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Season to **SHARE**



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2016
IMPACT REPORT



We offer healthful meals and opportunities for friendship while keeping seniors in touch with deeply cherished values and traditions.”

— Nneka McPhee, Chief of Staff
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Thank you!

Your gift supports the good work of 49 organizations

We are honored to present the following nonprofit agencies that received grants totaling \$2,290,000 in 2016 through The Denver Post Season to Share, a McCormick Foundation Fund.

2016 Denver Grantees

Signature Grantees

Colorado Nonprofit Development Center — Health & Wellness
Denver Metro Chamber Foundation — Child & Youth Education
Hunger Free Colorado — Hunger
Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative — Homelessness

Child & Youth Education

Alternatives for Youth
Bennie E. Goodwin After School Academic Program
Bluff Lake Nature Center
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver
Children's Literacy Center
City Year
Colorado Youth for a Change
Community College of Denver Foundation
Denver Kids
Denver Public Schools Foundation
Denver Youth Program
Emily Griffith Foundation
I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County
North Littleton Promise
Reading Partners
Save Our Youth
Summer Scholars
Yess Institute

Health & Wellness

Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation
Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Colorado Health Network
Kids First Health Care
Kids In Need of Dentistry
National Jewish Health
Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center
Rocky Mountain Youth Medical & Nursing Consultants

Homelessness

Access Housing of Adams County
Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Denver
Delores Project
Denver Rescue Mission
Growing Home
Inn Between of Longmont
Jeffco Action Center
Jewish Family Service of Colorado
Mile High Ministries
Outreach United Resource Center
Urban Peak Denver
Volunteers of America
Warren Village

Hunger

Community Food Share
Food Bank of the Rockies
JEWISHcolorado
Project Angel Heart

Dear Friend,

When children, adults and families thrive, the community we share becomes a better place for everyone. Your gifts to The Denver Post Season to Share, a McCormick Foundation Fund, are the vital resource that makes it happen.

Thanks to you, and nearly 5,000 of your neighbors across Metro Denver, in 2015/16 we raised more than \$1.5 million. The McCormick Foundation matched all gifts at 50 cents on the dollar, adding over \$760,000 to the total.

Recently, nearly \$2.3 million was granted to 49 carefully chosen local nonprofit organizations that are helping thousands to break through the cycles of underachievement and need. Together, we are providing:

- Tutoring and educational enrichment to keep kids moving forward in school
- Medical and dental programs to protect the health and smiles of those less fortunate
- Healthy food for those who face hunger
- Supportive housing programs aimed at ending homelessness

It is vital that we continue to fund direct service programs which help so many who are less fortunate. Of equal importance is our commitment to invest in the systems working to resolve the issues so many struggle with. We are pleased to announce that four Signature Grants of \$100,000 each were granted to address systemic change.

The true impact of your generosity shines through in the success stories you'll find in this report. We hope you find them as inspiring as we do. But remember – none of these life-changing results could possibly happen without your generosity. We rely on you to help us fund innovative, effective strategies and solutions that strengthen the children, adults and families in our community.

On behalf of all those you've helped and the thousands more your generosity will continue to reach here in Metro Denver... thank you.

Mac Tully
CEO and Publisher
The Denver Post

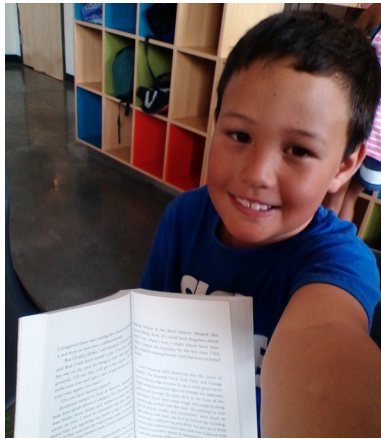
David Hiller
President and CEO
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 Expenses**

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 McCormick Foundation
 pay all administrative
 expenses

100%

**All Expenses
 are Paid**

100% helps
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Local Impact

Your gift will assist
 struggling neighbors
 right here in
 Metro Denver



Featured Grantees

*Thanks to your generous support,
 our community is growing stronger*

**Kids in Need of Dentistry
 (KIND)**

Setting the stage for lifelong dental health

Dental disease is five times more common in children than any other chronic illness, notes Julie Collett, RDH, Executive Director of Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND).

