



# Thursday Thoughts

## A Letter From Our President

Dear AFP Community,

It is my great honor to begin my year as the AFPCC president. The past few years have been... an adventure. This community has continued to be resilient, creative and determined and I am so grateful to be part of it.



***As your board president, my promise to you is to lead with kindness, honesty and transparency; to do my best and represent the interests of the board and AFP Community before my own; and to support the education, leadership development and creativity of this organization.***

As we move into 2022, I and the members of the AFP Board have been reflecting on past years, talking about current events, trends, and needs, and working to align our programming to the needs and interests of the community. As we move through 2022 I invite you to share your perspective, ideas and feedback so that we can provide the highest level of meaningful programming, relevant topics and

useful professional development for you. Please contact [president@afpcc.org](mailto:president@afpcc.org).

I thank you for the honor to serve as chapter president, and for continuing to carry on the important work you do everyday.

With gratitude,

**Amy Stewart**

AFP Colorado Chapter President

Senior Director, Philanthropic Development, Children's Hospital

Colorado Foundation

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## Everybody Hurts



The Federal Reserve conducted a survey in August 2021, to understand the impact of COVID on organizations serving low-to moderate-income populations, many of which are nonprofits. A [recent blog post](#) elaborates on the findings. The 2,561 nonprofits surveyed reported an increase in demand for services without a corresponding increase in the ability to provide those services. They reported the following impact of COVID on revenues (summary of net difference for each):

- **Individual donations**—Net decrease: 16 percentage points
- **Corporate donations**—Net decrease: 24 percentage points
- **Fees for services**—Net decrease: 24 percentage points
- **Foundation funding**—Net increase: 8 percentage points
- **Government funding**—Net increase: 39 percentage points

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## Job Postings

Bicycle Colorado - **Membership Manager**  
Gateway Domestic Violence Services - **Development Manager**  
University of Colorado Boulder - **Discovery Officer, Parent Giving**

[See all job postings >>](#)

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## Member Moment – National Poverty in America Month

January is National Poverty Awareness Month. We will share a Member Moment each January newsletter introducing AFP members working on addressing problems and challenges that come with a lack of opportunities.

### ***Member Moment***

***Sarah Waite, CFRE***  
Philanthropy Officer/Major Gifts  
Denver Rescue Mission



### ***What does your organization do that you are excited about?***

Denver Rescue Mission helps individuals and families, across the Front Range and in Northern Colorado, who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. We aim to meet them at their unique point(s) of need, and help put them on the pathway to thriving, healthy, self-sufficient living. For 2022, I'm most excited about continuing to help those we serve as they repair broken relationships, overcome addiction/destructive patterns, obtain employment and attain housing stability. It is pure joy to walk alongside them, as they tap into their God-given talents, skills

and gifts, and reengage as full participants in our community. Every day that I have the opportunity to serve at the Mission is a gift! I treasure working with an incredible team of colleagues, donors and volunteers who give 110% every day to give help, and share the HOPE and love of Jesus with all those who come to our doors.

***How can we learn more?***

You can learn more about Denver Rescue Mission and our impact in this [short video](#) or on our website at [www.denverrescuemission.org](http://www.denverrescuemission.org).

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**Thursday, February 10th**  
**8:00 am - 10:00 am**

**Inclusifying the Nonprofit Boardroom**



Presented by

***Ryann Peyton of The Peyton Group***



For more information on this program click [here](#).

To learn more about Ryann, click [here](#).

Anyone with fundraising duties in their job description is welcome to attend. Coffee Chats are free to everyone and there is no need to register

## Member Spotlight



*Welcome to our newest members!*

*Brittany Cruz ~ Nichole Everman ~ Molly Fitzpatrick  
Dolores Garay ~ Caitlin Henkel ~ Scarlett Jimenez  
Carina Martin ~ Misti Martinez ~ Mike Painter  
Amanda Schweikert ~ Marissa Walker ~ Courtney Wickberg*

## Upcoming AFP Events

### **February 10th**

Coffee Chat: Inclusifying the Nonprofit Boardroom.

[Learn More](#)



## Congratulations to the ARCS Foundation Colorado Chapter

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