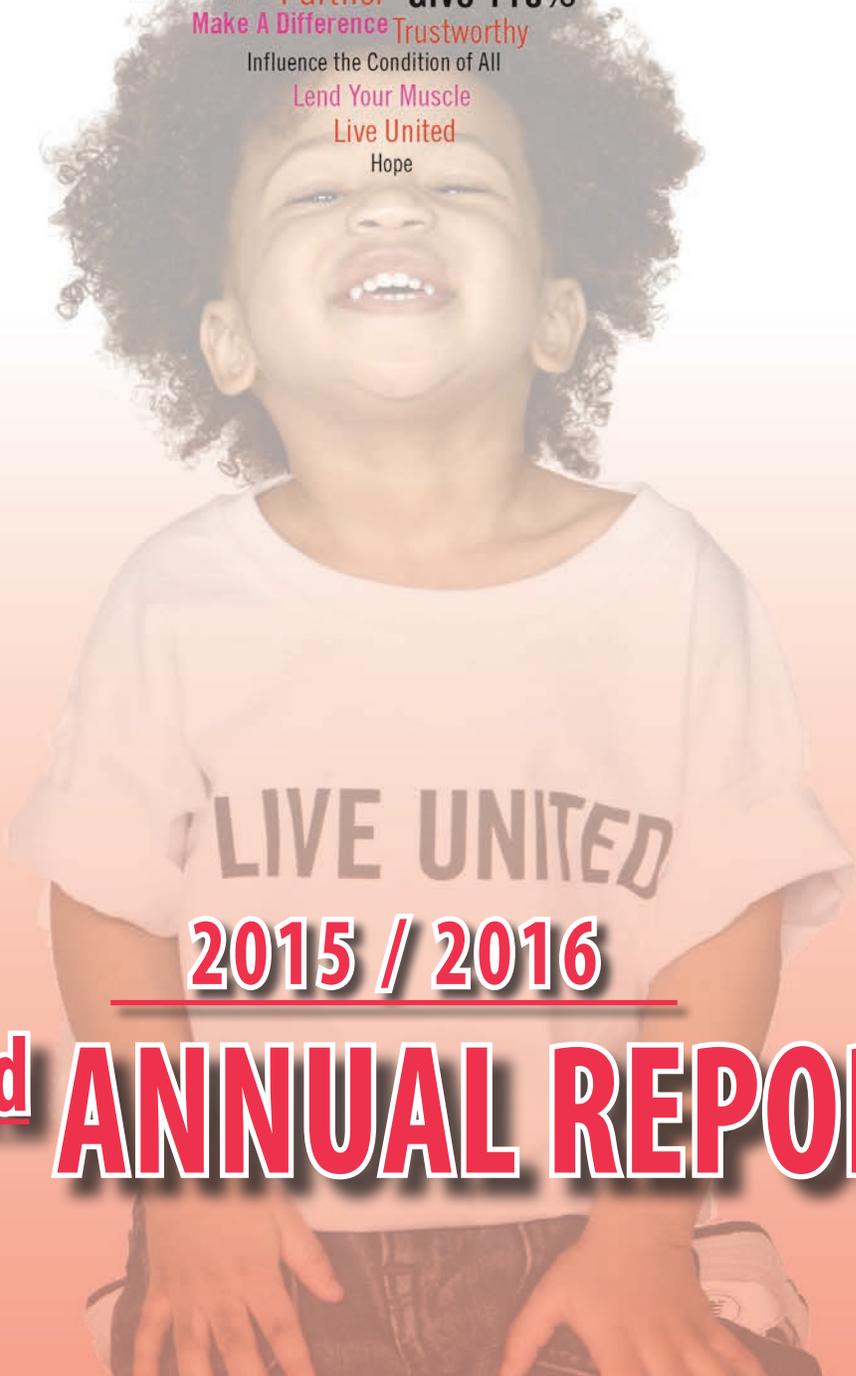




Pueblo County
United Way
September 2016

Live United
Pueblo Pride Community
Donor Give Community Champions
Think of We Before Me Loyal Hero Compassion Love United
Find Your Voice Compassion Make A Difference Results Dedication
Help Give 110% Stewardship
Dedication LOVE Local
Lend Your Muscle Open Your Heart
Community Partner Results Think of We Before Me
Generosity Stewardship Impact Community Leaders
Local Loyal Generosity
Love United Loyal
Resources Caring Give
Hero Partner Give 110%
Find Your Voice Make A Difference Trustworthy
Influence the Condition of All
Lend Your Muscle
Live United
Hope



2015 / 2016

93rd ANNUAL REPORT

Board of Trustees

MATT SMITH, CHAIR

Snap Fitness 24/7
Year Elected: 2011
First Term Expires: 4/2014
Second Term Expires: 4/2017

PAULA CHOSTNER

Pueblo City Schools
Year Elected: 2014
First Term Expires: 4/2017
Second Term Expires: 4/2020

BONNIE DICKERSON, TREASURER

Vestas Towers
Year Elected: 2011
First Term Expires: 4/2014
Second Term Expires: 4/2017

DAVE GALLI

Colorado East Bank & Trust
Year Elected: 2010
First Term Expires: 4/2013
Second Term Expires: 4/2016

DOMINIC GALLINA

Bank of the San Juans
Year Elected: 2012
First Term Expires: 4/2015
Second Term Expires: 4/2018

DOUG HAYES, CHAIR-ELECT

UTC Aerospace Systems
Year Elected: 2011
First Term Expires: 4/2014
Second Term Expires: 4/2017

RICK HOLMES

Bechtel
Year Elected: 2015
First Term Expires: 4/2018
Second Term Expires: 4/2021

BRET JONES

Black Hills Energy
Year Elected: 2014
First Term Expires: 4/2017
Second Term Expires: 4/2020

JOHN KEILBACH

Altman, Keilbach, Lytle, Parlapiano & Ware, PC
Year Elected: 2011
First Term Expires: 4/2014
Second Term Expires: 4/2017

SCOTT LEE

Trane Company
Year Elected: 2015
First Term Expires: 4/2018
Second Term Expires: 4/2021

TED ORTIVIZ

Pueblo Housing Authority
Year Elected: 2013
First Term Expires: 4/2016
Second Term Expires: 4/2019

MICHELLE PEULEN, SECRETARY

Colorado Department of Transportation
Year Elected: 2013
First Term Expires: 4/2016
Second Term Expires: 4/2019

RENEE RICHARDSON

US Bank
Year Elected: 2012
First Term Expires: 4/2015
Second Term Expires: 4/2018

RUBEN ROMAN

Xcel Energy
Year Elected: 2013
First Term Expires: 4/2016
Second Term Expires: 4/2019

RICK SCHOLTES

Target Distribution Center
Year Elected: 2012
First Term Expires: 4/2015
Second Term Expires: 4/2018

KAREN TRUJILLO

RE/MAX Pueblo West
Year Elected: 2015
First Term Expires: 4/2018
Second Term Expires: 4/2021

Welcome to the Board!

In May 2016, United Way of Pueblo County was honored to bring on the following new board members, whose first term began in May 2016 and will end April 2018:

- SAUL ALVIDREZ, GCC Rio Grande
- STEVE BARON, Kaiser Permanente
- KIM FOWLER, The Pueblo Chieftain
- JOHN TOUPAL, UPS
- JEFF TUCKER, Parkview Medical Center

2015 Board Chair – Matt Smith

What an amazing year for United Way of Pueblo County! I want to take a moment to thank the strong community of Pueblo, Colorado for your support and dedication to United Way. Once again, Pueblo has hit a new record and impacted more lives than ever before. It was all possible because of your generosity, and what an honor it was to be a part of this.

We have had a ton of special highlights to be proud of. We have had an increase in our campaign, despite a very tough year and surpassed the one million dollar mark for the **SIXTH** year in a row. In fact, we have increased our campaign for **THIRTEEN** straight years, which has never been done before in our long history, even in light of the economy. It is not a coincidence that since our passionate and fearless leader Andrea Aragon took over we have been able to continue to grow every year. Thanks Andrea for always inspiring us with your

passion for our community!

Our mentoring program is in full swing and we boast a **FANTASTIC** group of nearly 100 mentors working with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Grades, test scores, and behavior have improved, as well as general "attitude" and school engagement! We are now at Heaton, Pueblo Academy of Arts, Liberty Point International School in Pueblo West, Roncalli STEM Academy, and this year we added Heroes Academy. We are making a difference in Pueblo County! I know this program has changed my life from the relationship I have been able to build with my friend Joseph. In the 3 short years that we have been together, his grades, attendance, and participation have all increased and he is having fun at school. I know this program is for the mentees but I can honestly say he has impacted my life more than I could have ever impacted his. We will be friends for life because of the United Way Middle School Mentor Program.