The good news? It's preventable. And KIND's Chopper Topper program is meeting the need with care, education and support for kids in need.



Hygienists provide free dental exams and sealants for second-graders in 91 Metro Denver schools where at least 50% of students qualify for free or low-cost lunches. "We visit classrooms to talk about dental health, then welcome the kids to an on-site clinic where molars are sealed, protecting them from decay," says Collett. In 2015, more than 2,000 youngsters received 6,500 sealants.

Some kids have never seen the dentist before, but KIND staffers put them at ease. "When we spot other dental issues, we reach out to parents to arrange for additional care," Collett says.

Schools with 95% participation in Chopper Topper are rewarded with a free drawing where one child wins a new bike and helmet. "We heard from a mother whose daughter, Isabella, was thrilled to win," Collett relates. "As a child, the mom had sold food on the streets to help pay her family's dental bills. She was so grateful for the quality care Isabella had received."

The Delores Project

Caring for the whole woman

Delores Big Boy was a Pine Ridge Lakota woman who suffered from alcoholism and untreated diabetes made worse by chronic homelessness. When local caseworkers found her an apartment, Delores opened her doors to friends she felt needed a home even more than she did. After her death in 1999, The Delores Project was established to provide shelter and care for women and transgender individuals facing homelessness in Metro Denver.

With a grant made through The Denver Post Season to Share, the agency operates the Steps to Stability program to address needs that extend far beyond housing. The initiative helps homeless women and transgender individuals work through mental and physical issues often caused by past trauma, reaching for specific goals they set for themselves.



For us, housing is just the beginning. We help each woman and transgender individual define what progress would look like for them. This leads to a unique program that empowers each guest to reach their unique goals.”

**– Laura Rossbert, Program Director
The Delores Project**

For those facing addiction, the plan may focus on recovery. Others may work to obtain health insurance, identification documents or employment while they seek permanent housing.

“Kara came to us after finding it difficult to find a safe place to stay as a transgender woman, leaving her nowhere to live,” says Program Director Laura Rossbert. “She had used drugs to deaden her pain, but now she wanted to get healthy. While living at our 50-bed shelter, she got a job and eventually, a housing voucher. She is now working at a local Barnes & Noble and thriving in her new life.”

JEWISHcolorado

Nourishing the body and spirit

Seniors who can no longer venture out to buy their own groceries risk losing their independence. But through the Community Nutrition Maintenance program (CNMP), provided in partnership by a number of community organizations including Shalom Cares, Jewish Family Service and JCC Denver, men and women living below the poverty line can receive kosher meals at home five days each week.

“This is the only local service of its kind and a vital resource for Jewish and non-Jewish residents alike,” says JEWISHcolorado Chief of Staff Nneka McPhee. “We are here to alleviate hunger among a very vulnerable group and support the self-sufficiency of housebound seniors who want to remain in their homes.”

The program delivers 80 meals each weekday to local residents – more than 10,400 meals every year – and also furnishes “blizzard boxes” filled with non-perishable food for times when bad weather prevents hot meal delivery.

A grant made through The Denver Post Season to Share also supports a Congregant Meal program, which serves more than 10,000 meals yearly to seniors who come to Denver’s Jewish Community Center to eat and socialize.

Elizabeth Naidu, who moved to Denver in 2006, says that she and her friends “relish the engaging company and the lasting friendships made at mealtime. The delicious food we share is good for our bodies and our souls.”



Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

Helping kids move forward in school with stronger reading skills

Reading ability is crucial for academic success. Yet thousands of local kids struggle to comprehend what they read, putting them at risk for long-term failure in school.



The Accelerated Reader program operated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver strengthens kids’ reading ability by encouraging independent practice, says Gail Bransteitter, Director of Marketing Communications.

“We focus on comprehension, vocabulary and overall reading ability,” Bransteitter says, “but the magic is seeing kids from kindergarten through 12th grade reading together and encouraging each other.”

