people want a formal doc-

ument to pass on to family and/or friends. Frequently, a memoir is also a statement of personal values, as the writer explains events, historical context, and decisions. People who have gone through this process speak of the incredible sense of accomplishment at completing the task, and these documents often become family heirlooms.



Often, people decide to create family foundations or donor advised funds as focal points of their family values. Charitable funds offer families the opportunity to transfer their values to children and grandchildren. The fact that a charitable fund has been created tells a great deal about the values of the donor. Through periodic meetings to discuss and decide upon charitable causes to support, younger members of the family learn the importance of kindness, compassion, and generosity.

A memorial donor advised fund allows a family to honor the life of a loved one, and direct periodic gifts to causes important to the honoree. For memorial donor advised funds, periodic meetings to discuss gifts serve another purpose - to remember the life and times of the departed loved one. Charitable funds can continue on forever, passing your values down from one generation to the next.

Everyone has a story, and everyone has learned valuable lessons from the school of hard knocks. Sadly, the details of family histories don't last long when they are not written down. The wisdom of these lessons should be passed on to those you love.

For more information, please call Dan Harris at 720-898-5907. ■

Planning Your Legacy: The Place to Start

The legacies that we leave will have a lasting influence over our families for generations to come. First, our legacies will impact how we are remembered by our families. Second, and perhaps much more importantly, our legacies may influence how subsequent generations live their lives. As you consider the legacy that you are leaving, remember that you have the opportunity to inspire and to lead by example. With that in mind, there are a number of ways that you can plan your legacy. The following questions will help you get started.

What elements of your legacy are important to you? Would you like to tell subsequent generations about your experiences? Your family history? Would you like to pass on your values? Would you like to establish a charitable fund in order to create a lasting memorial and to focus your family's discussions about values? Starting in one area might easily lead to another.

Memoir questions. What experiences had the greatest impact on your life decisions? What was your family life like when you were growing up? Who were your role models? Who inspired you to achieve? Who had faith in you? Who gave you a break when you needed it? How did you meet your spouse? What made you choose your career(s)?

Family history questions. When did the branches of your family come to the United States? From where? Did they come directly to Colorado, or stop along the way? What did your ancestors do? What family heirlooms do you have? What are your family stories, recipes, traditions or customs?

Personal value questions. What experiences taught you the importance of any of the following values: honesty, personal and social responsibility, fairness, kindness, generosity, community involvement, independence, accumulation of material possessions, social status, religious faith, work ethic, punctuality, finishing what you start, politeness? Which of these would you consider "core" values?

Charitable cause questions. What types of charitable causes do you support most often: human welfare, health, arts and culture, education, the environment, or others? Which causes are you most passionate about? What specific organizations do you support? Why?

These are just a few ideas to begin to explore your legacy. Begin where ever seems best. For additional information please call Dan Harris at 720-898-5907.

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Reflections on a Vital Community Service – Hospice

Kenneth W. Eggeman, Ph.D.

One of the vital roles of a community foundation is to pay attention to needs and issues in the community, and then help address them. One such need is rapidly increasing – our ability to care for individuals who are dying and their families and friends. Recent statistics definitely show that our communities are growing older. The realization that I'm now one of the people who comprise those statistics has made me pay attention to and reflect upon the future of caring for people during the end of their lives.

LMC Community Foundation has paid attention to end-of-life care for more than 18 years through our support of an exceptional service that is known for its compassion, care and delivery of dignity to persons concluding their lives– Exempla Lutheran Hospice.

Hospice is a program that most people don't know much about, because it deals with our final rite of passage – dying. For most, dying isn't something we like to think about or plan for due to our own fear or denial. Yet this is part of our life cycle and we can benefit from knowing the options available to us.

What is hospice? Hospice is a service that allows the death process to take its normal course. When a patient enters a hospice program, he or she moves from a care process that utilizes interventions to prolong life, to a care process that focuses on keeping the patient as comfortable as possible by providing pain and symptom management. An interdisciplinary team of professionals also provides a full range of services such as spiritual support, family education regarding what to expect, and guidance through bereavement.

Whether this process takes place in the home, at a nursing home or within a designated facility, it is important to know that there are choices regarding how you spend your final days.