Our Volunteer Income

Tax Assistance program is an IRS program that trains volunteers to provide FREE income tax assistance. In addition to saving taxpayers the cost of the filing their taxes, VITA works to ensure that folks are receiving beneficial tax credits like the earned income and child-care tax credit. This year, our volunteers filed over 1,200 taxes and leveraged **\$1.6 million back into our community!**

FINALLY – thanks to your help and generosity – YOUR donations provided well over 167,000 units of service in 2015, funding over 25 outstanding Pueblo nonprofit organizations, and over 50 different programs within those nonprofits. In fact, in any given year, over 6,000 people participate in the United Way campaign, with over 200 workplace campaigns, over 500 community volunteers, resulting in a total impact of over \$2,216,502 into the community. This is correct I said, **"OVER \$2,000,000!"**

With the ending of such a special year, please let me thank my fellow members of the Board of



Trustees and the volunteers of United Way for all their hard work and efforts. I also have to thank my amazing wife Jenny and our beautiful children Parker and Paisley for their love and support. And last I can't say enough about our CEO Andrea Aragon, and for her dedicated and hardworking staff, thank you for making my year as Board Chair so successful and fun!

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Pueblo County United Way, such a special organization. With YOUR help, thousands are being served and lives are brighter and better because of YOU. Please accept our heartfelt thank you. Thank you for **LIVING** and **LOVING UNITED!**

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

Living and Loving United!



United Way Announces 2015 Campaign Total Results of **\$1,055,123**

Honors Donors and Volunteers at the 93rd Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation

United Way of Pueblo County celebrated the love of the Pueblo community at the 93rd Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation on Wednesday, May 18. **Andrew Lang**, Chief Operating Officer of TR Toppers and 2015 Campaign Chair jubilantly announced to an excited crowd of nearly 300 compassionate community members that the organization raised a total of \$1,055,123 during the campaign, meeting and surpassing their goal set in September 2015 of \$1,055,000. The 2015 campaign marks the 13th straight year the annual fundraising campaign has increased, a record streak for the organization and is the highest total raised to date!

The campaign represents a significant portion of the fundraising efforts for United Way. **In total, the organization has raised over \$2,032,000 in continuum of care support during the 2015 campaign, which includes volunteer in-kind hours, in-kind gifts, leveraged funds, special grant and program dollars.** United Way's Annual Meeting is held each year to reveal the results from the year's campaign efforts, pay tribute to the many volunteers and donors who generously give of their time and money to benefit the community and elect new Board of Trustees members and officers (please see page 1 for a list of board members and officers). Awards were given to companies who had significant gains in their campaigns and outstanding volunteers were honored (Please see pages 5 and 12 for a list of those receiving special recognition for their efforts.) The event was sponsored by **Xcel Energy**.

United Way also gave a special

thank you to **PCAPP Partners (Bechtel, GP, AECOM and Battelle), Southern Colorado Community Foundation, the David & Lucile Packard Foundation, El Pomar Foundation, Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation, Ent Credit Union, and Little Caesars Pizza** for providing matching grants that benefited the 2015 campaign. Several organizations were recognized for their campaign gains, efforts, 100% participation, and special events held throughout the year. **Loaf 'N Jug** was recognized for their in-kind donation of two \$500 gas cards given to individuals who attend a United Way campaign presentation during the fundraising year. A special recognition also acknowledged media partners The Pueblo Chieftain, iHeart Radio, Nick Donovan, Comcast Spotlight and Hippo Productions.

United Way Chairman of the Board **Matt Smith** concluded the event by thanking the many selfless donors and volunteers who showed their love for our community by giving to United Way this year. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the chairman, and officially passed the gavel to incoming chair **Doug Hayes** of UTC Aerospace Systems. Contributions to United Way of Pueblo County are used to help those in need right here in the Pueblo community. Each year, more than 200 businesses, organization and foundations support United Way and the Pueblo community, along with over 6,000 individual donors and over 500 committed volunteers. Contributions to United Way touch many critical issues right here in our community. In 2015, over 167,000 people in Pueblo County benefited from United Way funded programs.



2015 Campaign Chair - Andrew Lang

There are leaders that talk the talk, and leaders who walk the walk. Without a doubt, the 2015 United Way Campaign Chairman, Andrew Lang is one that walks the walk. While he is very busy as the Chief Operating Officer of TR Toppers for the past six years, he's shown through his actions that he is dedicated to improving the Pueblo community. United Way of Pueblo County was very fortunate to be the latest beneficiary of his time, talents and treasure. In the summer of 2015, Andrew agreed to take on the challenging role of serving as the leader the 2015 Community Campaign. Although he knew it would take a lot of hard work, Andrew is not one to shy away from working hard to better Pueblo or to lend a helping hand. He's lent that helping hand to United Way in many ways, serving as a generous donor, campaign coordinator at TR Toppers, and stepped up in a big way with his time to serve as a United Way Middle School Mentor at Heaton Middle School two years ago.

In addition to a deep involvement with United Way,

Andrew is very involved in the economic efforts of our community through PEDCO. He has been a member of the board for many years and was the chairman in 2012. He continues to serve on the PEDCO Foundation board as well. He is a member of the Hasan School of Business Advisory Board, is on the Pueblo Airport Advisory Committee. Andrew has invested hundreds of hours with Pueblo City Schools, serving on the Career and Technical Education Task Force and as a facilitator of a community-wide comprehensive strategic plan for the district.

"Andrew has had my admiration for years because when he sees an issue of great importance, he immerses himself in it," shared Andrea Aragon, United Way President/CEO. "Andrew takes action. While so many people talk about improvements that need to be made in our community, Andrew, despite being extremely busy running a business, rolls up his sleeves and gets involved to try to make it better. We are so thankful for his dedication to United Way and the Pueblo community."

Andrew had this to say about his involvement in the campaign. "It was a real privilege to work with everyone involved with the 2015 UW Campaign. Andrea, her great staff, the campaign committee and volunteers are ALL IN when it comes to doing the work needed to help those who need a hand up in our community." He went on to say, "In a time when politics and personal agendas can get in the way, it has been great working with an organization whose sole focus is on helping folks in the community that are having a tough time and need some assistance."

Andrew received his degree in Economics and Management from Albion College in 1985. He has completed graduate MBA coursework at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Wayne State University. He is a native of Michigan, and is married to his wife Martina. They have two beautiful daughters, Kristina and Haley.

If you happen to run into Andrew, PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE to him for taking on this challenge and serving Pueblo in such an important way.



"I have really enjoyed being able to work with one of the truly great non-profit organizations in our community. The Pueblo County UW really knows what they are doing. Whether it's getting food to hungry kids, assisting women and kids who have been abused, getting mentors to struggling students, or so many other things, they make their limited funds go a long way!"

With Special Gratitude, Appreciation and Love to the 2015 United Way Campaign Cabinet:

- Dave Aldag, Rocky Mountain Eye Center
- Christopher Burke, Black Hills Energy
- Dan Centa, Pueblo West Metro District
- Jeff Chostner, Pueblo County District Attorney
- John Cordova
- Dave Feamster, Chair, Little Caesars Pizza
- Ron Francis, pewag Traction Chain
- Dennis Maes

- Derrick Martinez, Express Employment Professionals
- Kevin McCarthy, US Bank
- Jack Quinn
- Jane Rawlings, The Pueblo Chieftain
- Michael Salardino, Security Service Investments
- Matt Smith, Snap Fitness 24/7
- Ray Swerdfeger, KR Swerdfeger Construction

President and CEO - *Andrea Aragon*

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.” - Lao Tzu -

On behalf of thousands of individuals who will ultimately benefit from your generosity, thank you for showing your love to our community through your support of United Way of Pueblo County.

Each year, your United Way makes a huge impact in our community. How do we do it? We do it thanks to selfless individuals like **you** who show your love for our community by providing care, compassion and generosity to your fellow man. In this spirit, it is fitting that this year's campaign theme was Love United, which is a play off of our long time Live United slogan. We all have our own definition of what love is, but a simple definition is that love means caring for others. Common ways to express love include giving of your time, talents and treasure, which is exactly what happens when you give to and support United Way.

We've seen a lot of love this year, thanks to you.

What a joy it was to meet our campaign goal, hitting our highest total to date. While the road is always filled with challenges, our donors, volunteers, campaign chair and campaign cabinet made all the difference. Working with **Andrew Lang**, our 2015 Campaign Chair, is always a treat. He is a hard worker, is caring and compassionate for others, but also likes to have fun too. Hitting our goal would not have been possible without his leadership. We simply cannot thank him enough for all he has done for us, from leading the entire campaign, to serving as the campaign coordinator at his business, to being a United Way Middle School Mentor.

