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Dear fundholder:

I am proud to share an update about The Denver Foundation's investment approach and returns in 2024. During the year, strong performance in equities, especially large tech stocks in the U.S., drove markets higher. This led to positive performance in all three of our internal investment pools, meaning you have more assets available to give to the causes important to you.

The Long-Term Balanced Pool presents a long-term diversified investment approach across multiple asset classes, including a substantial weighting to private capital. In 2024, it achieved an investment return of 9.2% (compared to the benchmark of 11.6%). The primary contributors to underperformance from an allocation perspective include an underweight to domestic equity and an overweight to private debt and cash. While private equity manager returns also caused a drag on performance in the past year, over the long-term period private equity has been one of the top contributors to the absolute return of the pool.

The Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Pool also uses a long-term diversified investment approach across multiple asset classes and focuses on aligning investments with the mission and values of the foundation. In 2024, the SRI Pool achieved an investment return of 11.9% (compared to the benchmark of 12.7%). The overweight positions to global equity and U.S. equity contributed to positive performance during the year, while the overweight position to fixed income detracted from performance. As our most mission-aligned investment option, the SRI Pool targets investments in sectors such as housing and climate. The pool has grown its investments in firms owned or led by people of color or women to 53.2% in 2024.

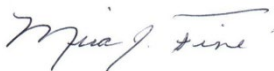
The Index Pool presents a diversified investment approach through indexed mutual funds. Performance is expected to track closely to the benchmark. In 2024, the Index Pool generated an investment return of 11.5% (compared to the benchmark of 11.2%).

We are dedicated to managing our investment pools to make the best long-term impact on your assets. Every pool has performed at or near its internal benchmarks since inception. Our investment pools offer you different choices to meet your philanthropic priorities. If you have questions about our pools or our investment approach, please reach out to your relationship manager.

If you want to learn more about our investment managers or policy benchmarks, please visit denverfoundation.org/donor-services/investment-options.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in our centennial year.

Sincerely,



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Treasurer, Board of Trustees 2025