



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

What's the
best future
you can
imagine for
Metro Denver?







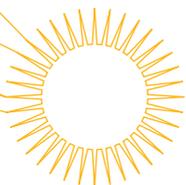
A future for everyone.

At The Denver Foundation, we want to create a better Metro Denver together. For our whole community. For today. And for tomorrow.

Let's work together to meet our community's most essential needs, and create opportunity for everyone.

We are The Denver Foundation.

And we've been taking care of the future since 1925.



Taking care of the future since 1925.

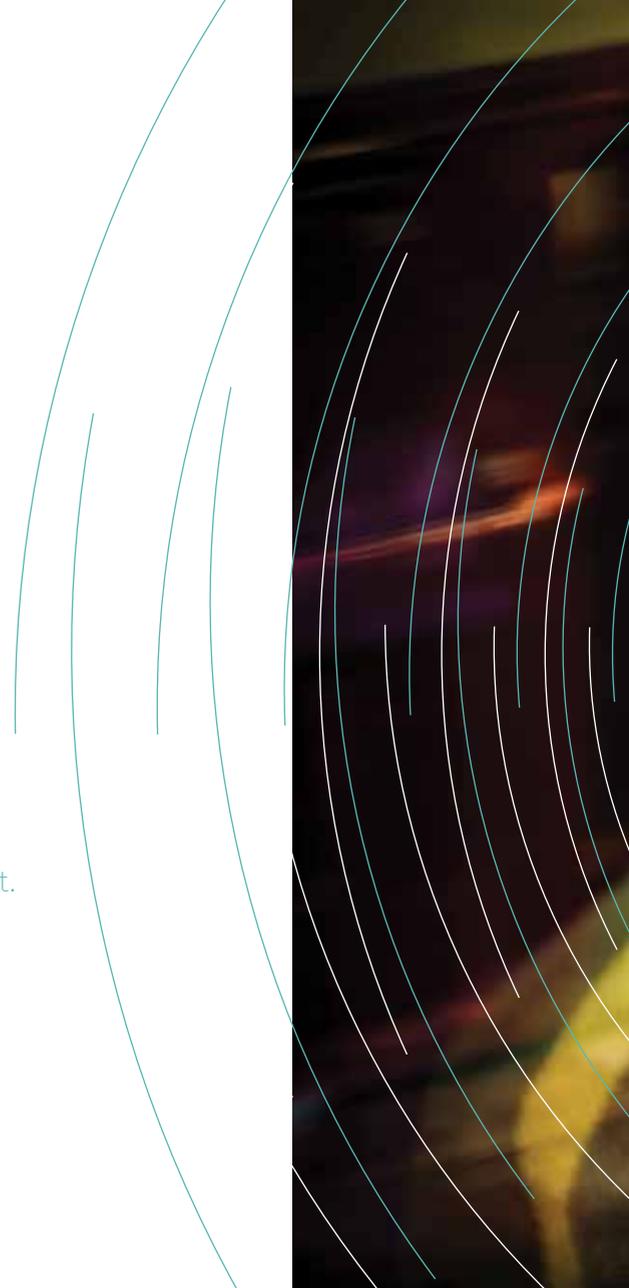
We've been working for Metro Denver for 90 years.

And we believe the best way to honor our past is to work together to build our future. Everyone's future.

Metro Denver is our home.

And the idea of what Metro Denver can become fuels our passion to do more in order to see it grow. We are not just working for Metro Denver. *We're listening to it.*

Our programs are shaped by our experience, and by the voices and opinions of Metro Denver residents, business, community, and philanthropic leaders.







ECONOMIC
SELF-SUFFICIENCY

FOOD

HOUSING

ACCESS TO
EDUCATION

Our community is strongest when it offers opportunity for everyone.

The Denver Foundation is leading a community-wide effort to invest in **Basic Human Needs, Education, Economic Opportunity, and Community Leadership.**

- When our most essential needs are met, we feel more secure.
- When all our children have access to a high-quality education, we can envision a better future.
- When a community has plentiful jobs and opportunity, there is hope.
- When leadership is shared by all, our community is stronger.

