



2003 ANNUAL REPORT

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

This is the year that the Colorado Association of Funders (CAF) grew up. Last November, the membership voted overwhelmingly to move the organization in a new direction – toward greater professionalism, a higher level of service, and more purposeful activities to support philanthropy in Colorado. In 2003, CAF became an organization that could truly begin to serve our state's growing, thriving community of funders.

It has been a distinct honor to serve as the chair of the CAF Board of Directors during this key year in our history. I have been delighted to work with seven other members of the Board, and with our talented managing director, Gina Ferrari, who have all given significantly of their time and energy to bring about the change that we envisioned last fall. In turn, they've recruited more than thirty additional volunteers from throughout the state to help accomplish the goals we set for moving the organization to a new level.

As I reflect on how far we've come, there are a number of accomplishments to celebrate. After hiring our first managing director, we created a stand-alone corporation with defined internal operations and nonprofit status. We conducted our first CAF "on-the-road" event this summer, and joined the national Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers. We established a public policy committee, and expanded our web site for greater service to members. Several of our members stepped forward with grants and other program support to facilitate CAF's development.

Clearly, philanthropy in Colorado has reached a new level. We are more involved in improving our communities than ever before, and we have a regional association that can connect us with the tools and resources to achieve our missions. Thank you to Gina, to the rest of the Board, to the numerous volunteers and funders, and to the members of CAF for helping make this a year of such incredible accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Joni Baird

*Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility, Qwest Communications
Chair, CAF Board of Directors*

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF FUNDERS 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following activities were undertaken in 2003, the first year in which CAF members agreed to expand their dues to hire a managing director and create an independent organization. While these accomplishments are impressive, they are only the beginning of what the organization will accomplish for its members, with continued participation and support.

OPERATIONS

- CAF's first Managing Director was appointed in January 2003
- CAF was incorporated in April 2003
- CAF received its IRS Determination as a 501 (c) 3 in July 2003
- CAF opened its own bank account and has been operating independently since August 2003
- In addition to Program and Nominating committees, CAF formally established the Membership, Communications and Public Policy committees
- CAF is now covered under general liability, workers compensation and Directors & Officers policies

PROGRAMS

- CAF presented ten programs in 2003, attracting roughly 620 people. The holiday luncheon is yet to come...
- CAF presented its first annual "on-the-road" program in Breckenridge reaching many new faces
- The Colorado Philanthropy Communicators (CoPhCo) presented two training sessions for CAF members, one in January and one in October
- CAF worked with the Council on Foundations to help promote their New Grantmakers/New Board Members Institutes in Colorado Springs

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- CAF introduced a new category of membership, Provisional Membership, for new foundations who have not yet met all of the criteria for CAF membership, but who demonstrate their intent to meet all the criteria within 1-2 years
- CAF launched a newly-designed and enhanced web site
- CAF began the design stages for an on-line membership directory with more comprehensive profiles on members
- CAF continued to develop an extensive membership email list for quick communication of not only CAF news, but also important industry announcements and opportunities
- CAF established relationships with existing peer networks/affinity groups to better communicate such opportunities for members
- The first CAF promotional brochure was created
- CAF adopted stewardship of the common grant application and the common grant report format
- CAF helped to initiate interest and participation in the Colorado On-Line Resource Database being developed by the Prevention Leadership Council and OMNI Institute
- CAF was accepted as a member in the national Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers
- CAF, CANPO, Metro Volunteers, CRC, and the Nonprofit Development Center began regular meetings to share information and explore possible collaborations that benefit all nonprofits

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

- CAF has a total of 72 member organizations
- Three new members joined CAF in 2003
- Total membership revenue in 2003 was \$51,026 versus \$19,400 in 2002, reflecting the membership-supported increase in dues between 2002 to 2003

2003 PROGRAMS

January	Speak Up! Effective Communications for Funders
February	Hot Topics for the Colorado Legislature
March	Changing Face of Colorado
April	SCFD: Past, Present, Future
May	Strategic Planning
June	Colorado's Drought
July (Breckenridge)	Mountain Community Foundations Network
September	Ten Years of TABOR
October	Off to a Good Start: Early Childhood Education
November	Check-off Colorado
December	Holiday Luncheon at Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater

2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joni Baird, Qwest Communications, CAF President
Anne Kemp, Greenlee Family Foundation, CAF Vice President
Rebecca Arno, The Denver Foundation, CAF Secretary/Treasurer
Deb Edwards, The Summit Foundation
David Gies, Animal Assistance Foundation
Jesse King, Daniels Fund
Jean Merrick, The Colorado Trust
Dan Mooney, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation
Gina Ferrari, Managing Director, Ex-Officio

2003 COMMITTEES

CAF would not be able to accomplish its operating goals without the assistance of the following volunteers. Staff to committees: Gina Ferrari, Managing Director.

