Larimer County has pulled through some terrible disasters recently. And yet, our generosity continues to shine with more records set. Please don’t let the “disaster-fatigue-bug” bite you, cutting back on your local giving. We have a long cold winter ahead and many nonprofits count on our donations throughout the year.

Now that the toy and turkey drives are over, the “not-so-sexy” stuff like paying rent, staffing and keeping the lights on, still need our support. As donors, we are part of the lifeline that really makes a difference.

Giving all year long, in so many ways – this is how we build a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. As Harry S. Truman said, “It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.” Despite what President Truman said, you do deserve plenty of credit and definitely get it from me. Thank you for all you do for our community.

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A NEW YEAR. NEW GIVING GOALS?

It’s a new year, do your giving habits need a boost, a fresh-approach? Will you build for charitable growth in your budget? Will you add a new nonprofit to your portfolio this year?

Are you thoughtful or responsive in your giving?

“Give 10 encourages us to keep track of our giving and be more selective.”

- Jennifer and Michael Guerriero

Do you budget for giving? Monthly? Quarterly?

“The 3-year Emerging Leader incentive mirrored our approach to giving...through budgeting and planning for the entire year. Only at a much larger level!”

- Jeff and Cat Cross

Do you spread the word?

“The more people give, the more it encourages others to give.”

- Mike and Glory Burns

IT’S A NEW YEAR. TAKE TIME TO BUILD NEW GIVING GOALS FOR YOURSELF.
Looking for a Good Read?

Everyday Heroes: 50 Americans Changing the World One Nonprofit at a Time
by Katrina Fried (Author), Paul Mobley (Photographer)

Compelling photographs and interviews capture some of America’s leading social entrepreneurs whose energy and nonprofit organizations have changed the lives of millions around the world, very often one at a time.

From activists passionate about clean drinking water, economic support, and urgent medical care, to educational leaders who are elevating the opportunities of the poor and disadvantaged, to crusaders of equal rights and women’s advocacy, these are remarkable everyday citizens championing for a better world.

www.give10.org

Charitable Connections

Bohemian Foundation

2014 Report to the Community

Two years ago, our community launched three national poverty alleviation models: Bridges Out of Poverty, Circles Larimer County and the Workplace Navigator Pilot Program. Learn more about Larimer County’s collaborations, hard work and success to date by browsing our Report to the Community, and find out how you can get involved at: bohemianfoundation.org

Colorado Gives Day celebration
Emerging Leaders Patrick Brady & Michelle Provaznik

Colorado Gives Day celebration
Emerging Leaders Connie Hanrahan & Holly Carroll with Peggy Reeves

Philanthropy, like most things, is rapidly changing to meet the times. More than ever before, there are resources and platforms to expand and evolve your charitable giving. In 2013, our community hosted creative ways to connect givers and causes.

Fansourcing, Crowdfunding.
- There’s a handful of different names for a broad call to pull together via technology for a single cause. From beer to historic buildings, locally built, communityfunded.org can pair you with your passion.

Local Giving Circles
- Pooling funds can create large, local impact through local giving circles such as WomenGive, United Way of Larimer County and WISH, Women Investing in Strategies for Health. Have your own passion? Start a giving circle of your own!

Giving Days
- On December 10, Colorado Gives Day was the second largest giving day in 2013 in the country. In Larimer County alone, 4,600 online gifts totaling $718,722 were made to local nonprofits!