Bringing the GOOD together.
Dear Friends,

There is so much to celebrate at Community First Foundation! In 2015, we commemorated 40 years of powering community, increased community resources, and moved into new offices.

After purchasing and renovating a 16,000 square-foot building, we are settling into our new offices and enjoying our location closer to the heart of Old Town Arvada and the new light rail station that will open this fall. The building gives us room to grow and includes beautiful new meeting space that nonprofits can use free of charge for meetings, trainings and retreats.

ColoradoGives.org continues to transform online giving. On Colorado Gives Day 2015, donors opened their hearts and gave a record $28.5 million in 1,816 nonprofits. Another Colorado Gives Day record was also set when the Silverman Family YMCA received a $1 million donation — the largest ever made on Colorado Gives Day!

In 2015, we sowed the seeds of a new program that are coming to full bloom this September. The Innovators Society is a collaborative effort to improve community mental wellness by innovating in fresh, new ideas. This first-of-its-kind program is accelerating nonprofit innovations in mental health and engaging hundreds of community members in the joys and challenges of strategic grantmaking. Read more about this unique community program inside.

The new Red Rocks Community Colleges Health Sciences at Arvada building is nearing completion. When it opens in fall 2016, it will offer training for high-demand health care professionals. We proudly provided a grant to help build the facility that will positively impact Jefferson County for generations to come. As you will see throughout this report, we are proud to serve Jefferson County, the Denver metro area and beyond as a connector, partner, collaborator and resource to fuel the power of community for the greater good. Thank you for all you do to help us in this work.

Sincerely,

Maria J. Williams
President & CEO

Peggy E. Jennings
2015 Board Chair

Art Design in a neighborhood gathering place that provides creative expression. Design and photography by Dawn Halle.

Since 1975, we have been helping generous donors and innovative nonprofits come together to improve quality of life and create positive change in Jefferson County, the Denver metropolitan area and beyond. We serve as a connector, partner, collaborator and resource to fuel the power of community for the greater good.

40 YEARS COMMUNITY FIRST FOUNDATION

We join FORCES for the greater good.
INCREASING GENEROSITY FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Donor-Affiliated Funds Support Engaged Giving

Individuals, families, and businesses partner with us in a variety of ways to support causes that matter to them. By establishing a donor-affiliated fund, highly engaged donors can enjoy the giving process without the administrative burdens. With our extensive service options available in the region, we can provide support and resources for a satisfying charitable plan.

Griffith-McVey Family Fund: Giving through the Generations

Julie and Jonathan McVey have always believed in giving back. Their parents impressed upon them the importance of giving and now the McVeys want to model the way for their own two children.

Julie Griffith McVey, a longtime Honolulu estate planning attorney, said a donor-affiliated fund has provided an excellent vehicle for the family to engage in philanthropy together. Moving forward, the McVeys hope their children will take a larger role in decision-making for the fund. “It’s about encouraging them to discover areas of need they are passionate about and finding nonprofits they want to support as they get older,” Julie said.

The McVeys have roots in Wheat Ridge and Lakewood and decided to establish their fund with Community First Foundation because of the Foundation’s mission and commitment to Jefferson County. Julie said the Foundation came alongside them as a partner in setting up and administering the fund and made their giving more streamlined and efficient.

The Griffith-McVey Family Fund has supported a variety of local and international nonprofits, including faith-based charities, local legal organizations and food banks.

The Womannist Empowerment Fund: Addressing the Needs of Women and Girls

Charitable giving comes naturally to Jo Katherine Hoffman Pate, a third-generation Coloradan with a background in civil rights and social justice issues that impact marginalized people. “It’s always been a part of my life to give,” she said, “as a neighbor, friend and community member.”

Establishing a donor-affiliated fund, which she named The Womannist Empowerment Fund, allows her to focus her giving on specific goals, like helping women impacted by depression, domestic violence or lupus.

The fund also honors her daughter, Lally, a former executive for Nike, who died from lupus at the young age of 41. Like her parents, she was committed to social causes and served on the boards of the YWCA, the Urban League and the Reproductive Rights initiative.

“I chose Community First Foundation to manage the fund because of the amazing projects they support,” said Jo Katherine. “This Foundation is very people-minded, approachable and open to supporting causes that may otherwise fall through the cracks.”