In addition to Andrew's leadership on the campaign, we were truly blessed by the EPIC leadership of the amazing **Matt Smith**, who served as our board chairman. Matt's boundless energy, enthusiasm and "we can do anything" attitude has served us extremely well over

the years. He has been a huge part of our success, founding the Liberty Point 5K over 9 years ago, which is one of our biggest fundraisers. In addition, he is a tireless advocate and ambassador for United Way, who always promotes us when he gets the chance, is never shy about asking for money on our behalf, serves as a United Way Middle School Mentor and who jumps in whole heartedly whenever and wherever is needed. What more can I say about Matt? We are truly blessed to have his support. I'd also like to express my appreciation to the United Way Board of Trustees, who are the most caring people in Pueblo. Their leadership, guidance and belief in this organization truly mean the world to us.

My sincere gratitude also goes out to the United Way staff for the love they pour into their work. Serving those in need, raising money, being committed to outstanding



donor stewardship and striving for excellence is not without many challenges. It is often exhausting and thankless. Yet, they still raise the bar each and every year. This happened again this year despite the added challenge of moving offices, changing our address, email addresses and phone numbers. They are appreciated!

At the end of the day, it is about YOU, our valued United Way supporter. Without the sharing of your time, talents and treasure, United Way would not exist. So many more people would be in need. From my heart to yours, now and all year long, I thank you for living and loving **UNITED.**

“Giving through The United Way is the best way to give back to the community of Pueblo, while ensuring that your contributions are being used to assist those who are truly in need.”
- Dave Galli, Colorado East Bank & Trust, exiting United Way Board Member -

Campaign Awards

Corporate Awards Criteria

Excellence – minimum \$90 per capita
 Gold – minimum \$65 per capita
 Silver – minimum \$50 per
 Bronze – minimum \$40 per capita
 Special Achievement – 20% increase or more

Employee and Labor Campaign Award Criteria

Excellence – minimum \$100 per capita & 90% participation
 Gold – minimum \$75 per capita & 75% participation
 Silver – minimum \$65 per capita & 65% participation
 Bronze – minimum \$50 per capita & 50% participation
 Special Achievement – 20% increase or more

Award of Excellence

Employee

Atmos Energy
 Board of Water Works
 East Side Child Care Center
 Ent Credit Union
 Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
 Housing Authority of Pueblo
 Pueblo Child Advocacy Center
 Rampart Supply
 Salvation Army Pueblo Corp
 Security Service Federal Credit Union
 Sunflower Bank
 United Way of Pueblo County
 Xcel Energy Pueblo
 YWCA

Labor

AFSCME Local #155
 AFSCME Local #1045
 IBEW Local #111

Corporate

Ent Credit Union
 Kaiser Permanente
 Rampart Supply
 Xcel Energy Pueblo

Gold Awards

Employee

iQOR
 TR Toppers
 US Bank

Corporate

PCAPP Partners
 Sunflower Bank
 TR Toppers
 US Bank

Silver Awards

Employee

Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County
 Boy Scouts RMC
 Express Employment Professionals
 HUB International Insurance Services
 Legacy Bank

Corporate

GCC Rio Grande
 Trane Company

Bronze Awards

Employee

AT&T Wireless
 Black Hills Energy
 PCAPP Partners
 Parkview Medical Center
 Premier Mortgage Services
 Pueblo City/County Health Department
 Pueblo West Metropolitan District
 Southside Children's Center
 Target Distribution Center
 The Pueblo Chieftain
 United Parcel Service

Labor

CWA Local #7702
 IBEW #667
 IBT Local #17

Corporate

Black Hills Energy

Special Achievement Awards

Employee

Atmos Energy
 Big R Pueblo
 Blazer Electric
 Colorado East Bank
 Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
 Doss Aviation
 KR Swerdfeger Construction
 Kaiser Permanente
 pewag Traction Chain
 Pueblo Child Advocacy Center
 Pueblo West Metropolitan District
 Rampart Supply
 Target Stores
 US Bank
 UTC Aerospace Systems
 Xcel Retirees
 YWCA

Labor

IBEW Local #111

Corporate

AECOM
 Battelle
 Bechtel
 Benefit Brokers
 Blazer Electric
 Community First Foundation
 GCC Rio Grande
 Kaiser Permanente
 Park East Restaurant
 Pueblo Electrics
 Rampart Supply
 Shisler Inc.
 Travelers
 UTC Aerospace Systems
 VITAC
 Vestas
 Wells Fargo Foundation



WOW!

100% Employee Participation Campaigns

- Boy Scouts, Rocky Mountain Council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo Cnty
- East Side Child Care Center
- Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
- Pueblo Child Advocacy Center
- Pueblo Cooperative Care Center

- Rampart Supply
- Salvation Army Pueblo Corps
- Southside Children's Center
- Sunflower Bank
- United Way of Pueblo County
- YWCA

