



2014 Award Nomination Form

**See nomination instructions
for information on completing and submitting nominations**

NOMINEE (All fields are required):

Name: Jan Weimer Title (if applicable): Vice President of Development

Organization (if applicable): YMCA of Metropolitan Denver

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CATEGORY OF NOMINATION (Please check **ONLY ONE**):

- Lifetime Achievement [NEW](#)
- Outstanding Business – Large (*Number of Colorado employees* _____)
- Outstanding Business – Small (*Number of Colorado employees* _____)
- Outstanding Foundation
- Outstanding Philanthropist
- Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy – Fundraising***
- Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy – Grantmaking
- Outstanding Service Organization
- Outstanding Volunteer(s)
- Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser
- Outstanding Youth (18 and under)
- Outstanding Youth Group (18 and under)

SUBMITTED BY:

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Relationship to Nominee:

Peer

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E-mail announcement

If your nominee is not selected, would you like them to be notified that they were nominated?

Yes NO

**REFER TO THE NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS
FOR COMPLETE DIRECTIONS!**

Please remember:

- Each nomination **must** include:
 1. Nomination form
 2. Nomination narrative
 3. Two letters of support
- All nominations must be complete when submitted.
- Complete nominations must be submitted via email to deann@afpcc.org or via postal mail c/o AFP/CC, PO Box 21317, Denver, CO 80221.

The nomination deadline is Monday, July 21, 2014 at 5:00 PM. No exceptions!

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National Philanthropy Day Nomination Narrative

Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy - Fundraiser

Nomination for Jan Weimer, Vice President of Development, YMCA of Metropolitan Denver. Nominated by Mike Jackson, Community First Foundation

1. What are the nominee's specific achievements?

Since beginning her career with the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver nearly 40 years ago, **Jan Weimer** has catapulted from an assistant physical director to an instrumental fundraiser and inspiring leader. Among her many achievements, the following illustrates Jan's impact in Denver area communities.

Fifteen years ago the Arvada community was in dire need of full-day childcare and other programs to support the rapidly growing suburb. Community leaders and citizens determined that building a Y was an ideal solution to support the Arvada's robust and projected growth. Jan Weimer was vital in raising \$7.95 million capital campaign to build the facility — the organization's newest, largest and "flagship" branch. Jan also served on the project's design and construction team, coordinating the complex needs among builders, the community and Y headquarters. Much of her success hinged on her talent in engaging the community and building relationships with the West Chamber, Kiwanis Club and City of Arvada to make the project happen.

Named the **Susan M. Duncan Family YMCA**, today the Arvada Y is a vibrant community center serving more than 6,500 people in the areas of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Citizens recently voted the site "Best of Arvada" in numerous categories, such as best local nonprofit, best pool, best nursery/day care, and best fitness center—a testament to the success and popularity of the Y and its local impact. Jan's dedication and perseverance were vital to bringing this resource to the community.

Jan Weimer was also integral in launching and sustaining **Janet's Camp**, a highly successful and important annual fundraising event. Janet's Camp attracts community leaders, professional athletes and others to provide financial assistance for low income families to attend a YMCA summer camp.

Together with the support of Janet Elway (former wife of Broncos quarterback John Elway), Janet's Camp has helped more than 3,000 children attend summer camp in the last eight years. These camps give children a safe, secure place, while engaging them in a variety of activities that nurture their spirits, challenge their minds, and strengthen their bodies.

The families who received Janet's Camp scholarships provide testimony to illustrate the value of the incredible opportunity to attend camp:

"The YMCA has provided my children a safe and loving environment to spend their summer vacation. I cannot tell you how much this sponsorship has changed not only my life but my children's. I am grateful to have this kind of support from our community." The Brown family

“My son received a partial scholarship and we couldn’t be happier with his progress. He is suspected to be borderline autistic and the staff at the camp has handled his situation well. The scholarship helped us through some tough financial times.” The Smith family

Jan has overseen this event for the last nine years and has been committed to keeping this unique fundraiser so successful. To date, Janet’s Camp has raised over \$1.1 million.

2. What impact has the nominee had on volunteerism and/or financial contributions and/or the community?

Thanks to the leadership of Jan Weimer, The Denver Metropolitan YMCAs have raised more than \$8 million through their annual campaigns since 2007. These campaigns raise money to offer scholarships and subsidize programs to ensure that our local YMCAs are affordable for all.

Jan spearheads the annual campaigns, coordinating numerous branches and even contributing to statewide efforts. Jan’s ability to educate and inspire staff and volunteers in order to create an army of fundraiser sets her apart as a fundraiser.

