

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Caring *for* Colorado
Promoting Health FOUNDATION

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are happy to report the results of Caring for Colorado's work to create equity in health, well-being, and opportunity for Colorado's children and families. In 2022 we continued our work to increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine in communities disproportionately impacted by the virus and to address the health and mental health impacts for children and families from the pandemic. We were able to engage in person and in community to learn more about how COVID changed the realities for children and families in our state. And, we returned to our pre-COVID funding priorities, after nearly two years of funding for COVID-19 relief and recovery. We also spent time in 2022 designing new funding opportunities in reproductive health equity and worked to strengthen our partnerships with other funders to build better health systems and increase funding to community-based programs. *What a year!* Here are some highlights of this work.

Together We Protect

We continued grantmaking for Together We Protect, a vaccine equity fund that was developed in partnership with 13 funders, to address significant barriers to the COVID-19 vaccine in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. By the end of 2022, the total amount of grants awarded during the initiative reached \$6.8 million for 132 community-based organizations across Colorado. More than 96,900 children and 308,700 adults received vaccinations from these efforts.

Supporting Mental Health in Schools

We significantly increased our investments in social and emotional services and support within schools to build student resiliency during a time of serious mental health concerns for children and youth in Colorado. An additional \$6 million from Caring for Colorado and \$1.7 million from the Denver Foundation's Health Access Fund was directed to expand our long-term initiative, Youth Connections, into five rural school districts and to fund the University of Denver's Center for Rural Health Education to bring mental health services and supports to schools throughout the San Luis Valley and southeastern Colorado.



ReproCollab

We launched ReproCollab, a three-year, \$7 million initiative to advance reproductive equity in Colorado. ReproCollab's funding strategies are built from the learnings of Caring for Colorado's past work with the Colorado Collaborative for Reproductive Health Equity. New funding opportunities will begin in early 2023. We are pleased to be partnering with The Colorado Health Foundation, The Colorado Trust, and the Craig-Scheckman Family Foundation to improve access to contraception, improve reproductive health education for young people, and to support policy and advocacy efforts to help all Coloradans maintain their reproductive rights and grow equitable access to services.

Our steadfast commitment to respond to community health needs also resulted in giving 254 grants totaling \$17.4 million to 206 nonprofits throughout Colorado to advance our long-term vision of making Colorado the best place for kids to grow up. We are grateful for the hard work of our nonprofit partners and community leaders who continue to support communities in the service of children and families. We are proud to partner with these amazing leaders and advocates as we build a healthier and more just future for Colorado's children and families.

In health,



Linda R. Reiner
PRESIDENT AND CEO



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BOARD CHAIR

Looking Back on Moving Forward

2021

OCTOBER

Share an **independent evaluation** of Caring for Colorado's statewide philanthropy program with grantee partner insights to inform and strengthen our grantmaking.

NOVEMBER

Four additional school districts join **Youth Connections**, an initiative to promote social, emotional, and mental well-being for middle and high school students.



DECEMBER

Report to the Community: COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Funding spotlights community-based organizations that addressed challenges and innovated to provide care during this tumultuous time.

2022

JANUARY

Provide funding to three organizations offering emergency care to families affected by the devastating Marshall Fire in Boulder County.

FEBRUARY

Welcome new staff members.

MARCH

Kick off new session of **SOMOS** in Adams and Pueblo counties — a program for Latina middle and high school students, and their caregivers, to address core issues of happiness, health, power, and bodily autonomy.



APRIL

Celebrate youth whose art motivates Latino youth in Colorado to receive their COVID vaccinations.

MAY

Launch **ReproCollab**, an initiative that continues our long-term investment in community-based efforts to safeguard and increase access to sexual and reproductive health information and services.



JUNE

Announce **statewide responsive grants to 71 nonprofit organizations** to support every child in having the love, stability, resources and opportunity they need to thrive.

JULY

Award grants to 16 nonprofit organizations to create equitable opportunities and improve the quality of life in **Pueblo County**.

AUGUST

Together We Protect final evaluation shows community-based organizations administered COVID-19 vaccinations to 96,960 youth and 308,721 adults in communities of color and among those who face systemic barriers.



SEPTEMBER

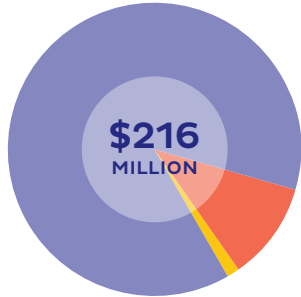
Caring for Colorado's Board of Directors visit the **San Luis Valley** to learn about issues impacting children and families in the region.



Board approves multi-year commitment to promoting **youth well-being in rural schools**, in partnership with The Denver Foundation.



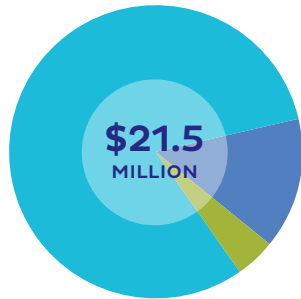
2022 Financials



NET ASSETS

\$216 Million

Without Donor Restrictions	\$190 million
Sperry S. & Ella G. Packard Fund for Pueblo	\$23 million
Other Donor Restricted	\$3 million



GRANTS & EXPENSES

\$21.5 Million

Grantmaking	\$17.4 million
Program & Grantmaking Related Expenses	\$3.1 million
Management & General	\$1 million

Statewide Grantmaking

We gave 254 grants to 206 nonprofit organizations across all of Colorado's 64 counties, totaling \$17.4 million, more than double our typical annual grantmaking.

254 *totaling* **\$17.4** *across* **64**
GRANTS MILLION COUNTIES

\$8.7 MILLION

Initiatives*

- ReproCollab
- Supporting Mental Health in Schools
- Together We Protect

\$7.6 MILLION

Statewide Grantmaking

- Healthy Beginnings
- Healthy Youth
- Strong & Resilient Families
- Public Policy Advocacy

\$1.1 MILLION

Pueblo Grantmaking

- Children, Youth & Families
- Community Impact

*Caring for Colorado received \$4.2 million in contributions from foundations and donors to support the ReproCollab, Youth Connections, and Together We Protect initiatives.



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