Campaign Companies & Coordinators

Acorn Construction
Melinda Tortessi

AECOM
Stephanie Coppock

American Medical Response
Mike Lening

Scott Lenn
Leslie Reindollar

American Red Cross
Thomas Gonzalez

AT&T Wireless
Cheryl Babcock

Atlas Pacific
Erika Medina

Atmos Energy
William McDowell

Bassett Construction
Rose Hayes

Bechtel, Inc.
Rick Holmes

Sandy Romero

Big R
David Gohn

Black Hills Energy
Chris Burke

Bret Jones

Blazer Electric
Mike Blazer

Board of Water Works
Daniel Golob

Jason Marquez

Nadine Styduhar-Wertz

Risa Williams

Boy Scouts, RMC
Philip Eborn

Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County
Melanie Bravo

Patty Chambers

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo
Christopher Duff

Joe Mahoney

Century Link
Patty Guerrero

Stephanie Morales

Greg Rodrigues

City of Pueblo
Jeri Armstrong

Tracey Sample

Colorado East Bank
Mark Dunsmoor

Colorado State University-Pueblo
Trisha Macias

Colorado State University-Pueblo Foundation
Todd Kelly

Comcast
Tim Aesbicher

Cooperative Care Center
Edie DeLaTorre

Dillard's
Bruce Clark

Ann Niccoli

Doss Aviation
Linda Fuentes

East Side Child Care Center
Maria Subia

Ent Credit Union
Jag Garrett

EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel
Paula Dunn

Jeanette Wilson

Express Employment Professionals
Derrick Martinez

Renee Rodriguez

Express Scripts
Sunshine Martinez

First Oak Bank
John Thompson

GCC Rio Grande
Suzanne Ortega

Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
Rod Slyhoff

HUB International Insurance Services
Reid Weber

iQOR
Bob Baertlein

JC Penney #644
Jimmy Koch

K.R. Swerdfeger
Ray Swerdfeger

Kaiser Permanente
C.J. Moore

Sally Owens

Krage Manufacturing
Sam Krage

Candy Takeda

Legacy Bank
Vicki Smith

Park East Restaurant
Terra Riggio

Parkview Medical Center
Sam Dosen

Jennifer Gallagher

Steve Medina

Michelle Peulen

PepsiCo
Shari Albright

pewag Traction Chain
Ron Francis

Hillary Komma

Power Credit Union
Jennifer Mravich

Vanessa Trexel

Premier Mortgage
Judy Fonda

Pueblo Bank & Trust
Rebecca Todero

Goodman

Pueblo Child Advocacy Center
Dena Rodriguez

Pueblo City Schools
Corrine Arriaga

Paula Chostner

Dalton Sprouse

Pueblo City/County Health Department
Mary Davis

Pueblo City/County Library
Sara Rose

Pueblo Community Health Center
Donald Moore

Desiree Skyba

Pueblo Convention Center
Judy Heathcock

Brian Hoffman

Pueblo County
Barbara Coombs

Pueblo Housing Authority
Cheri Wilkerson

Pueblo School District 70
Ed Smith

Pam Smith

Pueblo West Metropolitan District
Dan Centa

Barbara Bernard

Rampart Supply
Frank Bartolo

Colin Perry

RE/MAX
Greg Hahn

Rocky Mountain Eye Center
David Aldag

Safelite Auto Glass
Kevin Calhoun

Kristy Noller

Salvation Army Pueblo Corps.
Rose Mertz

Sam's Club
Alvin Ellis

Security Service Federal Credit Union
Sherri Donisthorpe

Jamie Gonzales

Elissa Murray

Claudette Retana

Tom Sisneros

Southside Children's Center
Josette Urioste

SRDA
Karen Akin

Stephen Nawrocki

Juanita Rodriguez

St. Mary Corwin Medical Center
Jayne Mazur

Summit Brick and Tile
Kathy Clementi

Gregory Meske

Matt Welte

Sunflower Bank
Charlotte Vasquez

Target Distribution Center
Jeremy Romero

Target Stores
Alexander Bowen

The Pueblo Chieftain
Maya Galeas

TR Toppers
Andrew Lang

Trane Company
Scott Lee

Transportation Technology Center
Kathy Drotar

United Way of Pueblo County
Bernadette Albo

UPS-Pueblo
John Toupal

UPS-Trinidad
John Toupal

US Bank
Tracy Martinez

Kevin McCarthy

UTC Aerospace Systems
Doug Hayes

Paula Perea

Vectra Bank
Della Tafoya

Vestas
Bonnie Dickerson

Anthony Knopp

Vidmar Motor Company
Derek Vidmar

Wal-Mart Pueblo West
Tina Velasquez

Wal-Mart-North
Jessie Dauenhauser

Wal-Mart-South
George Kruetz

Wells Fargo Bank
Ashleigh Federman

Wilcoxson Buick
Lori Golden

Xcel Energy
Brandon Bodry

Jeff Brown

Denise Manzanares

Shaun Marsh

Bob Meza

David Parry

Chris Pena

Ruben Roman

Art Torres

Renee Trujillo

Jamie Vialpando

YWCA
Megan McClure

Community Contributors

3M Retirees
 A & R Construction, LLC
 Accolade Living Centers
 Acorn Construction
 Adams Electric
 Agilent
 AIM Home Health
 Albertsons
 Albertsons - Grocery Warehouse #1837
 American Electric
 Ameriprise Financial
 Angelo's Pizza Parlor on the Riverwalk
 A-Var Electric
 Benefits Broker Inc
 Blazer Electric
 Blinds One - Vince Lujan
 Boral Material Technologies LLC
 CTL/Thompson, Inc.
 CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation
 Chamberlain Foundation
 Colorado Eagle, your local Budweiser distributor
 Commercial Carrier Consultants
 Community First Foundation
 Corsentino Construction
 CSU-Pueblo Athletics
 CTI Corporate Technologies, Inc.

DNL Garage Door Systems, Inc.
 Don's Landscaping and Lawn Service
 El Pomar Foundation
 Elwood Staffing
 Enterprise Holdings
 FedEx
 First Oak Bank
 Fisher DeBerry Foundation
 Flow Right Plumbing, Heating & Irrigation
 Gauna's Westside Liquor
 GH Phipps Construction
 Glaxo Smith Kline
 General Electric
 Golenda Insurance
 GP Strategies
 Grand Rental Center
 Health Solutions
 H & R Block
 HD Supply
 Hewitt & Couch, P.C.
 Hewlett Packard
 IBM Corporation
 Industrial Constructors/Managers (ICM)
 Innovage
 InPhase Electric
 Interstate Chemical
 Jacobs Engineering Group
 JC Penney Company #043
 Johnson & Johnson
 King Soopers #12

King Soopers #43
 KLI Landscape Construction
 Krage Manufacturing
 Latino Chamber of Commerce
 Little Caesars Pizza
 Macy's West
 Major Mortgage
 MAXPRO Cleaning Services LLC
 Minnequa Works Credit Union
 Mister Penguin Tuxedo Rentals & Sales
 Nationwide Retirement Solutions
 Navy Federal Credit Union
 Norick's Auto Glass
 Novus Auto Glass
 O'Neal Steel Company
 O'Reilly Auto Parts
 The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
 Pass Key 50 West Inc.
 PCAPP Partners: Bechtel, AECOM, Battelle, GP
 Pechek Dental & Associates
 Prutch's Garage Door Co.
 PSC Industrial Services
 Pueblo Athletic Club
 Pueblo Convention Center/Memorial Hall
 Pueblo Diversified Industries
 Pueblo Electrics, Inc

Pueblo PC & Mac, Inc.
 Pueblo Records & Tapes
 Pueblo's Best Carpet Cleaning
 Pure Spa & Wellness
 R & R Heating & Air Conditioning
 RE/MAX of Pueblo - James R. Hadley
 RE/MAX Pueblo West - David Anderson, CRS
 RE/MAX Pueblo West - Karen Trujillo
 RE/MAX Pueblo West - Team Selle
 Rental Center of Pueblo West
 Riverside Bar & Grill
 Rocky Mountain Boat Company - Nick Ohrdorf
 Rosemount Victorian House Museum
 Royal Electrical Service, Inc
 Schmidt, Valentine, Whittemore & Co. P.C.
 Schusters' Printing Inc
 Shisler Concrete
 Snap Fitness 24/7
 Southern Colorado Community Foundation
 Spaccamonti Electric
 State Farm Companies Foundation
 State Farm Insurance-Law
 Talecris Biotherapeutics Inc.

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
 The Bugman Pest Control Services
 The Glenn Company
 The Imprinted Sportswear Shop/Spirit Store
 TIAA-CREF
 Tony P. Dell Accounting
 Travelers
 Union Pacific Railroad
 United Health Group
 United Launch Alliance
 UPS Alamosa
 UPS Canon City
 UPS La Junta
 UPS Salida
 US Bank Foundation
 USAA
 Valero Energy
 VITAC
 Wagner Equipment
 Wal-Mart Alamosa #869
 Wal-Mart Canon City #1019
 Wal-Mart LaJunta #1384
 Wal-Mart Lamar #2672
 Wal-Mart Salida #921
 Wal-Mart Trinidad #962
 Well Point
 Wells Fargo Foundation
 Williams Company
 Xcel Retirees

Major Event Underwriters & Sponsors

Angelo's Pizza Parlor on the Riverwalk
 Aspen Paint & Body
 Black Hills Energy
 Colorado Eagle, your local Budweiser distributor
 Comcast Spotlight
 CSU-Pueblo Athletics Department
 Ent Credit Union
 Express Employment Professionals
 Express-Scripts, Inc.
 Fisher DeBerry Foundation
 GCC Rio Grande

Golden Corral Restaurant
 Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
 Hippo Productions
 Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo
 iHeart Media Pueblo
 - Fox Sports AM 1350
 - KCSJ News Talk 590
 - KPHT 95.5
 Kaiser Permanente
 Latino Chamber of Commerce
 Little Caesars Pizza

Loaf 'N Jug
 Minnequa Works Credit Union
 Park East Restaurant
 Parkview — Pueblo West Emergency Services
 Parkview Medical Center
 PCAPP Partners: Bechtel, AECOM, Battelle, GP
 Pueblo Community Health Center
 Pueblo Convention Center
 Pueblo West Chamber of Commerce
 Pueblo West Metropolitan District

Pueblo West Parks and Recreation
 Security Service
 Federal Credit Union
 Southern Colorado Small Business Development Center
 Snap Fitness 24/7
 Special Pets Healthcare Center
 Team Gets it Done - RE/MAX Pueblo West
 The Pueblo Chieftain
 UTC Aerospace Systems
 Wells Fargo Bank
 Xcel Energy

Tacqueville (\$10,000+) **Cynthia Brabander • Jeffrey Shipp**

Cornerstone (\$5,000-\$9,999) **Emily Glasser**

Pillar (\$2,500 - \$4,999) **Andrea Aragon & Darrin Smith** **Nicholas Gradisar** **Lawrence & Debbie L. Kochis**
Frank Bartolo, Jr. **Bret & Trudy Griebenow** **Joy & Rick Holmes** **Lisa Stabler**

*****MEMORIALS*****

In Honor of Ted Calantino

In Memory of Al Logan

In Honor of Agnes Slyhoff

We would also like to thank our many donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Patron (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Bernadette Albo & John Guerrero
Kimberly K. Arline
David & Shirley Atwood
Aaron B. Avery
Michael T. Baxter
Julio Bernal
Brandon A. Bodry
Terry & MariKate Book
Mike Brooks
Clinton Brown
Christopher Burke
Andrew Butynski
Jeff & Paula Chostner
Steph Coppock
John B. Cordova Sr.
Terrance & Richelle Cordova
Scott & Kathy Costantini
Jonathan Cruz

Joseph A. DeVan
Paula Dionisio
Jim & Barbara Duff
Todd Duncan
Dave & Melissa Edmisson
David Fern
Edgar J. Fleming
Thomas Fritch
Lorri Gaffney
David & Lorie Galli
Frank Garcia
Richard Gipson
Lisa, Will & Danny Golob
Cid Gonzales
Ansel & Marilyn Gower
Thomas S. Guins
James R. Hadley
Greg & Cathy Hahn
Steve & Paula Henson
Mark Hernandez

