



## *Great Grants and Initiatives*

**Grantor: Rose Community Foundation**

**Grantee or Initiative: Family Resource Center Association**

**Amount: \$100,000    Period of Grant Award: 2008-2009**

The Colorado General Assembly established Family Resource Centers (FRCA) in 1993 as a pilot public-private initiative. When that funding ended in 1998, FRCA became a non-profit organization, primarily as a meeting place for its 18 center members since it had a very small budget and no staff. In 2000, aided by a grant from the Rose Community Foundation, FRCA took over the role of representing the family resource centers as an association and hiring its first executive director.

FRCA's mission is to strengthen family resource centers as they bring help and hope to Colorado families. FRCA reaches over 70,000 Colorado residents each year, promoting self-sufficient and healthy families. Serving 42 counties, 24 family resource centers implement programs tailored to meet the greatest needs in their communities: early childhood education, pre- and after-school activities, parenting classes, job training, and emergency food and clothing.