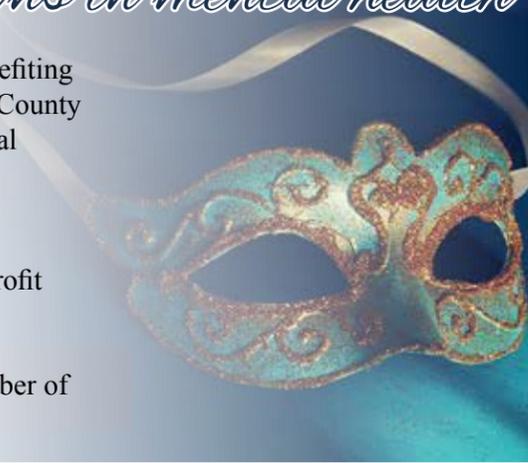


DCCF recognized for contributions in mental health

As part of its annual “Unmasked” masquerade party and fundraiser benefiting Mental Health Colorado, The City of Castle Pines recognized Douglas County Community Foundation for its granting and support in the mental health arena whatever the award is actually for.

According to Executive Directory Mike Waid, DCCF has granted approximately \$xxx,xxx thus far in 2020 toward Douglas County nonprofit organizations that have a component of mental health in what they do.

Quote here from Commissioner Abe Laydon, who is an ex-officio member of the board and who accepted the award.



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Grant recipients celebrate!

Nine Douglas County nonprofits celebrated in July after receiving grant money from Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) totaling \$35,000. With an emphasis on mental health, the following organizations are making a demonstrable impact in the lives of residents in the community (pictured above left to right): Help & Hope Center, Hope’s Promise, Southeast Christian Counseling Center, Colorado Agriculture Leadership Foundation (CALF), Backpack Society, The Aspen Effect, Parker Senior Center, Johnny’s Ambassadors and Hide in Plain Sight.

As the regional champion of Douglas County Gives and Colorado Gives Day, DCCF is committed to responsibly managing philanthropic contributions, maintaining agile funds for emergencies, inspiring generosity, and providing support to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs within our community. For additional information, visit www.dccf.org.

Special thanks to our donor partners:



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Back-to-School grant match raises \$20,000

During the final week of August as Douglas County children were returning to school, our partners at Amazon generously offered to match donated funds up to \$10,000 toward our recently-established Community Emergency Relief Fund as part of a “Back-to-School” matching grant.

Thanks to generous support of 44 new donors to DCCF, we were able to raise \$10,000 in nine days, which



Amazon then matched 100% – allowing donor contributions to have an even larger impact on neighbors in need in Douglas County.

Save the Date



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

DCCF Annual Gala at Heaven in the Pines
11.5.2022 6pm – 10pm
dccf.org

Mark your calendars and dust off your tuxedos and evening gowns for Douglas County Community Foundation’s inaugural black-tie gala – Dia de los Muertos. This promises to be the most creative FUNdraiser you will attend all year; reserve your tickets now!

Nonprofit profile - Backpack Society



Backpack Society (BPS) raises funds and collects food donations to serve neighbors in Douglas County and beyond. They partner with local schools to reach students and their families in need, all without the embarrassment and stigma that can often come along with food insecurity. BPS is driven by a single goal: To do its part in removing food insecurity as an obstacle for children so they can grow, learn and thrive. They offer hope through a consistent bag of easy-to-prepare meals on the weekends so kids can focus on important things – like being a kid. They also offer weekly groceries to entire families.

Hunger can hit anyone, no matter where you live. According to Founder June Everett, people in affluent areas like Douglas County are more reluctant to reach out for help because they don't want to be different. BPS is very conscious of that fact. They use several ways to help ensure food is available to those who need a hand for a few days, a few weeks or longer.

BPS is currently partnered with 31 schools, including several in Douglas County. Most of these schools have food pantries, and BPS keeps them stocked with snacks that are always available for students. In addition to the snack pantries, meal bags are delivered to students at participating schools and can also be picked up at the BPS office near Broadway and County Line Road for those who are home schooled or if they attend a nonparticipating school. Bags are also available for extended school breaks and holidays.

BPS relies on adult and teen volunteers to help sort food, fill bags and boxes, and deliver items or load them into vehicles. To learn more about BPS, visit www.backpacksociety.org.

DCCF to manage Philip S. Miller funds

In August, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners and DCCF signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) transferring the administration of Philip S. Miller Charitable Trust grants from the County to DCCF for a period of three years.

According to the MOU, Douglas County has determined that, "Partnering with DCCF to utilize its distribution from the Philip S. Miller Charitable Trust for nonprofit grant funding will effectually strengthen local nonprofit organizations."

While the Foundation will act as administrator of the program, the County Commissioners will continue their accountability for the funds via evaluation of funding recommendations and final decision making on funds distribution.

"We are honored to partner with Douglas County in the administration of these funds," said Douglas County Community Foundation Chairman Justin Vaughn. "This collaboration will allow for the most impactful outcome for our nonprofit community and for meeting the ongoing needs of residents in Douglas County."

As has been the requirement for four decades, applicants must be a 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 organization serving Douglas County residents. DCCF will utilize its proven evaluation and application review process, which includes specific eligibility criteria.

The Miller Grant Program is the legacy of Douglas County businessman and philanthropist Philip Simon Miller and his wife, Jessie who established The Philip S. Miller Charitable Trust in 1980.

For additional information or to learn more about DCCF, visit dccb.org.



Now accepting applications for 2022 Q4 grants!

DCCF will distribute \$xxx,xxx in Q4; applications are due before 5 p.m. on xxxxx xxxxxxxx.

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Apply at dccb.org.



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Meet our **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
 AMY SHERMAN, BOARD MEMBER

Amy Sherman is the President & CEO of the Northwest Douglas County Chamber & EDC. They partner with the public and private sectors to shape and provide healthy business policies and resources for Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, Roxborough, Sterling Ranch, and the Santa Fe Corridor.

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Dine to Donate with DCCF

In July, DCCF hosted a fundraiser at Cranelli's Italian Restaurant in Lone Tree with three ways to contribute: Dine-in, take-out or purchase a gift card for use at a later time. Cranelli's generously donated 20% of all proceeds between 2 p.m. and 9 pm. to DCCF. Including a wine pull, DCCF raised approximately \$5,775.



Thanks Cranelli's!