I invite you to think about your end-of-life and the end-of-life of your loved ones. Learn about your options, check to see what hospice benefits are covered under your insurance plan, and discuss the ultimate life passage. We have much to be grateful for, including living in a society where options are available to us.

For more information on the Exempla Lutheran Hospice program, call 303-425-8000.

Dr. Eggeman, president and CEO of LMC Community Foundation, is available to speak to groups and organizations on the Power of Philanthropy and other topics including Hospice Care. To schedule a presentation, please call 720-898-5922. ■

Bridges Integrative Health Services Now Offers Holistic Therapies to Hospital Patients

The next time a loved one or friend of yours is hospitalized, consider sending a gift of comfort instead of flowers! *Bridges Integrative Health Services* now offers a variety of personalized healing therapies to patients at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center that help reduce pain and anxiety while promoting healing.

Therapeutic massage, therapeutic touch, guided imagery, and acupuncture are provided by professionally trained massage therapists, licensed acupuncturists, RNs, and licensed counselors in the privacy of the hospital room. Patients who are able to walk and prefer a more holistic setting have an additional option – they may choose to receive a Bridges service in one of two private therapy rooms now located within the hospital.

Benefits

Therapeutic massage provided in the hospital is gentle and nurturing. Studies have shown that caring touch enhances the healing process and can help to reduce the need for pain pills and sleeping pills. Massage also helps to relieve muscle soreness from bed rest and inactivity, while relieving tension related to the stress and anxiety of being ill. Acupuncture, therapeutic massage, and guided imagery also help decrease the pain and anxiety a patient may be experiencing.

How to Order

You can now give a *Bridges* service to someone in the hospital by ordering a gift certificate, which will be delivered to the patient's room, or by having your loved one call Bridges directly.

Bridges staff will coordinate the appointment time with patients and their nurse, and get the necessary physician authorization prior to the provision of the therapy.

Fees vary depending on the service requested. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted methods of payment. For more information on services or to order a gift of comfort, call Bridges Integrative Health Services at 303-425-2262.

Bridges Integrative Health Services is a program funded by LMC Community Foundation. ■



Rebecca Buillion, certified massage therapist with Bridges, provides in-hospital massage therapy.

Financial Planners – Resources for Charitable Gifts

Have you ever thought of building or allocating a portion of your financial resources to support the charities you care about through your financial planning? If not, don't overlook the opportunity to discuss this with your financial planner.

The primary reason most people work with a financial planner is to secure a sound financial future so they have adequate income to live comfortably and enjoy life's later years. People also use a financial planner to enable them to provide financial support for their loved ones. In addition, financial planners are prime resources to discuss broader planning options, including planning for gifts of financial support for charities that are meaningful to the giver.

Many financial planners will work with you to prepare to leave a gift to the charity or charities of your choice through your financial plan. Certified Financial Planner Peter Tedstrom of Brown & Tedstrom recently worked with one of his clients to set up a donor advised fund at LMC Community Foundation to enact the charitable wishes of that client. He knew that establishing a donor advised fund was the right strategy for his client because the client wanted to memorialize his parents and continue their legacy of charitable work in the community. A donor advised fund was the perfect strategy for this client: easy to set up, flexible, and convenient.

"I take a comprehensive and philosophical approach when working on the financial planning needs of my clients," said Tedstrom. "I talk with clients about the big picture and, through discussion, I learn who and what they care about, and what is of interest to them. I

initially keep the conversation very broad so as not to limit choices.

"People may share that they have a desire to help the sick, the elderly, their religion or other causes. I get to know charities from all walks of life so that I'm able to link people with ways to benefit their causes. From there we can approach their planning and create a financial road map to meet those interests," he added.

While Tedstrom likes to work with foundations because they provide choice and flexibility, he and his clients are pleased with the special design of LMC Community Foundation's advisor program.

"LMC Community Foundation offers a unique program for advisors," he said. "Most community foundations do not allow advisors to maintain a financial management relationship with their clients after the relationship with the foundation is established. This can be a roadblock as many clients have built a strong relationship with their financial planners and are not interested in having other people managing their finances. LMC Community Foundation's advisor program allows the advisor to continue financial management after establishing the relationship with the Foundation based on an alignment of core investment philosophy.