Online Giving Continues to Grow

Online giving through our website ColoradoGives.org reached $38.6 million in 2015, the largest annual amount since the site was launched in 2007. More than 2,000 organizations were profiled on the website.

Amount donated on ColoradoGives.org year-round in 2015

$38,560,987
Sixth Colorado Gives Day Raises $28 Million in 24 Hours

Coloradoans opened their hearts again and donated $28.5 million to nearly 1,900 nonprofits on Colorado Gives Day 2015. We also received a record number of donations: an increase of 14 percent over the previous year. Community First Foundation and corporate partner FirstBank each contributed $500,000 to continue the $1 million Incentive Fund that increases the value of every dollar donated online. A $200,000 gift from Colorado Health Foundation boosted this value even further.

Also this year we received the single largest gift ever donated on a Colorado Gives Day when the Schissman Family YMCA received a surprise bequest of $1 million from longtime supporter Arlene Saton.

More than 160 people from Colorado nonprofits attended the Colorado Gives Day 2015 Rally.

Amount donated on Colorado Gives Day since inception (2010-2015)

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Average donation: $230
Most common donation: $100
Median donation: $65
Average raised per nonprofit: $15,065

Largest single donation: $1,000,000

Colorado Gives Day is one of the most successful events of its kind. FirstBank contributed $100,000 in cash prizes to build excitement and 16 businesses joined the Corporate Challenge, bringing in more than $500,000 from their employees. The giving day would not be a success without the support of our media sponsors: The Networks of 9NEWS, Union Station, Comcast, Denver Business Journal, Rocky Mountain PBS, Colorado Public Television (CPT12, PBS), iSharesMedia, Mile High Outdoors Advertising and 5280 Magazine.

GIVING ONLINE

ColoradoGives.org is a year-round, online giving website that featured the missions, programs and listings of more than 2,000 Colorado nonprofits in 2015. It is also the entire giving platform for Colorado Gives Day, a statewide movement to increase philanthropy in Colorado online.

DONATIONS CAME FROM

59 Colorado Counties
50 States
12 Nations
We POWER the Innovators.

PROMOTING MENTAL WELLNESS

Colorado’s mental wellness field is complex and fragmented. In addition, prevention and early intervention are underfunded. That is why our Board of Directors identified promoting mental wellness as one of our top strategic priorities.

We are taking a three-pronged approach to tackle this important social issue. First, we are investing in early intervention programs that focus on the healthy emotional and social development of children from birth to five years old. Second, we are partnering with others to improve the systems supporting mental wellness. Third, we are promoting efforts to change public perceptions of mental illness.

Many of our grants support multiyear programs, such as the Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Populations initiative. This collaborative effort is integrating behavioral health into primary care to help pediatric professionals address the behavioral health needs of children from zero to five years old. Overall, we have committed $79 million in mental wellness grants over five years.

Powering the Innovators

In 2013 we unveiled The Innovators Society. This new, nine-month program accelerates the development of promising, but not yet proven, approaches to mental wellness.

Six local nonprofits were selected to participate in this fellowship program. Each organization received an initial grant of $25,000 to pay for coaching and pilot practice to help them fully develop their ideas and presentations. The program culminates in the Community Pitch Showdown where 250 audience members are empowered to award up to $450,000 in Community First Foundation grant dollars based on the nonprofit pitches. One hundred organizations in September 2016 also received a grant prize of $5,000.

The Nonprofit Innovators

The following innovators have the chance to win funding for fresh, innovative ideas that can improve mental wellness through early childhood intervention, systems improvement or changing perceptions.

Bright by Three
Carnell Spencer Foundation
Center for Collaborative Governance, University of Colorado Denver
Clayton Early Learning
Ginkgo
Imagination
Project Helping

The Innovators Society: Connecting your vision to mental health.
Together, we’re making GREAT things happen.

STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

Incentive Grants Help Endowments Grow
Creating innovative and collaborative ways to strengthen nonprofits is a top strategic priority at Community First Foundation. We believe a strong nonprofit sector is fundamental to a community’s strength. For more than a decade, our endowment-building programs have helped local nonprofits steward their ability to serve the community now and in the future. In 2015, we launched an Incentive Grant Program to help build the endowments of nonprofits with funds at the Foundation. Our incentive boosted the endowments of 26 organizations. The following are just a few that benefited from the program.

