



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

Media Resource Guide 2009



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MISSION	We inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen our community.
OVERVIEW	The Denver Foundation is a community foundation – a charitable organization created through gifts from thousands of generous Metro Denver residents. The Denver Foundation is one of more than 700 community foundations world wide.
ROLES	The Denver Foundation has three primary functions. We steward an endowment to invest in meeting current and future needs for the community, manage more than 800 charitable funds for individuals, families, and businesses, and work with community and philanthropic leaders to address the core challenges that face Metro Denver.
HISTORY	The Denver Foundation is the product of 84 years of generous donors, hard working volunteers, and visionary grantees. Leaders in the banking industry came together in November 1925 to create an endowment fund to serve the future needs of the community. These forward-thinkers decided to pool estate gifts that had been left to their institutions for charitable purposes. The first gift was received from John K. Mullen for \$1,000 in 1927. The first grant of \$500 was made to the Community Chest (now Mile High United Way).
GIFTS	The Denver Foundation received \$61 million in 2008 from hundreds of donors, businesses, and organizations who want to give back to the community.
GRANTS	The Denver Foundation awarded \$68 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in 2008.
FOCUS AREAS	Through its Community Grants Program, The Denver Foundation awards grants in the areas of Arts & Culture, Civic & Education, Health, and Human Services. Donor funds may give grants to charitable organizations throughout the United States
ASSETS	More than \$400 million
VOLUNTEERS	More than 100 community leaders donate their time and expertise by serving on the Board of Trustees and/or Advisory Committees.
STAFF	Approximately 40 employees work daily to handle the needs of grantees and donors.

The Denver Foundation: A Media Resource

This **Resource Guide** helps media professionals identify the appropriate person(s) with whom to discuss a story or topic. You will find a list of key staff members, contact information, and topics in which they are knowledgeable.

The best way to reach the Foundation is by calling Rebecca Arno, Vice President of Communications at 303-996-7358 or Angelle Fother, Communications Officer at 303-300-1790 ext. 121 and they will connect you with the appropriate individual in order to meet your deadline.

Staff Areas of Expertise

Community Issues

Affordable Housing

Animal Welfare

Community Organizing

Diversity/Inclusiveness

ECE (Early Childhood Care and Education)

Education

HIV/AIDS

Homelessness

Hunger

Inclusiveness

Indigent health care and social services

Minority Outreach and Marketing

Low-Income Legal Issues

Mental Health in Colorado

Neighborhood-Based Community Development

Giving and Volunteering

Charitable Giving

Charitable Legislation

Charitable Trusts

Corporate Social Responsibility

Donor Advised Funds

Estate Planning

Family Philanthropy

Fundraising

Giving Trends

Planned Giving

Volunteer Recruitment

Volunteerism

Management and Administration

Branding

Effective Communications

Leadership

Marketing

Nonprofit Administration & Finance

Nonprofit Governance

Nonprofit Management

Strategic Planning

Nonprofit Sector

Community Foundations

Grant Evaluation

Effective Grantmaking

Nonprofit Board Development

Nonprofit Management

Nonprofit Sector Accountability

Nonprofit Sector Issues and Trends

Philanthropy

Private Foundations

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Topics: Community Foundations, Philanthropy, Corporate Social Responsibility, Giving Trends, Governance, Nonprofit Sector Accountability, Nonprofit Board Development, Nonprofit Sector Issues and Trends, Volunteerism, Volunteer Recruitment, Leadership

Bio: A fifth generation Denverite, David has held leadership positions in Colorado's public, private, and nonprofit sectors. He was Executive Director of the Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting and as a member of the Governor's Cabinet. He also served as Chief of Staff for Denver Mayor Federico Peña. In 1989, David became a named principal in the strategic communications consulting firm of GBSM (Greenberg, Baron, Simon & Miller). He worked extensively with The Hunt Alternatives Fund and served as Vice President, before becoming President of The Denver Foundation in 1996.

Rebecca Arno

Vice President of Communications

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Topics: Community Foundations, ECE (Early Childhood Care and Education), Effective Communications, Foundation Sector, Fundraising, Issues and Trends, Marketing, Strategic Planning

Bio: Rebecca has worked in the nonprofit and foundation sectors in Denver and the San Francisco Bay Area, with responsibility for various aspects of communications, donor relations, and fundraising. Prior to her work with The Denver Foundation, Rebecca was communications manager for Peninsula Community Foundation in San Mateo, CA and Vice President of Communications for The Daniels Fund, a private foundation serving the Rocky Mountain region. Rebecca currently is treasurer of the board of the Colorado Association of Funders and serves on the board of the Logan School of Creative Learning.

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Bio: Barbara most recently served as President and CEO of the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Foundation. During her term, the DPS Foundation raised and distributed more than \$10 million for the educational priorities of the Denver Public Schools. Berv served as a Senior Philanthropic Planner with the Foundation for five years, immediately prior to her leadership role with the DPS Foundation. Barbara has also served in top development positions at Young Americans Education Foundation, Young Americans Bank, and Special Olympics of Colorado. Before joining the nonprofit sector, she was a marketing manager with U.S. West.

