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in Colorado Luncheon

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PROGRAM

Entertainment
The Mountain Vista High School Golden Silhouettes

Welcome
Tami Vinson, Event Chair
Lindy Eichenbaum Lent, Rose Community Foundation

Presentation of Awards
Mitch Jelniker, Food Bank of the Rockies
Linda Childears, Daniels Fund

Closing
Tami Vinson

2019 HONOREES

Outstanding Foundation
Schlessman Family Foundation

Outstanding Professional Grantmaker
Kristin Todd

Outstanding Large Business
Empower Retirement

Outstanding Small Business
Honey Stinger

Outstanding Service Organization
The Denver Chapter, The Links, Inc.

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser
Gary Yourtz

Outstanding Professional Fundraiser
Lisa Schlarbaum

Outstanding Volunteer
Kenzo Kawanabe

Outstanding Philanthropists
Lola and Rob Salazar

Outstanding Youth
Mia Garcia

Outstanding Youth Group
Vilas Livestock 4-H Club

Lifetime Achievement
Gail and Dave Liniger

PAST AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Foundation
Presented to a grantmaking foundation that has demonstrated outstanding commitment through strategic financial support and through encouragement and motivation of others to take leadership roles and make an impact in philanthropy and community involvement.

2018  Xcel Energy Foundation
2017  YouthRoots
2016  The Anschutz Foundation
2015  Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation
2014  Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
2013  Community First Foundation
2012  Latino Community Foundation of Colorado
2011  Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
2010  The Colorado Health Foundation
2009  Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado
2008  Daniels Fund
2007  The Bonfile-Stanton Foundation
2006  Energy Outreach Colorado
2005  Rose Community Foundation
2004  First Data Western Union Foundation
2003  Bohemian Foundation
2002  The Colorado Trust
2001  Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation
2000  The Denver Foundation
1999  Adolph Coors Foundation
1998  A. V. Hunter Trust, Inc.
1997  Anschutz Family Foundation
1996  Gates Family Foundation
1995  The Hunt Alternatives Fund
1994  Boettcher Foundation
1993  US West Foundation
1992  Helen K. & Arthur E. Johnson Foundation
1991  The Women’s Foundation of Colorado
1990  El Pomar Foundation Brownson Memorial Fund
1989  The Piton Foundation

Outstanding Professional Grantmaker
Presented to an individual grantmaking professional who works for a grantmaking organization and has made a significant impact through outstanding commitment, dedication, and talent toward promoting and supporting philanthropy over a sustained period of time in the community. This individual has demonstrated commitment to advancing philanthropy through mentoring others in the profession and holding various volunteer leadership positions in the community.

2018  Ted Harms
2017  Letty Bass
2015  Susan Steele
2014  Sheila Bugdanowitz
2013  Tim Schultz
2011  Terri Konrad
2010  Linda Childears
2006  Russell Schuckman

Outstanding Volunteer
Presented to an individual who has demonstrated significant, lasting, and impactful philanthropic accomplishments in Colorado for at least 10-20 years. Those accomplishments must cross multiple issue areas, such as arts and human services. The individual must embody the characteristics inherent in two or more of the award categories. This is the highest honor presented at National Philanthropy Day.

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2017  Daniel L. Ritchie
2016  Sue Anschutz-Rodgers
2015  Doris Kester
2014  Charles D. Latuda

2013  Sally Rippey
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2007  Steve Graham
1997  Ann Love
1994  Mitzi R. Barnes

Lifetime Achievement
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The Schlessman Family Foundation has been a driving force in Colorado philanthropy since its founding in 1956 by Gerald and Florence Schlessman. For more than six decades and through the generosity and commitment of multiple generations of family members, the Foundation has made a significant impact on Colorado’s communities. The Foundation has made grants of more than $54 million to approximately 800 charities, including those serving children, families, seniors, immigrants and refugees, and people with disabilities. The Schlessmans’ vision is to make Metro Denver a place where all residents are educated, healthy, and have the opportunity to be self-sufficient, productive members of their community.

The Schlessman Family Foundation has also invested for decades in the infrastructure of key Metro Denver community assets. To name just a few examples, the Foundation has served as a lead donor on all of the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver’s capital efforts, has funded multiple projects over sixty years at the Denver Zoo, and sponsored the iconic Schlessman Hall at the Downtown Denver Public Library, through which pass more than 900,000 people each year.

Gerald and Florence Schlessman’s children, the late Lee Schlessman and Susan Duncan, made a point to involve the younger members of the family in the Foundation. In service to the family’s legacy, four generations of family members have served on the Foundation’s board so far and are sure to carry the Schlessman tradition of generosity and community leadership long into the future.