We can't achieve all of this without you. Find out about investing in the Foundation's programs and The Fund for Denver. **Contact the Philanthropic Services Group at 303.300.1790 or information@denverfoundation.org.**



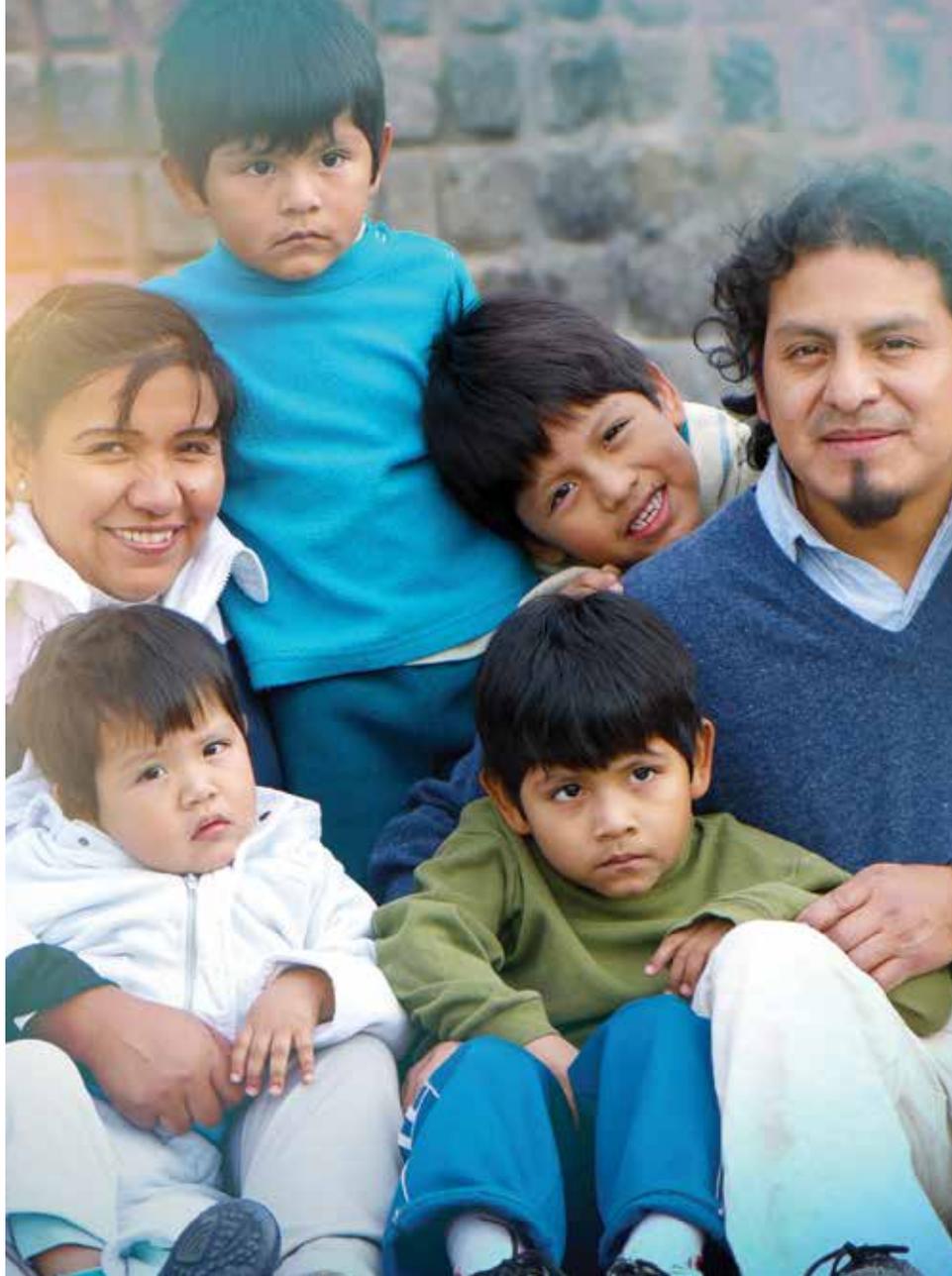
There are two ways you can help us build a future for everyone.

1. Give for the future

You can help us build **The Fund for Denver** — a long-term endowment that ensures we can protect our future no matter what tomorrow's needs may bring.

2. Give for today

You can make a gift for immediate use to one of The Denver Foundation's four program areas in **Basic Human Needs, Education, Economic Opportunity**, or **Community Leadership** to strengthen Metro Denver today.



Join us.
Let's give
everyone
a future.



The Fund for Denver

One woman who clearly understood the value of a charitable endowment was Irene Rothgerber.