Kenny & Bianca Hicks
Dan & Edyth Hulbert
Bret & Tasha Jones
Michael & Lauren Kantz Family
Bill & Mona Klein
John & Patricia Klomp
Anthony Knopp
Benny & Rebecca Lane
Mark Langlois
Jimmy Leatherwood
Scott & Lauren Lee
Stephanie J. Libby
Randy K. Linnen
Dennis & Donna Maes
Mark A. Maes
Shaun Marsh
Kelli McCarthy
Joey McElvy
James & Rose Mertz

Robert Meza
Joseph Montoya
Shawn M. O'Connor
Joel & Christina Ohlsen
Gilbert & Martine Orr
Joseph Pacheco
Dr. & Mrs. Adolph Padula
David & Judy Parry
Lance & Shauna Peters
Brad Pingel
Cory J. Ponce
Michael & Drucilla Pugh
Pedro Quade
Jane Rawlings & David Dill
Larry Reel
Elliott L. Ring
Edward & Helen Robinson
Ruben & Connie Roman
Brandon Rowe
Michael G. Salardino

Michael A. Salazar
Travis Scalese
William L. Schwab
Steve & Cheryl Shirley
Rod Slyhoff
Jason Smith
Kevan Smith
John B. Snodgrass
Warren D. Snook
Chris Snyder
Shelley Soucek
Edwin Spangler
Jack & Linda Stachler
Keith & Sharon Swerdfeger
Don Swick
Carl Swithers
Paul Taft
Chris Theis
Bab & Sara Tonsing
Joseph Torres

John Toupal
Dustin Trimble
Renee Ann Trujillo
Troy D. Tucker
Ashley Valdez
Valorie Vasquez
Connie Vaught
Edgie Walrath
Tom & Nanci Welte
Len & Gala White
Charles L. Whitebread
Janice L. & Ralph A. Williams
Mervan Wofford
James Yancey
Christopher Young
Lura Zimmerman
Peggy Zipperer

Benefactor (\$500-\$999)

James Abeyta
Eleanor Adams
Kacey Aguiar
David Aldag
Daniella Allen
Saul Alvidrez
Jennifer Andrew
Steve Nawrocki
Allan & Christine Angiocchi
Michael Archuleta
Fred Arellano
Wendie Arnold
Scott Aumiller
Jerald Baca
Warren & Andrea Banks
Donald J. & Helen D. Banner
Joan P. Barickman
Tonino Belmonte
Anthony Bennett
Sandy Berckefeldt
Mickey Beyer
Jonathan Cafe
Jody Carrillo
Manuel & Betty Ann Castillo
Dan Centa
Justin Charter
Steve Chaves
Robert G. Choice

Jennelle Chorak
Cole Commerford
Gerald Cordova
Ronnie Cordova
Daisy Cousteng
Barbara E. Cravens
Floyd Curtis
Paul Dalla Guardia
D'amicis Family
Thomas Dominguez
Tish Dunlap
Richard Esgar
Louise M. Espinosa-Luna
Sam & Connie Espinoza
Paul & Sylvia Fanning
Ashleigh Federman
Patrick Feltault
Paula M. Ferro-Catalino
Tammy Fesmire
Ron & Michelle Francis
Derek B. Fraser
Curtis Fuller
Sharlyn Garduno
Casey Gibbs
Dylan Gilbert
J. Peter Gomez
Sandra Gomez
Mike Gradishar

Larry & Rose Grammon
Fred & Michalle Grantham
Cindy Gregory
Cody Gruber
Kathleen Guagliardo
Ernest & Cynthia Guerrero
Phil Haake
Behav-N-Dogs - Rachael Haddan
Angela Hall
Col. & Mrs. R.G Hallock, Ph.D
Greg & Lisa Harder
Daniel Harrison
Stephen Haunert
Douglas P. Hayes
Duncan & Marilyn Henrikson
Rebecca L. Hillis
Jonnie Hoffman
Christine Hunt
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore R. Johnson
Kevin Keilbach
Doris Kester
W.C. & Gretta Kettelkamp, Jr.
Chad Kirkendall
Corinne Koehler
Tina Kramer
Michael Lamb

Andrew Lang
Michael R. Leonard
Stephen Leonard
Julie Lewis
Shirley A. Lewis
Rollie & Susan Leyh
Charles Leyva
John & Jill Linck
Ruth Machain
Irene Mapes
Donna K. Martin
Michael & Ashton Martinez
Angelo Masciotra
Michael Masciotra
James Masse
Kevin S. McCarthy
Jonathan McDonald
William McDowell, Sr.
James T. McKissick
Brant McLeod
Frank Milinazzo, Jr
Gary & Renee Miller
Brian Mitchell
Chris Moore
Del Olivas
Richard Ono
Jeanette & Dennis O'Quin
Duane Otter

John & Jaylyn Pacheco
Cayla Peaslee
Nicole J. Pechek
Ed Perko
Jennifer M. Pighetti
Julie Ibarra
Mike Pusedu
Fred O. Ramsey
Preston F. Ramsey
Renee Richardson
Valerie Rivera
Jeannette Roberts
Gilbert R. Rodriguez
Amy Rose
Barry Royce
Samuel Ruybalid
Bea Salazar
Don Sanders
Julie M. Schafer
Christine Scheberle
Bill & Marybeth Schulle
William A. Schwer
Robert J. Scott
Anna Seely
Toni & Richard Selman
Cathrine Shannon
Deneane Sisneros
Brenda Smith

Beverly A. Spruill
George Stark
Brian J. Strang
Maria P. Subia
Vonzell and Gregorita Thompson
Kara Tomczak
John Tondera
John & Nancy Tracey
Gary L. Trujillo
Tim Turner
Luis Velez
Dimas Vigil
Martin & Michelle Vigil
Jeff & Judith Waits
Pamela Walker
Donald Walters
Joe Welte
Larry & Elaine White
Brad & Michelle Whitney
Luther E. Wilkinson
Kyle Williams
Paul Willumstad
Shawn Winters
George Woods
Denise Kay Wright
Tony Wurmel
Terry Zupan

Friend (250-\$499)

James Able
Stephan Abraas
John Abramson
Andres H. Acosta
Alfred & Paulina Adjei
Jeff Aguilar
Karen Akin
Aaron Alcalá
Andrea Alcalá
Jeannie Beth Almanza
Marissa Alvarez
Steven Antuoccio
Jessica Archuleta
Linda A. Archuleta
James Arellano
Robert Arellano
Cheryl Armstrong
Chris L. Atencio
Kristi Ausbun
Michael Autobee
Carmen Avalos
Lili Avalos
Joel A. Baber
Arthur Ray Baca
James & Mabel Baker
Seth A. Baker
Michael Banning
Matthew Barnes
Trenton M. Barnett
Carl & Kay Bartecchi
Clifford E. Bartell III
Douglas Belcher
W. Greg Bell
Brooke Belton
David Bemis
Desiree Berg
Ken & Miranda Berkley
Catherine Bertuglia, RRT
Linda Betts
Terry Blackmon
Kristin Blair
Patty Blanc
Charles Booms
Greg Bowman M.D.
Lee Ann Bowen
Lydell Bowman
Brad Boyer
Tracy L. Bradley
Kelly Bradshaw
Mary Ann Bragg
Lycinda Bray-McDaniel
Linda Breece
Scott Bridgman
Sara Briggs
Ed Brown
Jeffrey & Heather Brown
Joshua Bruggeman
Jason Burns
James & Clara Butler
Marty Canfield
Gena Caretto
Arnie & Jane Carlsen
Vicki Carlton
Vikki Casias
Guillermo Casillas

Kathryn Chambers-McAuliffe
Arnie & Heather Chavez
Vickie Chiong
Nicolas Christiansen
Larry & Kassie Cipriani
Tim Clarke
Robert Clearo
Linda Clennin
Sean K Clodfelter
Dallas Cody
Don A. Colalancia
Jeanna Collins
Lynda K. Connors
Darrell Contreras
Richard Cook
Tony Cordova
Valerie Cordova
Benjamin Herrera
Prudencio Cosyleon
Laurie Cozzetto
Dixon R. Cravens
Denise Crepeau
Jason Crespín
Tom Cress
Jerry Cribari
Tanner Crites
Brandon L. Culifer
Scott Cummings
Cindy Cunico
Sharon Daniels
Troy D. Davenport
Margaret DeFilippis
Kenny DeJesus
Kristie DeLeo
Eileen Dennis
Paul M. Dent
Dustin DeWitt
Becky Doe
Doug Doerr
Yvonne Doria
Mark Dunsmoor
Sharon R. Duran
Jody Duren
Nicole Edelmann
Martha Eller
Edward & Carole Engler
Juan Escobar
Michelle Escobedo
Gerriann Espinoza
Al Estrada
Joshua M. Even
Don Fair
Crystal Faricy
Brandon Ferguson
Mark J. Fisher
Judy Fonda
Katherine Fonseca
Theresa Ruth Frazier
Susan Frederiksen
Brandon Freeman
Tony Freeman
Kim Friend & Richard Mathurin
Orlinda Fuentes
Stacey Furney
Meg Gacnik