Jefferson Center for Mental Health
Jefferson Center for Mental Health, a nonprofit community mental health center, began its endowment in 2003 to sustain services for people who could not afford treatment for behavioral health and wellness needs. Jefferson Center’s endowment fund received the maximum incentive grant of $100,000 for its 2013 contribution to the fund.

Community Cycles: Endowment Provides Bikes and Training for Disadvantaged Youth
Composed of bicycle enthusiasts and advocates, Community Cycles repairs donated bikes and teaches bicycle maintenance and safety. Created in 2014, the Luke Harding Scholarship Endowment Fund provides a revenue stream to fund apprenticeships and bicycles for low-income, disadvantaged or struggling young people. The incentive grant from Community First Foundation added fresh momentum to the new and growing endowment.

Tesoros Cultural Center: Endowment Helps Preserve Colorado’s Unique Heritage
Tesoros Cultural Center protects and shares the artistic treasures of Colorado’s past through events and programs such as the Indian Market and Prowno. Colorado’s unique heritage of Southwest, Spanish, Mexican, Native American, African American and early European cultures is celebrated through dramatic reenactments, music, art and cuisine. The incentive program helped motivate donors to contribute to the new “Tesoro” endowment fund, created in 2013 to preserve the future of Tesoro’s programs.

“Tesoros, Jefferson Center for Mental Health wanted to create an endowment to ensure that mental health care would be available to the community and help pay for the care of the most vulnerable people. Community First Foundation helped us realize our dream.”

Hamilton L. Hall, Ph.D., CEO of Jefferson Center for Mental Health

26 nonprofit endowment partners received $230,000 in endowment incentive grants.
Friends of the Haven: Endowment Supports Scholarships for Women in Crisis

The Haven is a shelter for women who are pregnant and addicted to drugs. Women often come to the residential treatment program as an alternative to prison. Many are homeless, jobless and struggling with mental illness. The Haven and the Baby Haven children’s center offer a chance to get treatment and support, break the cycle of drug abuse and give birth to drug-free babies. Ninety percent of the women who finish the two-year program stay drug-free and crime-free.

“We’re saving lives and putting families back together,” said Bill Wex, president of Friends of the Haven, a nonprofit that provides financial support to the Haven and Baby Haven programs. “You ask the women where they’d be without the program and most of the time they say they’d be in prison or dead.” An endowment of Community First Foundation supports educational scholarships for women who complete the program. The Foundation provided a $10,000 grant plus endowment-building guidance to encourage its continued growth.

We welcomed the following organizations that established endowments at the Foundation in 2015:

- Benolio Blood Center Foundation
- Castle Rock Senior Community Center
- Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis
- Latin American Education Foundation
- Step 13
- SunrataKids
- Taosera Cultural Center

New Meeting Space Helps Nonprofits Put Best Foot Forward

When Community First Foundation envisioned its new office building in Olds Town Arvada, it included a spacious meeting area to deliver on our promise to strengthen nonprofits, build strong community and honor our heritage in Jefferson County. Offered free of charge, the new space was designed specifically for the needs of nonprofits. A variety of rooms, robust AV capabilities and a commercial catering kitchen help nonprofits put their best foot forward for trainings, meetings and retreats.

HONORING OUR HERITAGE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Originally the fundraising arm for Lutheran Medical Center, Community First Foundation has strong roots in Jefferson County. To honor and build on this heritage, below are highlights of how we helped build strong community in this region in 2015.

$1 Million Grant Expands Health Professions Programs at Red Rocks Community College

Community First Foundation contributed one of the largest gifts in its history to help build the new health sciences building at Red Rocks Community College in Arvada.

The $1 million grant will help the college cluster its health professions programs in one place, accelerate the number of graduates entering health occupations and add vital new training opportunities. The college broke ground in July 2015 and the facility is expected to open in time for the fall 2016 semester. Once completed, it will transform the Arvada location into a full-service campus dedicated to the health and wellness of Jefferson County and surrounding communities.