Students begin with a reading assessment, then choose books from a wide assortment that matches their skill level. “This assures they’re reading material that’s challenging but not frustrating,” Bransteitter explains.

Kids can read on their own or with a buddy, often another child. Volunteers and staff members also provide tutoring and guidance. Each year, more than 800 Club members take part in the program, with more than 60% making gains in grade-level equivalent reading ability.

Nine-year-old Amy, whose chart shows the hundreds of books she’s enjoyed, says she loves to read “because it makes me smarter!” Jenn, 16, finds it rewarding and fun to read with the younger kids. “I got a lot of help from the older students when I was small, so this is a cool experience for me.”

The Denver Post Season to Share concentrates on alleviating poverty across Metro Denver by addressing these critical issues



Health & Wellness



Child & Youth
Education



Hunger



Homelessness

WHAT IT TAKES



solicitation letters



fundraising
campaigns



grant
applications



agency site
visits



fundraising emails

2015/16 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

♥ 4,949 donors

\$1,527,812 raised

The Foundation Match

\$763,906

GRANTS: JULY 2016

\$2,290,000 invested in 49 local nonprofits

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Dental health affects the entire body. In our mobile clinics we not only seal kids' molars against decay, but also help them learn how to care for their teeth and gums over a lifetime."

— Julie Collett, RDH
Executive Director
Kids in Need of Dentistry



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NEW: Signature Grants: Supporting Innovative Solutions

A new initiative in 2016 is The Denver Post Season to Share Signature Grants. These \$100,000 grants, one in each of our four issue areas, address the ever-growing needs in Metro Denver by exploring bold systems support solutions with strategies to change the future for thousands in our area.

Colorado Nonprofit Development Center *Health & Wellness*

For the Mile High Health Alliance, a collaboration to increase access to integrated health care services and help build the capacity of safety-net community clinics providing primary, specialty and behavioral health care for the underserved, uninsured and underinsured.

Denver Metro Chamber Foundation *Child & Youth Education*

For the Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative, a multi-sectored collaborative with a collective impact strategy to offer life-changing education and career pathway support for disengaged, low-income youth aged 16 to 24.

Hunger Free Colorado *Hunger*

For a multi-county initiative to improve access to and enrollment in SNAP, the federal food stamp program, assuring that a greater percentage of Metro Denver's hungry will benefit from resources they are already qualified to receive.

Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative *Homelessness*

For the development of a fully coordinated assessment and housing placement system for the homeless, assuring that individuals and families receive support through a consistent intake, assessment and referral process.



We're excited to support the Denver nonprofit community to solve big issues and help those in need."

— Tracy Ulmer
Director, Community Relations
The Denver Post

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**Want to know how
we're improving Metro
Denver?** See inside.



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Through The Denver Post Season to Share, grants are made to local nonprofit organizations making a difference for low-income children, adults and families. These qualified nonprofits provide life-changing programs that offer year-round education and mentoring; give access to healthy meals and food supplies; provide stable and affordable housing and offer access to free or low-cost dental and medical services.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and readers, and the 50% match from the McCormick Foundation, those less fortunate in our communities have a chance to improve their lives. With all expenses paid, 100% of donations, plus the match, is granted across Metro Denver. Since inception, 2,060 grants totaling more than \$69,000,000 have been invested.

The Denver Post Season to Share believes in creating communities that thrive. Together, we are building a stronger Denver for tomorrow by investing in our children, adults and families today.

The Denver Post is proud of its long-standing tradition of helping those in need in Metro Denver. Deepening the commitment, *The Post* partnered with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation in 1992 and established The Denver Post

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The Robert R. McCormick Foundation's mission is to foster communities of educated, informed and engaged citizens. The McCormick Foundation, among the nation's largest foundations, was established in 1955 upon the death of Col. Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*.

The McCormick Foundation's Communities Program partners with media companies, such as the *The Denver Post*, sports teams and philanthropic organizations across the country to help low-income children, adults and families become increasingly self-sufficient.

To learn more, visit: SeasonToShare.com

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