

Northern Colorado Community Dialogue: The Poudre River Coming in early 2011

In our role as a neutral convener, the Community Foundation will join UniverCity Connections and CSU in hosting a public forum to heighten the level of discussion on important water issues facing our region. The event will focus on topics such as the history and heritage of the Poudre River; current issues and future water needs; and economic, environmental and operational impacts of the river.

"The topic of water may be at the top of the list of controversial and emotional issues in our region," said Ray Caraway, Community Foundation president. "However, we've put together a highly qualified organizing committee chaired by Peggy Reeves and Dave Edwards, and we are confident that this forum will provide an opportunity for all points of view to be expressed in a manner that is educational and productive."

Additional details on the 2011 forum will be available on www.CommunityFoundationNC.org later this year.

Spotlight: Chapel Family Fund

As a CPA and Certified Financial Planner, Donna Chapel is familiar with the structure and advantages that Donor Advised funds provide for her clients.

So when Donna and her husband, Tom, decided to establish a Donor Advised fund and involve their children, Jessica and Josh, in the "financial gift giving process", they turned to the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado.

"When our children were younger we strived to demonstrate the philosophy of giving back," Donna said. They wanted their children to be aware of all the wonderful opportunities that are available to help their community.

"We feel very fortunate, especially this year with Josh's safe return from Afghanistan, and we want to help others in our community," Donna said.

They established a Donor Advised fund so the whole family could be involved with recommending charities to support. Donna says, "The Donor Advised fund allows a simple, cost effective method to accomplish our goals."



Left to right: Daughter Jessica and fiancé Casey Dean; Tom and Donna Chapel; son Josh and wife Tessa

Tom and Donna Chapel on:

Charitable goals

We are very family oriented and want to share our philanthropic ideas with our children. Our entire family takes part in helping community organizations.

Philanthropic Philosophy

It is important to establish a pattern of philanthropy and help our children become aware of organizations throughout Northern Colorado that accomplish amazing things.

The Community Foundation

We are thankful that we live in a country where anything is possible. However, we recognize that sometimes people need a little help. The Community Foundation provides a process to make giving easy.

New Trustees and Staff



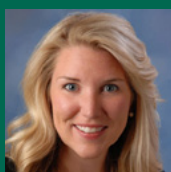
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The Rialto Bridge: Connecting Art, Artists, and Community



The Rialto Bridge, a transformational downtown project, models an ideal partnership between the City of Loveland, the Community Foundation and a private developer. The new building will satisfy the space needs of the Rialto Theater for the next half century; it will revitalize downtown Loveland through job creation and much improved support of the performing arts. Donations to the project are tax deductible, eligible for a 25% Colorado income tax credit due to designation as a Larimer County Enterprise Zone Project, and will support only the public portion of the project. Donations and pledge payments will be collected starting November 2, 2010.

To learn more, visit www.RialtoBridgeCampaign.org or contact Phil Farley, the Community Foundation's Director of Loveland Community Relations, at (970) 776-9295 or phil@CommunityFoundationNC.org.



How can you thank Northern Colorado veterans for the years they served? How can you help recognize the military personnel that represent our country and community?

The Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado, located at Spring Canyon Community Park in Fort Collins, will honor those who have served, are serving, and will serve.

Join Northern Colorado residents in celebrating the liberties and freedoms that have been protected by service members by making a tax-deductible donation to build this visionary Veterans Plaza. Donors contributing \$1,000 or more will be recognized on an engraved bronze plaque at the site.

GET INVOLVED: To join the Veterans Plaza Committee or volunteer at an outreach or fundraising event, call 224-3462 or send an email to info@CommunityFoundationNC.org.

To learn more and support the Plaza with a tax-deductible donation, visit www.VeteransPlazaNoCo.org.



Homeward 2020 is a 10-year initiative of the Community Foundation that is bringing together local nonprofit agencies, government entities, and businesses to sustainably end homelessness in Fort Collins.

The first phase of the initiative's 10-year plan to end homelessness will identify the chronically homeless and provide accessible housing to permanently transition those individuals off the streets. The next phase of the Plan will focus on residents who are temporarily without a home.

GET INVOLVED: Homeward 2020 and the 100,000 Homes Campaign are organizing a "registry week." From Nov. 15 - 19, community leaders and volunteers will canvass streets, parks, shelters, and jails to create a name and photographic registry of everyone experiencing homelessness in Fort Collins. The data will be used to clarify the need for housing and support resources. Contact Bryce Hach to volunteer.

Bryce Hach, director of Homeward 2020, can be reached at (970) 412-1290 or bryce@Homeward2020.org. To learn more, visit www.Homeward2020.org.



UniverCity Connections

UniverCity Connections, an initiative of the Community Foundation, focuses on three of Fort Collins' assets: Colorado State University, Downtown, and the Poudre River.

The initiative convenes community discussions; catalyzes opportunities for positive change; and nurtures ideas for making our community sustainable, economically vibrant, socially fair, and environmentally healthy.

UniverCity's work is carried out by task groups: Arts and Culture; Poudre River; Economic Development; Transit and Mobility (Mason Corridor); and FortZED.

GET INVOLVED: The FortZED Community Energy Challenge is a grassroots community initiative working to create the world's largest net-zero energy district. This outreach project is seeking 100-150 volunteers to spread the word to their neighbors. Visit www.FortZEDchallenge.com to learn about program incentives and take the residential pledge to "Take it to Zero."

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