

**Empowering people  
to help Bent County!**

# Bent County Community Foundation



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## **Why Create a Fund within the Bent County Community Foundation?**

- *To Leave a Legacy*
- *To reduce administrative hassle*
- *To set up a gift quickly*
- *To grow your gift*
- *To reduce the  
“tax bite”*
- *To fund a variety of  
organizations*
- *To be involved*
- *For recognition or  
anonymity*
- *To meet community  
needs now or in the future*

### **Donating Now:**

*By establishing a fund now, you can  
support your favorite charities now*

*and in the future, while  
taking the maximum  
tax deductions.*



### **Donating Later:**

*Donations by bequest allow the donor  
to meet specific wishes regarding  
dividing property between loved ones  
and philanthropic interests, while  
minimizing estate tax burdens.*

# Giving Back to Your Hometown Community

## Our Role

The Bent County Community Foundation is a vehicle to build the strength of our community—right here— *at home*. Our role is to provide a method to keep the wealth and assets of our great community *here* in our community. Your contributions, large or small, stay in Bent County. They help the family down the block, the community center or museum you pass every day, and many of the places where you and your family live, grow, work, and play.



The Foundation will serve as a philanthropic leader in our community, help provide resources and asset development, and is the first “Bent County” Grant Making/Giving Agency serving only the Bent County community.

*“Remember that when you leave the earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received... only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.” —St. Francis Assisi*

## Creating Endowments

Your gift is managed as an endowment, a permanent fund in which the principal remains untouched, and only the interest is used for grants if that is your desire. These grants are distributed to qualified projects throughout Bent County aimed at solving community problems or enhancing the quality of life for all Bent County residents. Your gift continues to grow, creating an ongoing legacy for the future. Your gift may be combined with others to meet a greater challenge, establish a new organization, or provide



funds for community emergencies.

## Ways to Get Involved

You can give cash, securities, or deferred gifts which can:

- Remain undesignated to address Bent County’s most pressing needs.
- Establish a permanent tribute in the name of your family, friend, or loved one.
- Support one or more special causes or non-profit organizations that you think are doing a great job.
- Provide scholarships for area youth.

## Reasons to Give

Contributing to the Bent County Community Foundation is a flexible and an imaginative way to give something back to your community and ensure: permanence, flexibility, significance and tax advantages. The Foundation is attuned to the needs of this county and to building a sense of community. It is such a spirit that attracts other organizations into partnership with it; and in doing so, the charitable effort becomes more efficient and powerful.



## Our Partners

The Bent County Community Foundation partners with the Southern Colorado Community Foundation, originally founded by Robert H. Rawlings in 1998, to manage the Bent County Fund and ensure that it continues to grow. They are located at 121 W. 1st St. in Pueblo, CO, 81003. Their phone number is 719-546-6677.

## Bent County Community Foundation

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in the on-going work of the Community Foundation and want to help further programs that enrich the quality of life in Bent County.

Your gift will combine with others in the undesignated fund which addresses the changing needs of Bent County.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about:

- The Community Foundation  
 Establishing a designated fund  
 Options for giving/tax benefits  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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