"This mutual goal provides mutual benefits – the advisor/client relationship is pre-



Peter F. Tedstrom,
CFP

LMC Community Foundation maintains close working relationships with a number of professional advisors. These individuals were selected by the Foundation because of their commitment to supporting the work of the Foundation and their expertise in areas of focus that may include financial, charitable, and estate planning; legal and real estate matters; elder issues; and other professional fields.

These professional advisors form a valuable resource to the Foundation in their areas of expertise. They assist LMC Community Foundation in educating the community in financial, estate, and gift planning through a variety of seminars. They also assist the Foundation to create awareness about, and support for, its mission and work within the community.

For a list of advisors willing to help you with your needs, please call Dan Harris at 720-898-5907.

served while the client is able to benefit from the choices and flexibility that the Foundation is able to offer," he added.

In terms of trends, Tedstrom is seeing a shift in how people are viewing their financial planning. "I'm finding that more people are interested in how the area of charitable giving might fit into their lives. We've left behind the greed and 'me-ness' of the 80s and 90s. The market crash made people focus on what really matters – spouse, family and community," he stated.

For more information on supporting charities through financial planning or LMC Community Foundation's Advisor program, call Daniel Harris, planned giving director, at 720-898-5907. ■

State of the Art Heart Center Marks First Year Anniversary

The Heart Center at Lutheran Medical Center marked its one-year anniversary in August and had something to celebrate. The Center was recently selected as General Electric's Premier International Cardiovascular Show Site, making it one of the most technologically advanced heart centers in North America!

The Heart Center was designed with the patient in mind and is the first in the metro area to offer patients the latest in cutting-edge technology and cardiology services – from diagnostics to treatment - in one centralized location. This is a major benefit for patients who previously had to visit many different areas in the hospital to reach diagnostic testing and treatments.

The community has embraced the Center and during the past year and the Heart Center has served several thousand patients.

Following are estimates of services provided during its first year:

- 1,500 cardiac diagnostic catheters
- 480 interventional cardiac procedures
- 120 electrophysiology studies
- 3,600 cardiac ultrasound studies
- 32,900 electrocardiograms (EKGs)
- 3,000 stress tests
- 1,800 nuclear cardiology images

The Heart Center features two cardiac catheterization labs where procedures such as



ELMC uses the GE Innova™ Imaging system to treat blocked coronary arteries.

angiograms and angioplasties are performed; an electrophysiology lab; a pre- and post-procedure care unit; a cardiac rehabilitation unit; a noninvasive cardiac testing suite, which includes echo cardiography; nuclear cardiology; EKG; stress testing; holter monitoring; vascular testing; and a pulmonary diagnostics lab. With an eye on the aging population, the Heart Center was built to accommodate growth to meet future needs. Space is avail-

able for expansion to accommodate an additional catheterization lab and electrophysiology lab when needed.

A Heart Center highlight is the new GE Innova™ 2000 all-digital cardiovascular imaging system, which allows physicians to optimally view and treat coronary artery blockages that could cause heart attacks or other serious cardiovascular damage. "This new technology enables faster procedures, requires less radiation exposure and gives us the ability to see details, especially balloons and stents, better than ever," said Mary Shepler, director, critical care services, Exempla Lutheran Medical Center.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for both men and women in the United States. (See page 7 for more about women and heart disease.)

Considering that a significant number of patients who visit Lutheran have X-ray coronary imaging procedures performed, this new, revolutionary technology has made a positive impact on patient care." ■

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Congratulations to...

Robert H. Malte, who has been named president and CEO for Exempla Lutheran Medical Center. Malte has more than 25 years of leadership experience in health care, most recently with the ThedaCare Hospital Division in Appleton, Wisconsin. He will assume his duties with ELMC on December 1.

Penny Brizendine, the 2003 Lois and John Cochran Oncology Education Award winner. Brizendine is a registered nurse in the ELMC Radiation Oncology department. Jack Cochran, M.D., and his family established a donor advised fund at LMC Community Foundation in memory of their parents John and Lois Cochran, who received exemplary care while on the oncology unit at Lutheran. Each year, a \$1,000 education award is presented to an oncology caregiver who provides outstanding oncology care.

Jack Cochran, M.D. with Penny Brizendine



LMC Community Foundation Board member **Ted Ning, M.D.**, was one of three Coloradans selected for the prestigious Jefferson Award for extraordinary volunteerism. Dr. Ning and his wife Connie founded Friendship Bridge, a nonprofit organization that has provided medical supplies to Vietnam and provides small loans to Guatemalan women to start their own businesses.