Irene was born in Denver in 1924. She graduated from East High School and Colorado College and was Vice Chairman of the Board of First Bank Holding Company. Irene lived a fulfilling life before she passed away in 1983.

Irene Rothgerber loved the idea of being able to give back to the community forever. She wanted her philanthropy to help meet the most pressing needs in Metro Denver as those needs changed over time. After her death, Irene left more than \$8 million to The Denver Foundation through the Irene Rothgerber Trust, housed in The Fund for Denver.

Results to date:

\$22 million

awarded—nearly three times the amount of her original gift—from Irene's Trust through The Fund for Denver to thousands of nonprofits. The value of the Trust is \$27 million.

This growing charitable legacy will help Metro Denver residents in need for generations to come.

Start building a brighter future today.



BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

We all need a safe place to live. More often than not, those without one are facing additional, complicating barriers like access to healthy food, and the lack of knowledge of where to go for help.

The Denver Foundation is the lead funder and a key partner in Close to Home, a five-year campaign to make a meaningful difference in addressing homelessness across Metro Denver. To kick off the campaign, leaders from government, business, the community, and nonprofits joined with people who themselves have experienced homelessness. The campaign works to demonstrate that homelessness is “close to home” for all of us.

Impact

300 *leaders from government, business, nonprofits, and the homeless community joined to launch the Close to Home campaign*

13% *of local residents have experienced homelessness*

43% *of Metro Denver residents have a family or friend who has come close to or experienced homelessness*



EDUCATION

We're working with partners to implement “Common Sense Discipline”, an approach that engages students, teachers, and parents in keeping kids in schools.

To support Common Sense Discipline, The Denver Foundation is funding training to give teachers and school leaders the skills to handle challenges in the classroom so everyone can focus on learning. By working with consultants and teachers we help students learn how to make better choices, make amends when they make mistakes, and understand the power of positive engagement in their school and larger community. And through a parent leadership program, we are giving parents and families the tools to support their children's education and development at home too.

Impact

92% *reduction in teacher referrals in our test school in Aurora Public Schools*

1,080 *fewer days spent by students out of school due to suspensions*

What to expect when you give directly to one of our programs.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

When we equip low-income residents with the skills they need to enter and succeed in the workforce, and help organizations develop community wealth building strategies, opportunity expands.

The Community Campus Partnership (CCP) is transforming the local economy in Original Aurora and increasing access to opportunity for the area's low-income residents in partnership with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Initial priorities of the CCP are to get the campus to do more hiring and buying locally. The Denver Foundation is working with key leaders of the community to develop resident leaders in order to help guide the overall strategy through a Resident Leadership Council.

Impact

17,000 employees on the CU Denver Anschutz Medical campus

30 CEOs, elected officials, and nonprofit leaders signed on for Hire Local campaign



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

When leaders from all sectors are equipped to serve the community, our view broadens.

The Denver Foundation has a long history of advancing racial equity and supporting donors to meet their philanthropic goals. Over the last year, these two areas have aligned in Elevating Philanthropy in Communities of Color (EPIC)—a project to promote and strengthen the work of philanthropists of color. EPIC hosted the Soul of Philanthropy, a national traveling exhibit that was visited by more than 7,000 people at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in August. The exhibit showcased the rich tradition of giving and generosity in African American communities through photographs and stories. EPIC continues to host informational and networking events to promote the significant but sometimes invisible acts of generosity in communities of color.

Impact

7,000 people visited the Soul of Philanthropy exhibit at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library

100 generous donors involved in giving circles honoring the philanthropic traditions of communities of color

When we combine the community's passion and knowledge with our own, amazing things happen.

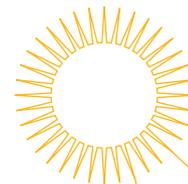
Help us build The Fund for Denver—a long-term endowment that ensures we can build a strong future for the Metro Denver Area, no matter what challenges tomorrow brings.

Make a gift for immediate use to fund the Foundation's work in Basic Human Needs, Education, Economic Opportunity, and Community Leadership to address today's issues and strengthen our community for the future.

As always, we continue to help generous donors with their own personalized funds and charitable goals.

**Call 303.300.1790 or email
information@denverfoundation.org
to talk to a philanthropic advisor.**

We can build Metro Denver's future together.







www.denverfoundation.org

The Denver Foundation
55 Madison St., 8th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80206