

Dear Friends and Partners,

When Caring for Colorado was formed in 1999, our founding Board of Directors spent a year listening to Coloradans across the state talk about their communities' health needs and how we could partner with them to help address those needs. What we learned from those conversations was instrumental in charting our path as a health funder.

Since then, we provided more than \$110 million in grants to communities throughout the state to improve health and health care for Coloradans, and particularly for people and communities with the greatest barriers to care and the least amount of resources. Through this funding, we have helped:

- Reduce health disparities;
- Prevent disease and promote good health;
- Ensure that Coloradans can access high-quality and affordable health care services;
- Build health systems to produce long-term benefits and improved health outcomes for individuals and communities; and
- Leverage resources to address the most pressing health needs in Colorado.

Together – with you – we have made a difference.

Today, as communities across Colorado change and grow, so too must the work of Caring for Colorado. We are looking toward the future, asking ourselves what we can do to improve health for people in our state. We invite your input as we ask ourselves these questions:

- What are the most pressing health needs across Colorado that we should prioritize for funding?
- What services, practices and policies do we need to make Colorado the best place for children, youth and families?
- How can we work more effectively to promote health equity?

Beginning today and continuing through next summer, Caring for Colorado enters a strategic planning period to determine our funding priorities for the next several years. In the fall, we will announce a series of conversations across the state to learn more about community health needs and how Caring for Colorado can help.

We hope you will join us in this conversation! There are several ways you can participate:

- Register to attend a conversation in your community. We will announce dates and locations soon.
- Share your thoughts by emailing us at: CaringforColorado2020@caringforcolorado.org
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [sign up](#) for our mailing list to receive updated information.

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In the meantime, our grant deadlines of October 5, 2018, and March 1, 2019, are unchanged, and our [funding priorities](#) remain the same for these grant deadlines.

We look forward to hearing from you and are grateful for your partnership as we work to make Colorado a place where everyone has the opportunity to attain health and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Wiant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "W".

Chris Wiant, MPH, PhD
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Caring for Colorado