CAF Managing Director Search:

Chair: Sally Rippey, Adolph Coors Foundation
Carmen Holleman, The Denver Foundation
Peter Konrad, JFM Foundation
Dan Mooney, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation
Katherine Peck, Rose Community Foundation

Incorporation Task Force:

Chair: Anne Kemp, Greenlee Family Foundation
Tony Lewis, Donnell-Kay Foundation
Tim Schultz, Boettcher Foundation

Program:

Chair: Jean Merrick, The Colorado Trust
Letty Bass, Chambers Family Fund
Heather Carroll, Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation
Julia Fitz-Randolph, The Women's Foundation of Colorado
Ellen Freedman, Aspen Valley Community Foundation
Jeff Pryor, Anschutz Family Foundation
Christine Soto, The Denver Foundation
Susan Steele, Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation

Nominating:

Chair: Jesse King, Daniels Fund
Ellen Fisher, Gates Family Foundation
Peter Konrad, JFM Foundation
Sally Rippey, Adolph Coors Foundation

Membership:

Chair: Dan Mooney, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation
Terri Konrad, The Denver Foundation
Aldona Rayton, Lillis Foundation
Carol Shearon, Xcel Energy Foundation

Communications:

Chair: Rebecca Arno, The Denver Foundation
Christie McElhinney, The Colorado Trust
Phil Nash, Rose Community Foundation
Linda Trenbeath, HealthOne Alliance

Public Policy:

Chair: David Gies, Animal Assistance Foundation
Peggy Driscoll/Janelle Weissman, Brett Family Foundation
Mary Gunn, David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Bill Hanna, Theodore and Chandos Rice
Charitable Foundation
Cathy Robbins, El Pomar Foundation
Cathy Lopez Wessell, Bright Mountain Foundation

2003 MEMBERS

CAF thanks its members for their continued support of and participation in the Association.

Animal Assistance Foundation	Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Anschutz Family Foundation	Greenlee Family Foundation
Argentum Foundation	Halstadt Foundation d/b/a Fulcrum Foundation
Aspen Valley Community Foundation	HealthOne Alliance
Sam S. Bloom Foundation	A.V. Hunter Trust, Inc.
Boettcher Foundation	JFM Foundation
Bohemian Foundation	JJJ Foundation
Bonfils-Stanton Foundation	Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
Margaret McDonald Boss Trust	Junior League of Denver Foundation, Inc.
Brett Family Foundation	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan
Bright Mountain Foundation	Kenneth Kendal King Foundation
Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation	Leighty Foundation
Campbell Foundation	Lillis Foundation
Caring for Colorado Foundation	LMG Supporting Foundation
Chambers Family Fund	Thomas M. McKee Charitable Trust
Chinook Fund	Merage Foundation
Clayton Foundation	Mile High United Way
Colorado Trust	J.K. Mullen Foundation
Community Foundation Serving Greeley & Weld County	Needmor Fund
Community Foundation of Northern Colorado	Nord Family Foundation
Community Foundation Serving Boulder County	David & Lucile Packard Foundation
Community Shares of Colorado	Pikes Peak Community Foundation
Adolph Coors Foundation	Piton Foundation
CTM Foundation	Louis and Harold Price Foundation, Inc.
Daniels Fund	Qwest Foundation
The Denver Foundation	Theodore and Chandos Rice Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Denver Newspaper Agency	Rose Community Foundation
Dobbins Foundation	Schlessman Family Foundation, Inc.
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Dowling Foundation	Ruth and Vernon Taylor Foundation
Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation	Trask Family Foundation
El Pomar Foundation	U.S. Bank
Erion Foundation	Weaver Family Foundation
First Data Western Union Foundation	Women's Foundation
Harmes C. Fishback Foundation	Xcel Energy Foundation
Gates Family Foundation	
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