Pamela Galkowski
Jennifer Gallagher
Michael A. Galli
Christopher Garcia
Albert Garner
Jag Garrett
Mark Gazette
Kim Giordano
Tami Glazener
David W. Gohn
Sonya Gomez
Mario Gonzalez
Debbie Goodman
Rebecca Todero Goodman
Suzi Gradisar
Troy Grindstaff
Patty Guerrero
Richard Guerrero
Tina Guzan
Donald & Darla Hall
Jeffrey & Barb Hamilton
Linda Hamler
Teresa Megan Harley
George C. Harner
Theresa Hart
Spencer A. Hartsuiker
Vestal J. Hasty
Chad Helvey
Dawn C. Henderson
Jason & Melissa Herlyck
John M. Hernandez
Annette Herrera
Terese Herrera
Barbara & John Hibler
Kiedra Hickert
Elizabeth Hill
Amber Hoggard
Benjamin Horarik
Robert Howell
Zachary Hoyt
David Hudson
Gigot Kearney Hudspeth IV
Virginia Jahn
Michael James
Shawn Jennings
Elsa Jimenez Duarte
Fabian Jiron
Zachary Johnson
Constance A. Jones
Everett Jones
Ingrid L. Jones
Diana Karagiannes
Anthony & Renee Karschnik
Ronda & Kirk Katzenmeyer
Andrew & Melissa Kisslan
Lareen M. Knezevich
Kirk & Paula Kochenberger
Russell Kochis
Delfinia Kogovsek
Keith & Lorraine Kohrs
Hillary Komma
Benjamin Korf
Patricia A. Krasovec
Kim Lamoureux
Laurel Landreth

Dave & Carole Lange
Molly Lareau
Fred & Patricia LaSavio
Rhonda & Bobby Latka
Donna Leach
Michael Lening
Jeffrey D. Lester
Terry Lewis
Jason Lister
Harold & Katie Long
John Lopez
Joseph & Jo Veeda Lozano
Lisa Lungwitz
Lauri Lynch
Marc A. Lyons
John Madrid
Loyola E. Madrid
Beverly Magoon
Joe Mahoney
Denise A. Manzanares
John P. Marez
Maureen E. Marincich
Stacie Martellaro
Dale Martin
Lauri Martin
Carl Martinez
Ernest Martinez
J. Michael Martinez
Joey & Josephine Martinez
Joshua L. Martinez
Christopher Mascarenas
Jaimie Mascarenas
Rick Mattoon
Troy Mayfield
Megan McClure
Robin McDaniel
Janine McKeever
David McKenzie
Andrea Medina
Pam & Steve Medina
Randy L. Melcher
Tami Micciulla
Cynthia Miller
Karen M. Miller
Leslie Miller
Cheryl Moffatt
Grace Molina
Rick Montanari
Shaelynn Montour
Dale A. Montoya
Jeffrey Montoya
Lynda L. Montoya
Mike Montoya
Nick V. Montoya
Donald & Raelene Moore
Luther R. Moore Jr.
Amber Mraz
Paul Mrock
Brian J. Murphy, LCSW
Kenny Nabors
Linda Navrkal
Charles & Tammy Neal
Tara Neilson
Todd G. Newitt
Brandon Nily

Orla O'Callaghan
Carrie Olsen
Richard Oreschnick
Ted & Toni Ortiz
Daniel & Wendy O'Shea
Curt Osleson
Hilary Pacheco-Hall
Luis L. Padilla, Jr.
The Page Family
Tina Paglione
Lori Palomarez
Chad Palumbo
Lana Paul
Christopher Pena
Michelle Perea
Anthony Petree
Michael Pighetti
Marc R. Pineda
Zach Pittman
Sylvia R. Proud
Joel Purfield
Adriana Quintana
Lynette Quintana
Carla Radloff
Michael A. Ramos
Patricia Rello
Pamela Rhoads
Ida Rhodes
LaKisha L. Richardson
Carolyn & Mike Richter
Dana Riley
Jack & Roxana Rink
Pat Rivas
Ashley Robertson
Mitchell Robinson
Dena Rodriguez
Elizabeth Rogge
Molly Romero
Trinidad Romero
Victoria Roskey
Art & Marcia Roybal
Andrelito Sabido
Betty Salazar
David Salazar
Rick Sallee
Raul San Miguel
Larry Sanchez
Brittany Sandoval
Robbie Sandoval
Ms. Barbara Sandstrom
Solomon Santistevan
Meg Scarlett
Mark L. Schornack
The Schwager Family
Randolph Schwitzer
William P. Scully, Jr.
Jesse Sena
Holly Sessions
Brandon Shafer
Phil & Sue Sheehan
Robert Shew
Lisa & Aaron Shorter
Carla L. Sikes
Kristal Sirlis
Brad & Jennifer Slater

Gerri Sloan
Ed Smith
Lauren Snell
Mike Spence
Sandy & Marv Stein
Patricia Stephens
AudraJo Stewart
Rick Stoner
Donna Stotler
Shawn Sutton
Darrell & Juliet Svalstad
Amanda Taulman
Kirk & Cassy Taylor
Rick Teel
Richard & Sonya Terrian
John Thompson
Christopher Thomsen
Terence J. Tompkins
Ronald Torres
Vanessa Trexel
Gerardo Triana
Adam Trimble
Carlos Trujillo
Don Trujillo
Eric Trujillo
Matthew C. Trujillo
Milton & Margaret M. Trujillo
Dennis M. Uhernik
Tessa Urban
Gerald Ure
Debbie Valdez
Dr. & Mrs. M. Edmund Vallejo
Jonathan Vandal
Kayla P. Varela
Charlotte Vasquez
Kathy Vaughn
Harley A. Vaught-Brunner
Charles T. & Desda Vial
Jamie Vialpando
John Vigil
Greg Wagner
Anna M. Waller
Heather Ward
David & Suzanne Ware
John L. Weaver
Justin Weaver
Melinda K. Welch
Nicholas Williams
Risa Williams
Scott & Deserae Wilson
Colin Wolslegel, DO
Randy Workman
Kathy Worthington
Mark & Monica Wrast
Karen Wright
Lance Wright
Duane Wyatt
Dave Yoder
Ducella Zamora
Debra Zamora-Key

United Way Middle School Mentor Program Expands, Changes Lives

United Way's Middle School Mentor Program, in its fifth year of helping struggling middle school students navigate the difficult middle school years, reached its ambitious goal of recruiting enough mentors to expand to five Pueblo middle schools in the fall of 2015. As a result, United Way has a remarkable group of caring, compassionate mentors in five middle schools throughout Pueblo County at Heaton, Pueblo Academy of the Arts, Liberty Point International, Roncalli STEM Academy and Heroes Academy.

Results are what helps this program change lives. Outcome data is being kept at all schools, measuring grades, behavior and attendance. In 80% of the students in the program, grades have improved significantly, as well as

behavior. Days that mentors meet with their student show improved attendance as well. In addition, there are numerous heartwarming antidotal stories happening each day, that are no doubt making a difference. School engagement among students with mentors has increased significantly as well. Mentors serve as a positive adult role model that helps with problem solving, decision making and organization skills, provides a connection between the world of work and school, and perhaps most importantly, listens with their heart. Mentors spend one hour a week with their student during the school year, often around the lunch hour as well as field trips throughout the year for bonding and educational purposes. Have you ever wanted to change the

world for the better? Don't just think about it, take action! There's no better way to change a young person's life than being a mentor. For a list of the incredibly amazing mentors that give their time and talents to this program, please see page 20. We simply cannot thank these selfless individuals enough for the care, compassion and love they show the kids in this program, United Way of Pueblo County and our community.

More mentors are needed each year. Just one hour a week during the school year will make an enormous difference. For more information on this impactful program, please contact United Way at 225-8580 or visit our website at www.pueblounitedway.org/mentor.

