Dean Prina, M.D.
Community Leader, Community Legacy Society Member

Calling Dr. Dean Prina “busy” is an under-statement. In addition to running a popular, successful, and very caring pediatric medicine practice, he maintains an extraordinary schedule of volunteer commitments. Last year alone, “Dr. Dean” served on more than 10 boards, participated on at least 60 committees, and played a significant role in major events raising funds for 25 charities.

Even while making the present day better for our community, Dean also has made plans for the future. His estate plan incorporates charitable bequests, including a gift to his Donor Advised Fund at The Denver Foundation. “After my lifetime, the Fund becomes part of the Foundation’s Community Endowment,” he explains. In this way, Dean’s charitable legacy will continue for generations to come.

“The issues that are most important to me are are those affecting women and children, LGBT rights, and inclusiveness,” he explains. “I am giving time to those community concerns today, and I want the Foundation to use my estate gift to continue helping the community in the future.”

It is a pleasure to count Dr. Dean Prina among our treasured Community Legacy Society members who have the vision and generosity to begin changing the future today.

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Inequality, Race, and Immigration
Many respondents were concerned about the growing income gap in the Metro area. They mentioned the increasing salaries of professionals compared with much lower increases, proportionally, for the working poor and underemployed.

Related to this observation, participants noted changes in the demographic composition of Metro Denver. In particular, as the number of immigrants increases, language barriers along with documentation and residency requirements complicate service delivery.

Health Care
Across the board, interviewees and focus group participants were concerned about the rising costs of health care and the growing gaps in service for the uninsured and under-insured.

Meeting These Challenges
When asked how funders can best help address these concerns, respondents felt solutions and resources generally follow a “crisis moment” rather than anticipating issues and community needs. Nonprofit leaders encourage funders to consider a more proactive, preventive approach to addressing community needs.

Ready to learn more?
Visit the Foundation’s website at www.denverfoundation.org for more information and the full report from the 2007 Listening Campaign. Specific results are available for each of the Foundation’s four grantmaking areas.

In the meantime, The Denver Foundation has used the results of the Listening Campaign to inform the creation of its Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2012, and is revising its Community Grants Program priorities, to begin with the June 2, 2008 deadline. The Foundation has also created an e-mail address to continue collecting thoughts and concerns from the community: listening@denverfoundation.org.