Lauren Casteel

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Bio: Lauren worked as a producer of news and public affairs programs at KWGN Channel 2 and KRMA Channel 6. She also served as senior communications advisor for Denver Mayor Federico Peña. In 1990, Lauren became executive director of The Hunt Alternatives Fund and president in 1993, later joining the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation as executive director in 1996. She came to The Denver Foundation in 1998.

Lisa Fasolo Frishman

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Topics: Youth, Social Venture Capital, and Education.

Lisa Fasolo Frishman is currently the Executive Director of Social Ventures Partners, a Fund of The Denver Foundation. SVP Denver is a partnership of individuals who invest both their money and expertise in nonprofit organizations focus d on helping metro Denver's youth. Prior to working at Social Venture Partners Denver, Lisa was the Associate Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at the Madeira School, an all-girls private day and board school in McLean, Virginia. Lisa received her Masters degree in Social Science from the University of Colorado in August 2007. She received her Bachelors of Arts degree in History, cum laude, from William Smith College in June 1999.

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Topics: Minority Outreach and Marketing, Effective Communications, Hunger, and Faith-Based Trends.

Bio: Angelle C. Foucher is currently the Communications Officer for The Denver Foundation, where she manages media relations and marketing in support of the Foundation's goals. Foucher has worked in the nonprofit sector since 1997, primarily in the areas of social services and the arts. Most recently, she served as Marketing Manager for Denver Botanic Gardens. Subsequent to that she was Principal of Ink Communications, Inc., a marketing consulting firm for nonprofits in South Florida. Foucher is a member of The United Church of Montbello where she serves as Christian Education Chairperson and a Youth Ministry leader. She also serves on the Steering Committees for the Mountain Region Economic Summit and National Philanthropy Day Colorado.

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Bio: Sarah joined The Denver Foundation in 2002 after spending 10 years as Director of Development at Morris Animal Foundation. Prior to that time, she worked in development and communications for the National Center for Citizen Involvement (Boulder), the Colorado School of Mines (Golden), Craig Hospital (Englewood), and the United Cerebral Palsy Association (Denver). Sarah is a past member of the Junior League of Denver and she currently serves on the board of the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Metro Volunteers.

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Topics: Affordable Housing, Branding, Corporate Social Responsibility, Effective Communications, Homelessness, Hunger, Nonprofit Management

Bio: Jeff was Director of Brand Development and Director of Community Affairs at Denver's 7 (KMGH-TV) before joining the Foundation in 2003. Previously, he worked in television and feature film production, as an independent documentary producer, and was Executive Director of the Five Points Media Center. Jeff served as a program officer with The Denver Foundation before being promoted to Vice President.

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Bio: Patrick was a program officer in The Denver Foundation's Community Grants Program before taking over the Strengthening Neighborhoods Program in 2001. Previously, he was Associate Director of the Urban Justice Center in New York City for over 12 years, where he helped manage a multi-purpose public interest legal agency and directed the Center's Homelessness Outreach and Prevention Project.

Terri Konrad

Program Officer

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Topics: Education, Effective Grantmaking, Foundation Sector, Grant Evaluation, Nonprofit Management

Bio: Terri Konrad has been a Program Officer of The Denver Foundation since 2000. Prior to this, she served for five years as Denver's Program Coordinator for the McCormick Tribune Foundation. There she managed a demanding grant program that provided matching funds for high profile partners including the Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies and Avalanche, as well as the Denver Post and Channel 2. Prior to her foundation work, she headed the school program on Presbyterian/Saint Luke's Hospital Adolescent Psychiatric Unit and spent 18 years as a teacher in the Denver Public Schools. She is active in the Colorado Association of Funders and a former membership chair.

Dan Lee

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Topics: Administration, Foundation Administration and Finance, Nonprofit Management

Bio: Dan joined the Foundation in 2000, after serving as the Director of Finance for The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago. Prior to the Joffrey, he was associated with Ernst & Young, LLP in its business consulting group and Abbott Laboratories in its finance department. He holds an MBA from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Dan is a former small business owner & volunteers for numerous community organizations.

Adrienne Mansanares

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Bio: Adrienne joined the Foundation in February 2008, after working at the Community Resource Center for seven years. Adrienne works to advance the nonprofit sector as a vehicle toward social justice and racial equity. She has developed leaders among people from diverse backgrounds, facilitated countless meetings and community forums, and trained on such topics as board development, fundraising, coalition building, and diversity and inclusiveness. A regular presenter at regional and national conferences, Adrienne is an alumna of the Circle of Latina Leadership and serves on the boards of Denver Young Nonprofit Professionals Network, Community Shares of Colorado, and Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains.

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Bio: Prior to joining the foundation in 1999, David worked as a community and labor organizer. He was a public school teacher in California for five years, after earning his undergraduate degree at Princeton University and his graduate degree in creative writing at Brown University.

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Bio: Prior to joining The Denver Foundation, Christiano was the Executive Director of the Northern Colorado AIDS Project in Fort Collins, CO. He also served as Program Officer at the Gill Foundation, Director of Client Services at Project Angel Heart, and trainer and provider of technical assistance at the Rocky Mountain Center for Health Education and Promotion. Christiano is a Colorado Trust Fellow and is currently in the Masters of Nonprofit Management Program at Regis University.



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