

# What is The Denver Foundation?



**The Denver Foundation** is a community foundation created by and for the people of Metro Denver. We are here to help people improve life in our community.

The Denver Foundation has three roles:

**One: We steward an endowment for community needs.** Many generous donors give to the Foundation's Community Endowment to meet the changing needs of the community. The Foundation invests and stewards these funds to grow over time so Metro Denver will continually have resources for the future. Earnings from the endowment fund hundreds of local nonprofit organizations.

**Two: We steward personal charitable funds for donors.** The Foundation helps donors customize their giving to meet their personal and tax planning needs. We facilitate many forms of giving, share knowledge of community needs, offer grantmaking expertise, help match donors with their interests, and perform administrative duties so donors can concentrate on their giving. The Foundation manages more than 1,000 funds on behalf of donors.

**Three: We work with community and philanthropic leaders** to address core challenges that face Metro Denver.

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**Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving.**

We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets and receive maximum charitable and tax benefits.

For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact The Philanthropic Services Group at 303.300.1790.

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## The Denver Foundation at a Glance

MISSION	We inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen our community.
OVERVIEW	The Denver Foundation is a community foundation — stewarding a permanent pool of money contributed by local donors to benefit charitable causes.
HISTORY	The Denver Foundation is the product of 90 years of generous donors, hard working volunteers, and visionary grantees. In November 1925, community leaders came together to create an endowment to serve the future needs of Metro Denver. They recognized that community needs are always changing, and they wanted to give succeeding generations some resources to help meet future needs.
ASSETS	\$722 million
GIFTS	\$68 million in 2015
FUNDS	Over 1,000

*When a person plants a tree under which he will never sit, then you know that civilization has come to that land.*

### Three reasons to partner with The Denver Foundation:

**One: personalized service.** We make giving easy and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors the greatest flexibility. You can contribute cash, stocks, real estate, or other assets. You may establish a fund in your name or in the name of a loved one. Gifts from your fund can be made anonymously or with full recognition, and your gift will gain maximum tax advantage.

**Two: local expertise.** Our professional staff has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape our community. We monitor all areas of community need including human services, education, the environment, healthcare, the arts and economic development. We can help you learn more about local organizations and programs that make a difference in areas you care about most.

**Three: community leadership.** We invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Our business is building community.