Kristin Todd has been a dedicated leader for nearly 25 years in Colorado’s philanthropic sector. She began her professional involvement with the El Pomar Foundation in 1996, eventually managing the grantmaking program. In 2003, she joined the Daniels Fund, where she currently serves as Executive Vice President. She has directed both the grants and scholarship programs at the Daniels Fund, through which the organization has distributed more than $600 million to nonprofits and provided scholarships to more than 4,000 students in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Utah.

Kristin’s commitment to the people, organizations, and communities served by the Daniels Fund goes far beyond these numbers. At the sector level, she has served on the boards of the Colorado Association of Funders and the Colorado Nonprofit Association, where she was board chair. Kristin was appointed to both the Governor’s Commission on Community Service and the Colorado Charities Council and was selected in the inaugural class of the Colorado Governor’s Fellowship Program. She serves as a generous and thoughtful mentor to colleagues, peers, and young people, including Daniels Scholars.

Kristin is an engaged and innovative partner who works side-by-side with nonprofit leaders to develop effective solutions to community issues. She draws people together to support existing programs while recognizing when new approaches are needed. Her nominators, Katie Kramer from the Boettcher Foundation and Matt Carpenter from the El Pomar Foundation, share that she “embodies the highest standards of openness, humility, and professionalism that those who work in philanthropy strive to achieve.”
**Outstanding Service Organization**
Presented to a volunteer social club/community service group (typically with no paid staff) that has demonstrated outstanding commitment and impact through financial support and the encouragement and motivation of others to take leadership roles in philanthropy and community involvement. This category does not include nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations providing direct services.

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Many Colorado residents first learned about Empower Retirement when the Broncos Stadium acquired its new moniker: Empower Field at Mile High. But the Denver-based company is the second-largest retirement services provider in the United States. One of Empower’s strongest values is community involvement, and they give generously to Colorado nonprofits, as well as supporting their employees in a wide range of volunteer activities.

Empower gives approximately $500,000 annually to charitable causes. Recent examples include gifts of sports equipment through Good Sports and premiere sponsorship of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado. Beyond direct grants and sponsorships, the company gives even more – approximately $1 million each year – to match employee gifts and support volunteerism. They give each employee sixteen hours to volunteer, and the company organizes numerous activities, including a recent event called Impact Days with Spark the Change Colorado. In just three days, employees volunteered 600 hours with six different organizations.

The company recognizes the power of a workforce that draws from the strength of diversity, and thus has created five inclusion networks: the Women’s Empowerment Network, the Black Organization for Leadership Development, Empowering Abilities, Aspiring Latinos to Move Ahead, and Pride. Each network receives an annual budget from Empower to support the nonprofit of its choice.

This generous company sets the standard for Colorado philanthropy, and was recently recognized as one of The Civic 50 by CSR Solutions of Colorado and the Points of Light Foundation.

Founded and operated in Routt County in northwest Colorado, Honey Stinger exemplifies the essence of a community-involved business. The company, through its leaders and employees, contributes dollars, products, volunteer hours, and support to dozens of causes and events each year.

Honey Stinger provides their products to just about every local special event and employees donated 555 volunteer hours in 2018 alone. Each year, they sponsor their own charity bike and trail race – the Steamboat Stinger – to benefit Partners in Routt County, the local youth mentoring group that nominated them for this award.

The leaders of Honey Stinger and its sister companies, outdoor gear producers Big Agnes and BAP!, received the Quarter Century Champions award from Rocky Mountain Youth Corps in 2018. Their dedication to preserve northwest Colorado’s backcountry is demonstrated by sponsorship of a 75-mile portion of the Continental Divide Trail, and support for their employees to hike the entire 740 miles of the trail in Colorado.

Nominators recognize the three owners of Honey Stinger, Len Zanni, Rich Hager, and Bill Gamber for their leadership and seemingly endless generosity to community causes. Gretchen Van De Carr of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps said in her support for the nomination, “We are so fortunate to have such a community-minded and genuinely caring business in northwest Colorado!”
The Denver Chapter, The Links, Inc.
OUTSTANDING SERVICE ORGANIZATION

The Links, founded in 1946, is a national association of African American women dedicated to service. The Denver Chapter of the Links was launched in 1952 and has been a powerhouse in the Denver community ever since, granting more than $1 million to local causes, and contributing more than 5,000 volunteer hours annually. They have given more than $250,000 in college scholarships since their founding, including one to a young high school student, now Denver’s Mayor, Michael Hancock.