Grant Expands Childhood Development Program in Jefferson County Public Schools

Community First Foundation is granting $215,000 over two years to strengthen Tools of the Mind, a program used in several preschools and kindergartens in Jefferson County Public Schools. The research-backed program provides teachers with skills to help young children develop the social and emotional tools they need for learning. The grant will provide the resources to add Tools of the Mind to more classrooms and improve parent and teacher understanding of early childhood development.
# Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2015

## Assets
- Cash and Investments: $331,673,541
- Other Assets: 4,982,661
- Total Assets: $336,656,202

## Liabilities
- Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses: 492,743
- Grants Payable: 4,068,023
- Other Liabilities: 96,639
- Agency Funds: 25,632,457
- Total Liabilities: 30,289,862

## Net Assets
- Total Liabilities & Net Assets: $336,656,202

# Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

## Revenue
- Contributions: $997,709
- Other Income: 1,357,406
- Total Revenue: $2,355,115

## Grants and Expenses
- Grants: 6,337,075
- Other Program Expenses: 2,887,377
- Supporting Services: 1,630,514
- Total Grants and Expenses: 10,854,966

## Change in Net Assets from Operations
- (8,499,851)

## Net Return on Investments
- (5,482,512)

## Change in Net Assets
- Net Assets, Beginning of Year: 320,348,703
- Net Assets, End of Year: $306,366,340

For detailed financial reports, visit CommunityFirstFoundation.org
DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS
We value our relationships with the following nonprofits that are dedicated to enriching our communities. In 2015, the following organizations established endowments with us to support the following funds.
The Action Center
Adam’s Camp
The Adoption Exchange
American Osteopathic Foundation
Arapahoe/Clear Creek Mental Health Network
Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities
Audubon Society of Greater Denver
Aurora Mental Health Center
Blue Sky Bridge
Bündchen Family Cancer Fund
Boulder History Museum
Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra
Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado
Boulder Presbyterian Church
Butte Family & Infant Center
Castle Rock Senior Family Foundation
Cat Care Society
Center for Health and Hope
Ceres
d’Olive
Ceres
the Center for Trauma & Wellness
The Center for Work Education and Employment
Children’s Outreach Project
Clinica Tepeyac
Colorado Advocacy for Jewish Education
Colorado Agricultural Education Foundation
Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education
Colorado Cancer Research Program
Colorado Children’s Chorus
Colorado Council on Economic Education
Colorado German Families
Colorado Humanities
Colorado Neurological Institute
Colorado Nonprofit Association
Colorado Peace Officers Foundation
Colorado Preservation, Inc
Colorado Public Television (CPT12, PRB)
Colorado Shining Associates Community Foundation
The Confucius Center
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties
Dental Aid
Dennison Indian Family Resource Center
The Denver Institute for Psychosocial Development
Denver Street School and StreetLight Network
DenverWorks
District 6 Education Foundation
Doctors Care
Dominican Home Health Agency of Denver
Eaton Senior Communities
Eaton Senior Communities Foundation
El Centro de los Trabajadores
Espanola de Estudianetes
Families First
Family Tree, Inc.
Friends of the Haven
Girl Scouts of Colorado
The GLBT Community Center of Colorado
Glory Community
Graybull Industries of Denver
The Greatest Generations Foundation
The Gimbel Foundation
G riffith Center for Children (GCST)
Jaeckel Schools Foundation
Jefferson Center for Mental Health
Jefferson County Library Foundation
Jewish Family Service of Colorado
Juniors Achievement – Rocky Mountain, Inc
Lakeview Legacy Foundation
The Latin American Education Foundation
Life Quality Institute
Lifeline Symphony Orchestra
Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains
Metro Community Provider Network
Miami-Dade Parishes
Mount Airy Area Fund
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Colorado
The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado
Open Media Foundation
OpenWorld Learning
Octone Lab Foundation
Pep in My Step Children’s Hospital
Phanomenal Theatre Company
Platte Valley Medical Center Foundation
Project Angelfoot
Red Corporation
Robert S. Louis Jewish Community Center
Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Society
Safehouse for Women
Sandy Creek Center
Sister Carmen Community Center
Step 2
SugarKids
Swallowtail Hill Music Association
Tommy’s Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home
Tssen Cultural Center
Wheat Ridge Ranch Club
White Rose Scholarship Foundation
The Wildlife Experience
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver
Susan M. Duncan Family Branch
In 2015, we managed endowment funds for 97 nonprofits and provided online giving services for more than 2,000 nonprofits.