

Scam Scum

Westword has as an [extensive article](#) about the alleged fraud conducted by Travis Singhaus. Singhaus was arrested on January 9 and charged with theft, forgery, three counts of charitable fraud, and three counts of criminal impersonation. He had claimed to run a charity called Impact Network but it looks like he defrauded donors of at least \$350,000.



The Denver District Attorney's Office reminds everyone that before giving to any organization, it is wise to check the charity's state and federal standing per the below links.

[IRS Charities and Nonprofits](#) search site lists registered charities, and if they are approved for 501(c)(3) or other statuses.

[Colorado Secretary of State's Charities and Fundraisers](#) search site lists charities registered with Colorado, and their donation fund's usage breakdown.

Singhaus, however, allegedly used the EIN of another organization with the same name. [The Impact Network website](#) is still up; you can investigate yourself how professionally it was done. It is really difficult for donors to protect themselves from scam artists with extensive criminal energy.

Job Postings

Brent's Place - [Philanthropy Director](#)

Foothills Art Center - [Director of Development](#)

Freedom Service Dogs - [2022 Major Gifts Officer](#)

Havern School - [Director of Development](#)

Hope House - [Grant Development Officer](#)

YMCA of the Rockies - [Estes Park Center Philanthropy Director](#)

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Housing Costs Rise



Housing costs outpace wage gains in Colorado by far. While the [average wage gain in Colorado last year was 4.4%](#) housing costs exceed a 20% increase in 263 Colorado zip codes. The Headwater Economics research group has a [nifty map tool](#) to look up your county. This is particularly bad news for renters as the [unaffordability has gotten worse](#).

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

Melannie Grimme,

Director of Annual Giving, Food Bank of the Rockies

What does your organization do that you are excited about?

Food Bank of the Rockies works to ignite the power of community to nourish people facing hunger. Serving 30 counties in Colorado and the entire state of Wyoming, we work with more than 840 Hunger Relief Partners to distribute fresh, nutritious food to our neighbors experiencing hunger. I particularly love our Culturally Responsive Food Initiative which aims to overcome barriers of access experienced by Food Bank clients from different cultural backgrounds by providing culturally appropriate foods for our wonderfully varied communities.



How can we learn more?

Check out this [video](#) or [Food Bank of the Rockies](#) website.

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

KUDOS! Celebrating the accomplishments of our members.

Kudos to **Kristen Bohannon, CFRE** for recently earning her CFRE certification. Kristen is the Director of



Development for Sister Carmen
Community Center, the Family Resource Center for East Boulder
County in Colorado.

If you have some great news to share, like a promotion, a new job, or an award received, email us at AFPkudos@gmail.com. Please note this is specifically to celebrate our Members, so no need to send the results of your latest campaign or event

Upcoming AFP Events

February 10th

Coffee Chat: Inclusifying the Nonprofit Boardroom.

[Learn More](#)



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