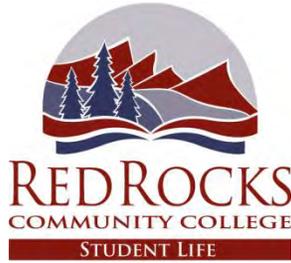
Jan is also leading a \$6 million capital campaign for the expansion of the Schlessman Family YMCA and a new Y in Aurora. The Schlessman facility is a complete remodel designed to foster more family interaction and improve access for seniors. By working with local communities, Jan and other YMCA leaders are able to listen to and understand local needs and design solutions.

In this way, YMCAs become vibrant community centers, providing individuals from all walks of life with a common area in which members can interact with one another while participating in programs and activities that promote healthy spirit, mind and body. As one member explains:

“When we became part of the Denver Y we belonged. The people who are part of our children's lives--people of all ages--including surrogate grandparents-- are always here for them. They've learned to be good sportsmen, good people. So while we are in the gym, our children are not part of a larger family. Just having a 'community' within the community is probably the best thing about being here.”

3. What leadership qualities does the nominee possess that promote philanthropy and/or volunteerism?

Jan Weimer has been with the Y for nearly 40 years--and that says something about her dedication and character. Not only does she help Y members, program participants and volunteers, but she is also dedicated to helping the staff she supervises to learn, grow and thrive. Jan is continually seeking ways to help her staff and their careers. Whether through training opportunities or new job growth, she pushes them outside of their comfort level to be successful. Some of the staff she has mentored have become leaders themselves, serving vital roles as executive directors at the Y. Jan’s personable, passionate, and caring style helps her engage others and garner support for projects that benefit the community. She is always looking ahead to the future and doing all she can to make it better.



July 18, 2014

National Philanthropy Day
Association of Fundraising Professionals

Dear Committee Members,

I cannot imagine a more deserving individual for recognition in the field of fund-raising than Jan Weimer. Her lengthy, successful record of development for the YMCA is a reflection of her dedication, perseverance and strong belief in the organization. Under Jan's leadership, annual and capital campaigns have consistently met or exceeded goals for over thirty years.

Jan is one of the hardest working individuals I have ever known. She is not intimidated by obstacles; rather she views them as challenges and finds creative ways to accomplish the goals of the organization. Her ability to identify, recruit and effectively work with key community members has been a hallmark of her years of service. She thinks big, creates a shared vision and effectively gathers and uses resources for the betterment of the community.

Through donor-supported YMCA programs, literally thousands of children and families have benefitted from Jan's efforts over the years. Her strong, sincere belief in the value of YMCA programs surely has influenced the donors with whom she works and has resulted in decades of successful fund-raising for the YMCA.

Please give full consideration to Jan Weimer for the distinction of Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy-Fundraiser.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn S. Mattern". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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July 21, 2014

National Philanthropy Day
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Dear Nominating Committee:

It is with great pleasure and admiration that I write a letter of support for Jan Weimer--Vice President of Development for the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver, to be recognized as the National Philanthropy Day's Outstanding Professional Fundraiser.

Jan has been working in the Denver community for the YMCA for over 30 years! She started her career at the Y in 1978 as an Assistant Physical Director and was an Executive Director at many of the Y branches over the year. She currently serves as the Vice President for Development for the Y ---responsible for revenue for the entire metropolitan area.

I have had the privilege of working with her over the last 9 years on the annual Janet's Camp event to raise money for children in our community to attend Summer Day Camps at the YMCA. Jan has been a dedicated leader in the fundraising efforts and sustainability of this event. Her professionalism, commitment and knowledge of the donors has made Janet's Camp an on-going annual success--even during some of these last 9 years when fundraising was really tough, Jan was always on top of her game, never missing the opportunity to bring in new donors to the Y. Her confidence as a fund raiser is admirable and her stewardship of donors is faultless. Every single one of the Janet's Camp donors and volunteers gets a hand-written note from Jan. I know she takes the time to do this for everyone who gives to the Y. She is a genuine steward of her donors.

Working side by side with Jan to raise money, I know how polished and experienced she is. She is a strategic and compassionate fundraiser. She has developed very close working relationships with Y donors throughout the state and led one of the Y's largest and successful capital campaigns for the Susan M Duncan Family YMCA. She is currently in a leadership role in a current capital campaign that is being met with much success. She has so much experience raising money in this community, that her depth of knowledge for giving in the Denver community is enviable. That only comes from many years of consistent, talented development work.

Jan's passion for an organization that does such good work in the community is admirable. Her dedication as a non-profit fundraiser and many, many years of successes have made her an outstanding fundraising professional in our community! She is so deserving of the National Philanthropy Day's Outstanding Professional In Philanthropy-Fundraiser Award.

Sincerely,

Nancy Thompson
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Owner and Event Producer