The Jefferson Awards were founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Sen. Robert Taft Jr. and Sam Beard to recognize outstanding public service.

Exempla Lutheran Hospice received the Knights of the Blind Award from the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank for providing training to staff and offering patients and families the opportunity to donate eye and tissue, such as a cornea, to leave the legacy of sight. **Exempla Lutheran Hospice** and **Transitions Patient Care Volunteers** were recognized with the We Count on You Award by the Denver Metro chapter of the Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) for their dedication and commitment to hospice and Transitions patients. Transitions is a volunteer-driven program that provides emotional support and assistance for people with a life-limiting illness.



LMC Community Foundation extends a warm thanks to **Coors Special Volunteers Hands & Hearts**, a group comprised of employees and retired employees of Coors, for crafting 32 lap blankets for residents of Exempla Colorado Lutheran Home and Exempla Lutheran Hospice patients.

Calendar to Benefit Exempla Colorado Lutheran Home

If you're looking for a unique, local calendar, consider purchasing the 2004 "Bachelor" calendar produced by Colorado Lutheran Home (CLH). Each month will feature the profile of an eligible CLH resident, who has been photographed at a site in Olde Town Arvada. The calendar also shares the history of CLH and highlights important health-care observances.

The calendars are \$10 each and can be pre-ordered by calling Colorado Lutheran Home at 303-403-3110. To have a calendar mailed, add \$1.30.

Calendars will be available for purchase on November 24 at the Lutheran Medical Center gift shop, the Saint Joseph Hospital gift shop and Exempla Colorado Lutheran Home and Apartments. Calendars may also be purchased at the Olde Town Pickin' Parlor, Jonny Pastramis, Grand Father Used and New Books, Territorial Trader, La Dolce Vita, Arvada Stationery, Cheshire Cat, and Abundance Antiques - all located in Olde Town Arvada.

Youth Leadership Jefferson County Class Puts Philanthropy Into Action

During graduation ceremonies, the 2003 class of Youth Leadership Jefferson County presented a check for \$1,500 to Ruth Ann Russell, executive director of Family Tree. Each year students participating in the program pay a \$50 tuition fee, which is usually refunded to the students following successful completion of the program. This year's class chose a different course of action and voted to



Ruth Ann Russell, executive director of Family Tree, accepts a check from Amanda Van Nostrand, Youth Leadership Jefferson County class representative, during graduation ceremonies.

donate their tuition reimbursement to Family Tree.

"It was very rewarding to see the students demonstrate leadership through giving," said Debbie Anderson, program supervisor. "Throughout the year students in the Youth Leadership Jefferson County program learn about needs and issues facing their community and how leadership can make a positive impact. This class put what they learned into practice," she added. As their class project, the students also built a playground for Family Tree's Women in Crisis Center.

Community Involvement

Special thanks to **Western Truck Parts** for hosting a golf tournament to benefit the Lutheran Breast Care Center; and to the **Victoria Hurtado Memorial Cancer Foundation and Trautman & Shreve, Inc.** for hosting golf tournaments, which benefited Exempla Lutheran Hospice programs. Collectively more than \$21,000 was raised by these organizations and their support is greatly appreciated!

Community Education

LMC Community Foundation sponsored a community presentation by **Wayne Sotile, Ph.D.**, one of the nation's leading psychologists and author of the best-selling book, *Thriving with Heart Disease: A Unique Program for You and Your Family*. Through his research, Sotile has found that for many heart patients, their coping attitudes – not the severity of their disease – may determine how long they live and how happy they will be. ■



Colleen Hatton, director of Bridges (left) with author Wayne Sotile, and Ruth Ross, manager, Cardiac Rehabilitation at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center.

New Program Promotes Heart Care Awareness for Women

The Lutheran Heart Center is participating with health-care organizations across the nation to offer a program that raises awareness and treatment of heart disease in women – *Women's HeartAdvantage*. The program is an initiative by VHA, Inc., a national cooperative of more than 2,200 not-for-profit health-care organizations, to educate more women and health-care providers about the risks of heart disease in women.

The biggest health issue facing women today is heart disease. A recent nationwide survey found that fewer than one in five of all women express concerns about heart health to their physicians. Fewer than one in three women even realize that heart disease is their greatest health risk.