The Denver Links established the White Rose Foundation and its endowment at The Denver Foundation as their philanthropic arm. Notable contributions from the White Rose Foundation include a gift of $50,000 to help establish the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in Denver.

For the last 10 years, the Denver Links have worked closely with Hallett Academy, a Denver elementary school. The members of the Links provide tutoring, experiential learning opportunities, engagement in the arts, and an early literacy program at Hallett. The school, which is 98% students of color, has transitioned from being an extremely low-performing school to being one of 15 schools earning a ‘Distinguished’ rating from DPS.

Motivated to help those most in need, the Denver Links are among the most generous and steadfast benefactors of Volunteers of America, supporting women and families in its shelters. Over the last sixty years, the Denver Links have invested vast gifts of what they call the “4 T’s”- time, talent, treasure, and testimony, into improving lives in Denver communities.

Gary Yourtz
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER

When Gary Yourtz has a passion for a cause, he makes a commitment that extends beyond his own gifts of time and money. He steps into leadership and drives fundraising efforts that change organizations, lives, and communities.

Gary can thank his daughter for sparking his commitment to one of his favorite causes thirty years ago. She invited him to an event for an organization that was starting to work on reducing educational barriers for kids in Denver public housing. Gary ended up as a founder of The Bridge Project, now a long-term partnership between the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Social Work and Denver Housing Authority, that helps hundreds of children every year. Gary served as chair of the board and drew countless others to give to the organization. 

Gary also chaired the boards of the Jewish Community Center and Shalom Park, a care facility for seniors, and is on the board of Project Angel Heart. At Shalom Park he helped lead the $8 million Community Wellness Center campaign – and then raised an additional $700,000 at an event where he received an award for his fundraising!

At Project Angel Heart, in addition to inspiring others to give to the organization, he and his family have volunteered to help make and deliver meals. Many who work with Gary call out his sense of humor, his direct approach, and his passion, which contribute to his success as one of Colorado’s best volunteer fundraisers.
Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser
Presented to an individual who has made a significant impact through exceptional leadership skills in coordinating, recruiting, and motivating others to make financial contributions, demonstrated his/her own financial support, and shown a commitment to the advancement of philanthropy.

2017 Katie Lindquist 2010 Kristin Richardson 2003 Arlene Hirschfeld 1995 Katie Stapleton
1998 Greg Poschman

Outstanding Philanthropist
Presented to an individual who has a record of exceptional personal generosity that demonstrates outstanding civic or charitable responsibility and whose impactful leadership has encouraged others in philanthropic roles.

2018 Laura Barton 2007 Katherine Loo 1996 Sharon and Bob Magness
2016 Marcy and Bruce Benson 2005 Anabel C. and Jerome P. McHugh 1994 G. Wayne Ballah
2015 Judi and Joe Wagner 2004 Linda Shoemaker 1993 Margaret Foote
2013 Joan Brennan 2002 Merle Catherine Chambers (Outstanding Citizen)
2011 LaFawn Biddle 2000 Morley C. Ballantine 1992 Dr. Mabel Barth (Outstanding Citizen)
2010 Janet Mordecai 1999 Sam Gary 1991 Bill Daniels; Myra and Kenneth Monfort
2009 Tammy and Noel Cunningham 1998 Tim Gill 1990 Allan R. Phipps; Frank Massard

Outstanding Volunteer
Presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in volunteer service leading to significant outcomes and impact for the community. This individual must have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in recruiting, motivating, and coordinating groups of volunteers, devoted great time and effort to the advancement of volunteerism, or shown deep commitment of voluntary action to address community needs.

2018 Bob Bell 2011 Susan Lane 2004 Larry Walk, M.D. 1997 Millie Malcolm
2013 Valerie Escatel 2006 Sue Foerster 1999 Steve Fobes 1992 Eric Hughes
2012 Julie Gomez-Nuñes 2005 Jerry Middel 1998 Jackson F. Fuller

Outstanding Youth Group
Presented to a youth group (18 and under and not a program of a nonprofit organization providing direct services) that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the promotion of philanthropy and volunteerism through their work in the community. This commitment and impact is demonstrated specifically through activities over a period of time. The group acts as role model for others in the community and generates interest in volunteerism in other groups or individuals. The group will receive a $3,000 award for education expenses.

