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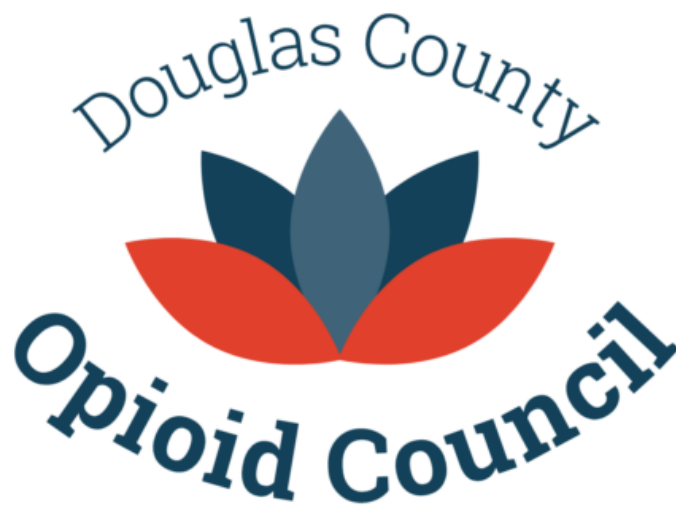
Douglas County Community Foundation's Quarterly Newsletter

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Douglas County Opioid Council Grants



Last year, the [Douglas County Opioid Council](#) (DCOC) launched a new public awareness campaign designed to reduce stigma and strengthen community awareness about opioid use. The DCOC leads the local effort to invest opioid settlement funds in programs that prevent addiction, support treatment and recovery, and promote long-term wellness in our community.

DCCF works in partnership with the DCOC to manage and administer the Region 12 Opioid Abatement Council Emergency Fund. To receive this funding, organizations must demonstrate that their primary mission or a significant part of their work focuses on opioid and substance use disorder prevention (OUD/SUD), intervention, treatment, recovery, or harm reduction, and qualified organizations need to state an emergency status for the funding.



The Douglas County Opioid Council at their awareness campaign launch on Sept. 25.

[MORE: Info & To Apply](#)



DCCF was once again the regional champion for Douglas County-based nonprofits that participate in Colorado Gives Day (CGD) in December through [Douglas County Gives](#) and the “give where you live” campaign! This year, DCCF is showed up a little differently by...

- **Taking our Giving Guide virtual**, which allowed us to have an unlimited number of spots open to our nonprofit partners who want to be featured, as well as leveraging our partnership with Douglas County to distribute the guide to their vast list of residents.
- **Awarding 100 \$50 checks** to organizations for use during their own CGD campaigns, thanks to the support of [CORE Electric Cooperative](#).
- **Sending out weekly emails** with tips and tricks, guides, and resources our nonprofit partners could use to raise even more.

We are excited to report that in 2025, Douglas County nonprofits together raised **more than \$1.7M** for programs that support those most in need in our community.

MORE: Douglas County Gives

DCCF 2026 Board Retreat



In January, the DCCF Board of Directors came together for an inspiring and productive day retreat to discuss how we can continue to put our mission into action and fulfill our commitment to the Douglas County community. A sincere thank you to the [Douglas County EDC](#) for hosting us!

MORE: DCCF Board of Directors

Douglas Has HEART



In February, Douglas County residents can show a little love to neighbors in need by participating in the [Douglas Has Heart](#) (DHH) campaign, a program of the [Douglas County Homeless Initiative](#). The goal of DHH is to compassionately address homelessness in Douglas County by partnering with municipalities, nonprofits, law enforcement agencies, faith leaders, mental health experts, the school district and individual residents. And now DHH has expanded to area businesses helping raise money for the program.

Every dollar donated to DHH goes entirely to local nonprofits providing essential services—such as food, shelter, emergency resources and case management—to those experiencing homelessness in our community, including HEART (Homeless Engagement, Assistance and Resource Team), Help & Hope Center, SECOR Cares and Parker Task Force.

SPOTLIGHT: Nonprofit Partner



Congrats are in order for [Backpack Society](#), who was recently named Nonprofit of the Year by the [Castle Pines Chamber of Commerce](#). “The coolest thing about Backpack Society being named Nonprofit of the Year is that this is really an award for the community because the reason Backpack Society is successful is because we have a whole community of helpers,” said Laura Linville, Director of Development for Backpack Society. “So proud of my friend June M. Everett who started Backpack Society and has allowed all of us to help her further the vision.”



MORE: Nonprofit Partners

SPOTLIGHT: Community Partner



DCCF would like to thank [The Indigo Oak Fund](#) (TIOF) for kicking off the 2nd annual DCCF Board Retreat in January as our spotlight donor speaker. TIOF is a Colorado-based private family foundation focused on education, the arts, women and children’s issues, and ensuring equal justice under the law. The Foundation supports selected programs and initiatives offered by 501(c)(3) organizations that promote personal empowerment and achievement in those four areas.

As DCCF views 2026 as the "year of the donor" focusing on expanding programming around donors' needs and further connecting with local Douglas County philanthropists, TIOF provided valuable insight into how a family foundation makes giving decisions, their priorities and application process, challenges they face and their partnership with DCCF. Over the last three years, TIOF has supported DCCF's mission with \$50K in funding, helping us make a greater impact and building a legacy of philanthropy in Douglas County.

Nonprofit Partners: Share Your IMPACT

If you are already a DCCF Nonprofit Partner, **click below** to fill out the questionnaire and have the opportunity to share your IMPACT story in DCCF communications channels.

MORE: Share Your IMPACT

SPOTLIGHT: Board of Directors

In January, DCCF proudly welcomed five new members to its Board of Directors:

- **District Attorney George Brauchler** - 23rd Judicial District
- **Representative Max Brooks** - Colorado House District 45 and Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce
- **Dan Cooper** - Retired Nonprofit Executive Director and CFO
- **Ellie Reynolds** - President & CEO, Douglas County Economic Development Corporation
- **Gwenivere Snyder** - Realtor, LIV Sotheby's International Realty

Each new member brings a diverse range of experience in public service, nonprofit leadership, economic development, real estate and government. Their collective expertise will bring tremendous value to DCCF's mission and commitment to the community. Welcome!



George Brauchler



Max Brooks



Dan Cooper



Ellie Reynolds



Gwenivere Snyder

[MORE: DCCF Board of Directors](#)



Save the Date

Save the dates for some of DCCF's biggest fundraising, networking and educational events, including:

March 13, 2026 - DCCF Symposium

March 2026 - DCCF Community Impact Grant Cycle

June 15, 2026 - Drive FORE DCCF Golf Tournament

MORE: DCCF Events



Get Involved

There are many opportunities for Douglas County residents, nonprofits, businesses and community partners to get involved with DCCF initiatives and support the community, including...

VOLUNTEER your time with a [DCCF Committee](#)

ESTABLISH a legacy by [Opening a Giving Account](#)

DONATE (in any amount) to:

- [DCCF General Fund](#)
- [Douglas County Gives](#) "Give Where You Live" Campaign
- [Community Emergency Relief Fund](#)
- [Douglas Has Heart Fund](#)
- [Kendrick Castillo Memorial Fund](#)

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DCCF in the News



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