RESULTS MATTER! Here are a few Mentor Program statistics:

- After one semester with mentors, all 10 mentees at Pueblo Academy of Arts received academic achievement awards at the end of their 6th grade year! This would not have been possible without the assistance of our capable mentors.
- At Heaton Middle School, where we have just completed three consecutive years, we saw the following results: Sixth graders, who were in their first year in the program averaged 2.4 F's per grade period; those same students in the seventh grade averaged 1.5 F's per grade period; those same students in the eighth grade and in their third year of the program students averaged .5 F's per grade period.
- Liberty Point International reported that their sixth grade first year students in the program averaged 2.2 F's per grade period. Just one year later, in their second year in the program (now in 7th grade) they averaged 1.0 F's per grade period.
- Roncalli Stem Academy: Among the first 10 students in the program, there was a collective 32 F's. After just one semester with mentors, they now have a collective 21 F's.

Here are a few quotes from mentors about the program:

"So far, so good. I'm sure any teacher or parent can attest, but it is incredible the transformation that can happen in one school year. To see my mentee refocus her boundless energy toward academic and social achievements is a type of proud impossible to fully describe." - Jenna Seddon, Professional Bull Riders; Pueblo Academy of Arts

"The relationship I have built in the last three years with my mentee will last for a life time for me. I cannot believe how fast it has went by, but I have memories that will never be forgotten. It is an opportunity that I am very happy I did not pass up." - Lawrence Kochis, United Way; Heaton Middle School, 3rd year mentor



Here are a few quotes from school officials about the program:

"We believe this program is important on so many levels, as our mentors are the key to success of many of our students. The United Way Middle School Mentoring Program is designed with the student in mind, but more often than not, the genuine love and appreciation our mentors receive from their students in return is indescribable." - Nicole Van DeMark, Behavior Intervention Specialist, Pueblo Academy of Arts

"Thank you for the opportunity of building healthy relationships. We have seen our students grow emotionally, socially, academically and they have all gained a sense of pride and belonging. United Way has made this happen and we are excited to continue building strong relationships, bring about awareness through community support and collaboration." - RTI Coach Janelle Manes, Roncalli STEM Academy

Middle School Mentor Program



We've Moved!

Movin' On Up!

Please Update Your Records

In February, United Way of Pueblo County moved their office from the Pueblo County Housing and Human Services Building on East 4th St. where they were located for 15 years, to the 3rd floor of the beautiful Security Service Federal Credit Union building on 310 East Abriendo Avenue. In addition to moving offices, phone/fax numbers and staff emails changed as well.

United Way would like to thank the County of Pueblo for their

hospitality for 15 years. We would also like to extend our thanks to Security Service Federal Credit Union for providing us with a new "home" in an awesome location while also enthusiastically welcoming and embracing United Way staff.

While the organization kept their original PO Box 11566, Pueblo, CO 81001, the physical address is **310 E. Abriendo Avenue, Suite 300, Pueblo, CO 81004**. The new phone number is **719-225-8580**.



“Security Service Federal Credit Union, not only in Pueblo, but throughout our system, is a strong and longtime supporter of United Way. We believe that while there are many tremendous causes in our community and we support many, there is no more effective way for the most people to do the most good as is possible through United Way. To have Pueblo County United Way as a neighbor in our building is a real badge of honor!”

Michael Salardino, Security Service Investments

Spirit Awards 2015 Campaign Winners

■ Corporate Leadership Award for Excellence

- ✦ Board of Water Works
- ✦ Parkview Medical Center
- ✦ PCAPP PARTNERS – Bechtel, AECOM, Battelle
- ✦ Xcel Energy
- ✦ UTC Aerospace Systems

■ Outstanding Campaign Coordinators

- ✦ **Parkview Medical Center Team** – Sam Dosen, Jennifer Gallagher, Steve Medina, Michelle Peulen
- ✦ **Xcel Energy–Comanche** – Brandon Bodry, Jeff Brown, Shaun Marsh, Bobby Meza, Chris Pena, Art Torres, Renee Trujillo, Jamie Vialpando, Ruben Roman, David Parry and Denise Manzanares
- ✦ **Vestas** – Anthony Knopp, Bonnie Dickerson

■ Special Recognition for Matching Grants

- ✦ THE DAVID & LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION
- ✦ PCAPP Partners (Bechtel, AECOM, Batelle)
- ✦ SOUTHERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- ✦ EL POMAR FOUNDATION
- ✦ TEMPLE HOYNE BUELL FOUNDATION
- ✦ ENT CREDIT UNION
- ✦ LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA

**Temple Hoyne
Buell Foundation**

■ Outstanding Small Business

- ✦ TR Toppers
- ✦ Rampart Supply
- ✦ pewag Traction Chain

■ Outstanding Ambassador

- ✦ Terra Riggio & Park East Restaurant

■ Love United Award

- ✦ Security Service Federal Credit Union

■ Community Champions Award

- ✦ 30 Club



Pueblo Chemical Agent
Destruction Pilot Plant
Bechtel • AECOM • Battelle • GP



Southern Colorado Community Foundation

United Way helps Angel Tree Program



United Way reached out this holiday season by lending a hand to the Salvation Army's Angel Tree

Program. The program provides holiday gifts for children in need. The community rallied, and hundreds of underprivileged children were given toys, clothes and other gifts. As a result, Christmas joy was brought to the lives of children who otherwise would have gone without.

United Way serves as fiscal sponsor of Pueblo EPIC

United Way of Pueblo County is pleased to serve as the fiscal sponsor of EPIC Pueblo (Executives Partnering to Invest in Children). EPIC is a



coalition of business leaders, nonprofits and foundations who are committed to making early childhood care, education, health and parenting among the highest priorities of Colorado's public and private investments. Focusing on children between the ages of zero to eight, EPIC targets the youngest population in order to see the greatest impact. Some of EPIC Pueblo's largest annual efforts include:

- **EPIC Book Drives** (distribution of over 400,000 children's books into Pueblo) and the establishment of EPIC Reading Centers at hospitals, The Pueblo Community Health Center, the City/County Health Department, nonprofits, DSS and other community agencies with heavy public traffic.
- **Pueblo Parents Brochure** – several quick guides for parents listing the top things their child needs to know before entering kindergarten, the top 10 places every child should visit in Pueblo, and more
- **Annual Summit**
- The launch of the **15 Minute Campaign**, which aims at getting every Pueblo parent to read to their child for at least 15 minutes a day, beginning at birth. It's easy to participate in, and it's free. Visit <http://readaloud.org/> for more information.

Want to learn more? Contact Burnie Zercher at 545-0296 or Andrea Aragon at 225-8580.

IBEW/NECA Electrical Repair Program

Meeting community needs is what United Way is all about. Fortunately, we have outstanding businesses and organizations that are always willing to help. A great example of this is the creation of the IBEW Local 12 and the National Electrical Contractor's Association (NECA) Emergency Electrical Repair program. The two organizations came together as a way to help low income individuals fix dangerous, emergency or life-threatening electrical issues. Due to

their leadership, several local electrical companies in Pueblo stepped in to offer their services at a reduced cost. Clients are screened by Catholic Charities and SRDA to ensure eligibility and need. Over 62 households/families have been helped as a result of this program. Both IBEW Local 12 and NECA have given very generous donations of money, time and expertise to keep this program alive. United Way is very proud to be a part of this innovative program to help those in need.

11th Annual Flavor of Pueblo Food & Wine Show

The **11th Annual Flavor of Pueblo Food & Wine Show** on Thursday March 10, 2016 continued the theme of spreading the love as this year was one the event's best showings. Once again standing out as one of Pueblo's original and premier wine and food events spotlighting our incredible range of local eateries, drinks, and the many tantalizing flavors our community has to offer! Add in a pinch of John Myer's **80/Twenty Wines Wine Corner** and the return of music by **The Martini Shot Unplugged with Andy & Ryan...** and you've got one of the best community events—

all to benefit United Way of Pueblo County funded programs! For a one low entry fee of either \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, more than 600 patrons sampled a wide variety of great appetizers, entrees, desserts, and various delicious drinks- wines, beer, spirits, and more at over 30 booths!

The event was made possible through a partnership with the **Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Eagle - your local Budweiser distributor**, and the **Pueblo Convention Center**. Major sponsors: **Aspen Paint and Body, Black Hills Energy, Express**

Scripts, PCAPP Partners: Bechtel, AECOM, Battelle, GP, UTC Aerospace Systems, and Xcel Energy; with supporting sponsors: **Express Employment Professionals, Kaiser Permanente, Loaf 'N Jug, and Security Service Federal Credit Union**. Our wonderful media sponsors: **Comcast Spotlight, Hippo Productions, Pueblo's Greatest Hits KPHT 95.5 and The Pueblo Chieftain**.

United Way of Pueblo County would like to thank the attendees and many individuals, volunteers, sponsors, partners, and Andy & Ryan, who helped make this event a success!