2017 B.I.O.N.I.C. Team at Pomona High School 2008 North High School Ethics Club 2001 Colburn Job Corps Center Students
2016 Vilas Citizenship and Leadership Council 2007 B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It Or Not I Care) 2000 Student Community Involvement Team (SCIT)
2013 Rock Canyon High School Student Council 2005 City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Community Outreach
2012 The Brighton Youth Commission 2004 Logan School for Creative Learning 1997 Safe City Youth Power Leadership Team
2011 The Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee 2003 Washington Elementary Project L.E.A.D.
1996 Glenwood Springs High School A-Team
2010 Lowry Elementary Eagle Ambassadors 2002 Service Learning
1995 Nadyne Leedom
1994 Ray Cushman
1993 Wynafred Plunk
1992 Eric Hughes

Outstanding Youth
Presented to an individual youth volunteer (18 and under) who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the promotion of philanthropy and volunteerism through his/her work in the community. This commitment and impact is demonstrated specifically through activities over a period of time. The individual acts as a role model for other youth in the community and generates interest in volunteerism in other groups. The winner will receive a $3,000 award for education expenses.

2017 Eric Bear 2011 Gage Crisp 2005 Joey Ruffini 1999 Samantha Pelican &
2016 Sarah Greichen 2010 Nicole Saucedo 2004 Nicholas Owens Michelle Romero
2015 Christina Bear 2009 Jenna County 2003 Alyssa Motz
2014 Allison Winn 2008 Isaac Solano 2002 Tim Brungardt
2013 Marko Babiak 2007 Danielle Graham 2001 Emily Masar
1997 Gage Crisp
1996 Laura Ann Sprowls
1995 Samantha Pelican &
1994 Ray Cushman
1993 Wynafred Plunk
1992 Eric Hughes
It began when she donated a crib. Lisa Schlarbaum was well into a successful career in corporate sales when she brought the crib to Hope House, a program that helps teen moms break the cycle of poverty. Hope House inspired Lisa, drawing her in first as a volunteer and then as a board member. In 2012, she took on the job of Director of Development.

Lisa has since led Hope House to double digit growth in revenue every year since her arrival, while also leading the organization in a successful capital campaign. The capital project, which will double the size of Hope House, was originally projected at $3 million, but when costs rose to more than $5 million, Lisa led the organization with enthusiasm to meet the new goal. During this time, she drew others into the organization, quadrupling the number of volunteers at Hope House and even inspiring the young moms living there to get involved in the capital campaign themselves, raising money through birthday fundraisers and social media. Lisa also volunteers as a fundraiser with her church, Broomfield United Methodist, recently helping them to accomplish a successful capital campaign.

Lisa was nominated by one of her peers, Karen Allen with Colorado Homeless Families. This speaks to the fact that Lisa spends a significant amount of time coaching other fundraisers and helping them succeed. She is a generous professional and leader, demonstrating excellence in her work while sharing what she knows to expand success for others.

Kenzo Kawanabe is a dedicated leader who gives generously of his time and talent to improve life in Colorado. Kenzo grew up in the San Luis Valley and attended University of Colorado as a Boettcher Scholar. He then earned his law degree from Georgetown and returned to Denver, where today he is a partner with the law firm Davis Graham & Stubbs – and chair of the Board of Trustees of the Boettcher Foundation.

Kenzo’s service to the Boettcher Foundation, both as board chair and as a champion for their alumni engagement program, exemplifies Kenzo’s commitment to giving back and paying it forward. He has served on several nonprofit and foundation boards, including the Sakura Foundation, Colorado Nonprofit Development Center, Community Resource Center, Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities, the Barton Institute for Philanthropy and Social Enterprise, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and the Center for Legal Inclusiveness.

Kenzo gives financially to many causes and seeks out opportunities for his family to volunteer so that he can pass on the ethos of service to his children. He has a deep commitment to helping young people in rural Colorado and often gives his time to help students from the San Luis Valley make their way to college. In addition, Kenzo serves as the Davis Graham & Stubbs pro-bono partner and models the importance of service for young lawyers. Through his strong, persistent dedication to the community, Kenzo demonstrates the power of volunteering for all Coloradans.
Rob and Lola Salazar are energetic entrepreneurs deeply dedicated to making their hometown more vibrant, welcoming, and equitable. Their stories began modestly, in low-income Denver neighborhoods, where they attended Denver Public Schools. After college, they built careers in the community, Lola as a teacher and Rob as an accountant. Rob eventually built a consultancy that specialized in the health care industry, and still works in the field as part of Central Street Investors.