A primary challenge of the *Women's HeartAdvantage* program is to make women aware that while women and men share many of the same risk factors and symptoms of cardiovascular disease, there are gender differences to consider. The greatest disparity is the easiest to resolve - women must pay at least as much attention as men to heart health. It is imperative that women talk with their physicians about heart disease and its warning signs.

For more information about heart disease, please contact your physician, or the Heart Center at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center at (303) 425-2400. ■

Classic symptoms of Heart Attack:

- Squeezing chest pain or pressure, tightness in chest or recurring chest discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Sweating
- Pain spreading to shoulders, neck or arms

Symptoms of Heart Attack More Likely Exhibited By Women:

- Indigestion or gas-like pain
- Dizziness, nausea or vomiting
- Unexplained weakness, fatigue
- Discomfort or pain between the shoulder blades
- Sense of impending doom

ELMC Launches New Menu Service for Patients

Chicken Marsala. Poached Salmon with Tuscan Tomato Relish. Rancher's Prime Rib. No, these dishes aren't from a fine downtown Denver restaurant. They're from the new Patient Room Service Menu at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center (ELMC).

In late October, ELMC will offer *At Your Request*, a room service program that encourages patients to order each meal from a new menu created by the hospital's Nutrition Services department. On board to whip up these tasty dishes is Executive Chef Clarence Gentry. Gentry has studied culinary arts and worked as an executive chef in France, Italy, Japan, and across the United States.

"I'm tremendously proud of the variety and quality of the food we're offering to patients and families," said Gentry. "These selections can be found on the menus of many fine restaurants."

Patients able to make food choices will order off the menu by calling a nutrition service representative from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

daily. The representative will complete the patient's order with a software program that will alert the representative to any special diet requirements for that patient. It also will track the nutrients and calories in each order to ensure patients are making appropriate and healthy food



choices in accordance with their diet. Orders will be delivered to the patient's bedside in 45 minutes or less. Friends and family visiting a patient also can order meals off the menu.

Patients deemed unable to participate will have a nutrition service representative assist them with their food choices.

"What's great about this program is the one-on-one counseling every patient will

receive when ordering food," said Roberta Mueller, manager of Patient Food Services at ELMC. "A diabetic trying to order chocolate cake will be told he should make a different choice, and why. The representative then will direct him toward something more appropriate, like diet chocolate pudding."

In addition to Gentry's Signature Specials, the menu also offers gourmet salads, a sandwich board, and design-your-own pizza with a variety of toppings. There are selections just for kids, as well as dozens of options for patients on special diets.

"We're confident this new food service program will increase overall patient satisfaction at Lutheran," said Colleen Whalen, co-chief operating officer at ELMC. "As well, we can do this while ensuring optimal nutritional support for each patient."

Patients with questions about healthy eating and special diets will be encouraged to contact an ELMC registered dietitian for individual counseling. ■



CLEOA Establishes Donor Designated Fund to Perpetuate Police Officer Training

This spring the board of the Colorado Law Enforcement Officer's Association (CLEOA) found itself facing an issue many nonprofits are dealing with in today's environment – survival. Declining income from fund-raising efforts coupled with substantial investment losses during the recent economic downturn left the organization concerned for its future.

CLEOA has been in existence since 1916 when it was formed by a group of sheriffs to discuss law enforcement problems. Today, CLEOA provides education and training to advance all areas of the law enforcement profession. On average CLEOA holds 40 classes a year for police officers statewide on topics ranging from domestic violence, child sexual assault, and hazardous materials to more specialized classes related to timely issues such as school safety following the shootings at Columbine. Courses are taught by instructors from the FBI and local officers who are certified in a particular aspect of law enforcement.

“Our classes focus on personal safety for officers, many who are from rural departments that don't have the internal training capabilities that metro departments have,” said Linda Parrington, executive director of CLEOA. “Having highly trained police officers benefit the community as well as those who dedicate their lives daily to protecting others,” she added.

While CLEOA had expertise in carrying out its mission, its board found itself struggling with another critical part of the organization – finances. “Our board is comprised of police officers, not financial managers,” said Parrington. “We felt that we were stagnating and needed help with how to preserve our current assets. We also needed help with developing strategies to ensure that our organization would be able to continue its work in the future.”

