

Taking care of the future since 1925.



The Denver Foundation

The Denver Foundation is the largest and most experienced community foundation in the Rocky Mountain West. For 95 years, Denver residents have trusted the Foundation to steward charitable funds to meet today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities. It's a growing legacy and a community-wide effort to build a better future for everyone.

As a tax-exempt, nonprofit, philanthropic organization, The Denver Foundation stewards more than one thousand funds established by generous donors. In partnership with the Foundation, our donors make gifts to organizations throughout the seven-county Metro Denver region, across Colorado, and beyond.

The Denver Foundation stewards a permanent endowment—The Fund for Denver—made up of charitable gifts from generations of generous people who care about Metro Denver. We invest these gifts for financial growth and use that income to fund our community impact grantmaking and programs.

The Denver Foundation is ranked in the top 25 of largest community foundations in the United States by total asset size. The depth and breadth of our local, expert charitable stewardship is unmatched.

OUR WORK

- 1 We provide expert philanthropic services that help generous individuals, families, businesses, and organizations achieve their charitable objectives.
- 2 Through our programs, projects, and initiatives, we work with communities, nonprofits, and resident and philanthropic leaders to address core challenges and invest in transformational opportunities.
- 3 We steward and grow our permanent endowment—The Fund for Denver—which fuels our community impact grantmaking and programs.

MISSION

We inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen our community.

VALUES

Leadership
Equity
Inclusiveness
Accountability

2020 by the numbers

TOTAL ASSETS

\$980 million

THE FUND FOR DENVER VALUE OF ASSETS

\$145 million

TOTAL GRANTMAKING

\$101 million

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

\$127 million

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

1,000+

Numbers as of 12/31/2019.

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As Metro Denver's trusted steward for community philanthropy, The Denver Foundation works with residents, community leaders, and generous people to build a better future for everyone. Our areas of local expertise and services include:

PHILANTHROPIC SERVICES

- Legacy planning
- Family philanthropy
- Impact investing
- Customized grantee research
- Issue briefings and learning opportunities
- Opportunities to connect and collaborate with other philanthropists
- Sound financial stewardship
- Online grantmaking tools
- Excellent customer service from expert staff
- Rooted knowledge of local issues, needs, and opportunities
- Personalized philanthropic strategy
- Private foundation collaborative strategies
- Legal and administrative oversight
- International giving
- Anonymous giving

COMMUNITY IMPACT

COMMUNITY IMPACT OBJECTIVE AREAS

- Basic Human Needs
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Leadership & Equity

PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Community Grants Program
- Strengthening Neighborhoods
- Technical Assistance Grants
- Colorado Health Access Fund
- Transforming Safety
- Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund

“We have shared values, and we want to make the world a better place.”

Bringing together their separate family traditions of philanthropy, Larned Waterman and Paul Mesard have woven together their own, unique tapestry of engaged generosity.



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