The Salazars created the Salazar Family Foundation to focus their philanthropic efforts on education and on bolstering the strength of Denver’s Latino community. They have given more than $1 million to the Denver Public Schools Foundation and have contributed hundreds of volunteer hours as well, focusing on the schools in the neighborhoods where they grew up. They support The Denver Foundation’s work on Common Sense Discipline. Through the Denver Scholarship Foundation, they fund scholarships for graduates of Abraham Lincoln High School to attend any school on the Auraria campus.

Recently, Rob and Lola made a lead gift to support the new campus in Westwood for Mi Casa Resource Center, establishing the Salazar Center for Family Prosperity. Their gifts to the Denver Latino community, including organizations like Museo de las Americas and Escuela de Guadelupe, earned them recent induction into the Latino Leadership Institute’s Hall of Fame.

This remarkable couple inspires so many around them, including their adult children, to build lives of commitment and generosity.

Mia Garcia was first motivated to help others when she learned about the challenges of children in foster care. Often, they have a difficult time sleeping due to the stress of out-of-home placement. Mia came up with the idea of raising money to buy Dreamlites Pillowpets, stuffed toys that glow with a comforting light, to give to the children as they enter care. In the summer of 2012, when she was only 10 years old, she created a project called Run 4 Light, raising donations to sponsor her in 3K races for 3 consecutive weeks. She raised enough money to buy Pillowpets for ten children in Conejos County foster care.

But that was only the beginning for Mia. She decided there were many other ways to help foster kids and changed the name of her project to L.I.G.H.T. – Lasting Impact of Generosity to Help with Transition. Over the next six years, she raised money for school supplies, coats, toys, and toiletries for children in foster care. When she learned that kids often only have a trash bag to carry their belongings in when they leave home, she raised money for duffel bags, and then raised more to fill them with hygiene kits and comfort items to help with transition to their new homes.

In addition to her work with L.I.G.H.T., Mia is active with her church and has volunteered with numerous local charities. At 17, Mia has already helped and inspired hundreds of her neighbors in the San Luis Valley.
Since its founding in 1949, the Vilas Livestock 4-H Club has served as a place for young leaders to grow and thrive in Baca County. The 35 members of today’s club range from 5 to 18 years of age and represent a wide range of backgrounds, all carrying out the 4-H motto of “Learning by Doing.”

Over the decades, members of the Vilas Club have been recognized at the local, state, and national levels. The club gives its members business training, leadership, and citizenship skills, all honed through a wide range of volunteer activities. This year, they worked to help local leaders host several large Memorial Day events throughout the huge geographic area that is Baca County. Club members set up chairs, planted flags, and even sang for the veterans and their families.

The Vilas Club has a philosophy that any child who wants to be part of the group can attend and participate in all activities, with the Club covering any financial need. The Club holds a fundraiser selling donuts each year and this year they sold 567 dozen to support leadership activities and educational programs for the youngest members.

Another fundraiser they recently implemented is “Bales for Books” through which members load and deliver alfalfa. They earn $1 per bale and last year earned $2,000 which went to college scholarships for graduating senior members.

As these young people dedicate themselves to service, they are part of a decades-long tradition of leadership in their community.

Dave and Gail Liniger have made a life’s work of endeavoring to improve the lives of Colorado residents and people around the world. From their founding of RE/MAX Realty in 1973, the couple has invested generously in the communities where they live and work. At the national level, RE/MAX has been the real estate sponsor of the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals since 1992 and is also a long-time sponsor for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Here in Colorado, the Linigers have supported hundreds of Colorado nonprofits over several decades. One vehicle for this has been the Sanctuary Golf Course, which hosts 25 charity golf tournaments each year. Since Sanctuary opened in 1994, these events have raised more than $100 million for charity.

In recognition of their personal experiences with Craig Hospital, the Linigers have become long-time supporters, providing $14 million for the hospital’s recent expansion. They established the Wildlife Experience, a 100,000 square foot museum dedicated to wildlife and its conservation and in 2014, they donated the property to the University of Colorado in what was the largest gift of real estate received in its 138-year history.

Dave and Gail Liniger augment these significant gifts, and so many others, with personal involvement in the causes they care about. Donald Elliman, Chancellor of the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, describes them as “shining examples of excellence” whose “tireless work for great causes will be felt by generations of Coloradans to come.”
2019 Award & Selection Judges

Mark Andersen  
Yampa Valley Community Foundation

Laurie Anderson  
Kundinger, Corder & Engle, P.C.

Anthony Aragon  
North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative, Mayor’s Office

Heather Berry  
Community Volunteer

Kristen Blessman  
Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce

Andy Boian  
Dovetail Solutions

Krista Boscoe  
Denver Jewish Day School

Deb Brackney  
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