For this assistance, CLEOA turned to LMC Community Foundation for guidance.

“We initially chose to work with LMC Community Foundation for investment management services, but their willingness to listen to our needs and mentor us in other areas has been very helpful,” said Parrington. “The Foundation was willing to help us go in the direction

we want to go - we want to still be here and providing needed training for police officers in two, ten ... 30 years into the future,” she added.

“The Foundation suggested that CLEOA establish a donor designated fund because this type of fund best meets their needs,” said Dan Harris, director of gift planning at LMC Community Foundation. “With a donor designated fund, CLEOA specified the purpose of the fund (to support their mission) and they have access to 100 percent of the funds at any time. Other types of funds, such as a donor advised fund or an endowment fund weren't as well-suited for their situation.

“Our mission is to promote philanthropy to strengthen communities,” Harris added. “By providing financial services and mentoring nonprofit organizations through the expertise of our staff and connections with other resources, we are helping to sustain a vital part of the community.”

LMC Community Foundation has a variety of charitable gifting options to help individuals and organizations preserve and grow their philanthropic dollars. For more information on donor designated funds or other financial strategies, call Dan Harris at 720-898-5907. ■

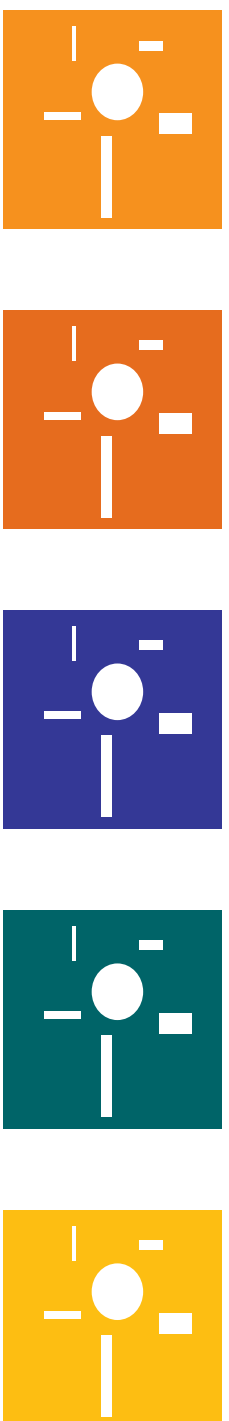
Donations to Enterprise Zone Fund Can Reduce Taxes and Help a Charitable Organization

Are you looking for a way to decrease your tax bill next April 15, 2004? Would you like the additional benefit of supporting a local nonprofit organization at the same time? Then a donation to the Enterprise Zone Fund at LMC Community Foundation may be your answer.

Donations to the Enterprise Zone Fund are eligible for up to a 25 percent state income tax credit and a federal charitable contribution tax deduction. Donations may be directed to support the Estes Street Clinic at the Jeffco Action Center.

For more information about how you can save taxes, please call 720-898-5900. ■

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LMC Community Foundation Grants \$40,000 to Local Municipalities

The cities of Arvada, Lakewood, Golden and Wheat Ridge each received a \$10,000 grant from LMC Community Foundation to involve their community members in enhancing their neighborhoods. The grants were awarded through the Foundation's *Connecting Neighbors* program, which supports grassroots efforts of individuals to improve their community. The program began five years ago and offers one-time grants of up to \$3,000 to neighbors who come together to address an issue that makes their community a safer, healthier place to live.

The funds have been granted to support a variety of activities, including development of a student music festival, start-up supplies for a neighborhood youth services organization to connect youth and seniors, a bike rodeo to promote safety on wheels, neighborhood picnics to encourage neighbors to get to know each other, and new landscaping for an area eye-sore.

“This program was developed to give community members a financial helping hand to support solutions they determine will make their neighborhoods safer, healthier places to live,” said Cheryl Haggstrom, vice president, development and chief operating officer at the Foundation. “We know many benefits can come from neighbors knowing each other and helping each other. People who best know the needs of a community are usually those who live in it. ■



Foundation President Kenneth Egeman, pictured with (L to R) Mayors Gretchen Cerveny, Wheat Ridge; Ken Felman, Arvada; Steve Burkholder, Lakewood; Chuck Baroch, Golden; and Cheryl Haggstrom, Foundation vice president development and chief operating officer.

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