Participating Vendors

- 80/Twenty Wines & Numerous Distributors
- Big Bear Wine & Liquor
- Bite Me Cake Company
- Breckenridge Distillery
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Catering by Chartwells, CSU-Pueblo
- Chick-fil-A Pueblo
- Colorado Eagle- your local Budweiser distributor
- Cinfully Delicious Catering
- CUTCO Cutlery
- East Coast Pizza & Bakery
- Girl Scouts of Colorado
- Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
- Healthy Chocolate
- Honey Baked Ham
- Janessa's Gourmet Potica Company
- Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Milberger Farms
- Mr. Tandoori Urban Bar & Grill
- Musso's Restaurant
- Neon Alley Open Studio
- Park East Restaurant
- Passanante's Home Food Services
- Pepsi
- Pueblo Convention Center
- Springside Cheese Shop
- Wine Down By The River
- Young Living Essential Oils

Winners

- People's Choice – Mr. Tandoori Urban Bar & Grill
- Best Appetizer- Springside Cheese Shop
- Best Entree - East Coast Pizza & Bakery
- Best Dessert- Bite Me Cake Company
- Best Beverage - Healthy Chocolate
- Best Wine – Vino Salida -Bee Vino Traditional Mead
- Best Spirit/Beer – Colorado Eagle, your local Budweiser distributor
- Award of Distinction - Buffalo Wild Wings



Golden Corral Breakfast - Friday, April 15, 2016

Hash browns, eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, sweet rolls, fresh fruit and so much more! We could go on and on listing all of the delicious breakfast choices, but we think you should experience them all for yourself!

All of these scrumptious foods were a part of the annual United Way of Pueblo County/CSU-Pueblo Athletics/Golden Corral Restaurant Breakfast. For just \$5, attendees received an incredible all-you-can-eat breakfast all while supporting the over 50 critical health and human service programs United Way of Pueblo County funds each year. CSU-Pueblo coaches, athletes, and athletic department staff, along with Golden Corral employees and United Way staff were up bright and early prepping and preparing a great array of foods, and serving, waiting and bussing tables with a smile. The benefit breakfast was enjoyed by nearly 600 United Way supporters, donors, and community members!

Pueblo's Greatest Hits KPHT 95.5's Nick Donovan joined in the feast with great music and live interviews with staff, athletes and patrons throughout the event.

United Way of Pueblo County would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Golden Corral- Manager Madelyn Schoch and employees, the CSU-Pueblo Athletic Department - athletes and coaches, and Pueblo's Greatest Hits KPHT 95.5 for their support of this event and their dedication to serve our Pueblo community!



United Way of Pueblo County Staff

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Andrea Aragon | President & CEO |
| Lawrence Kochis | Campaign Director, AFL-CIO CSA |
| Bernadette Albo | Finance Director |
| Bianca Hicks | Resource Development Coordinator |
| Donna Leach | Administrative Assistant |
| Valarie Ruybal-Montoya | UW Middle School Mentoring Coordinator |
| Judith Boudreaux | VITA Program Coordinator |

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

9th Annual Liberty Point 5k Run/Walk Monday, July 4, 2016

PRESENTING SPONSOR:



The 9th Annual Liberty Point 5K Run/Walk was presented by Parkview – Pueblo West Emergency Services, Snap Fitness 24/7 and United Way of Pueblo County. Held annually on the 4th, this year's **Liberty Point 5K** was host to over 500 runners and walkers who participated in timed run and walk races in the healthy, family fun event started by Snap Fitness 24/7 to raise funds for United Way of Pueblo County funded programs. The event also kicks off and celebrates the patriotic spirit of the 4th in coordination with the Pueblo West 4th of July festivities and is made possible in partnership with the Pueblo West Metropolitan District and Pueblo West Chamber of Commerce.

The stunning views from the Liberty Point lookout point serve as an incredible halfway point for the race which begins and ends just south of the intersection of Joe Martinez & Purcell Blvds. Benjamin Highfill, 16, of Pueblo placed 1st as the overall male finisher

with a time of 17:10.80 and Bailey Hughes, 23, took 1st place as the female finisher with a time of 18:47.71. Donna Hickman, 62, of Pueblo West was 1st place overall in the walk female division with a time of 37:03.61 and John Nevel, 33, of Pueblo took 1st place overall in the walk male division with a time of 40:47.60. A complete listing of results can be accessed by visiting www.pueblounitedway.org/libertypoint5k. Photos are available at www.facebook.com/libertypoint5k.

A 'Most Patriotic Photo Contest' was also held encouraging attendees to upload their patriotic photos at the race onto the Liberty Point 5K Facebook page. Two winners were selected- Steve Hernandez and Joanna Buss' Group!

The Liberty Point 5K Run/Walk has been made possible by the generous support of our sponsors- presenting sponsor: Parkview – Pueblo West Emergency Services, major sponsor: Black Hills

Energy, supporting sponsors: Ent Credit Union, Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo, Minnequa Works Credit Union, PCAPP Partners- Bechtel, AECOM, Battelle, & GP, Pueblo Community Health Center, SpecialPets Healthcare Center, UTC Aerospace Systems, and media sponsor- KPHT 95.5 Pueblo's Greatest Hits and numerous mile marker sponsors. United Way of Pueblo County would like to thank the many volunteers who came out early on the holiday morning to help the event be a success. A very special thank you to our race partners- race director Stan Hren, Matt Smith- Snap Fitness 24/7, Pueblo West Fire Chief Brian Caserta, and RaceRite. In addition, the following businesses provided in-kind donations: Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, Pueblo West Chamber of Commerce, and Snap Fitness 24/7. Visit our event Facebook page www.facebook.com/libertypoint5k to check out photos from the event!

Overall Winners

RUN

- Men's Benjamin Highfill Time: 17:10.80
- Women's Bailey Hughes Time: 18:47.71

WALK

- Men's John Nevel Time: 40:47.60
- Women's Donna Hickman Time: 37:03.61



Funding

Fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Community Campaign (Member Agencies - see page 17 for break out)	\$416,790
Public Safety/Pueblo Police Department Special Grant (Municipal Court: Gang Prevention, Scholarship Camp Fees, Graffiti Removal; Explorer Program: Fees, Uniforms; Neighborhood Watch: signs, brochures; Patrol Initiatives: outreach efforts to kids in the community, badges, gang & drug prevention.)	\$20,000
Mental Health Grant Friendly Harbor Drop In Center - \$10,000 • Mental Health Colorado, Pueblo Pro-Bono Counseling & Referral Program - \$27,000	\$37,000
Senior Services Grant Pueblo Cooperative Care Center, Senior Hygiene	\$15,000
Colorado Combined Campaign (State Employees)	\$20,141
Combined Federal Campaign	\$1,402
Emergency Food & Shelter Program (Federal Grant)	\$73,927
El Pomar Community Problem Solving Fund (To aid indigent & homeless)	\$16,000
Wittels Investment (Designated by Donor)	\$236
Designated to Non Member Agencies <i>Over 65 nonprofit agencies benefited from the donor designation process</i>	\$49,031
Community Impact Grant A Caring Pregnancy Center - \$7,000 • Colorado Farm to Table - \$25,000	\$32,000
Cares Program - Board of Water Works	\$110,000
IBEW/NECA Electrical Repair Assistance Program	\$865
Emergency & Special Funding • Toys for Children, Angel Tree Program - \$1,500 • Utility Assistance - \$500 • Community Christmas Meal - \$1,000	\$3,000
United Way Middle School Mentor Program	\$32,860
PAID DIRECT (Funds raised via UW Campaign, paid by other)	\$44,459
VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program)	\$27,703
Total Distributed into Community	\$900,414
United Way Administrative and Fundraising Costs: 10%	

Program Descriptions

■ El Pomar Community Problem Solving Fund

This endowment fund was established by the El Pomar Foundation to address critical and emergency needs for the homeless and indigent in Pueblo County.

■ Abe & Rose Wittels Endowment Fund

Established by Puebloans Abe & Rose Wittels, these funds support health and human service programs in Pueblo County.

■ Emergency Food & Shelter Program

United Way of Pueblo County administers funding set aside to assist organizations providing homeless shelters, food and homelessness assistance.

■ Colorado Combined Campaign

State employees who live and work in Pueblo County participate in the annual campaign through the Colorado Combined Campaign. Donors designate their gifts to United Way or its partner agencies.

■ Combined Federal Campaign

The mission of the Combined Federal Campaign is to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to give.

■ Community Impact Grant

Special grant funds made available by United Way of Pueblo County Board of Trustees to any nonprofit in Pueblo County meeting a critical community need not currently funded by United Way.

■ The Living Legacy Circle

The time you spend planning charitable giving is an important process that will bring special rewards. By carefully considering what, when and how to give, you may be able to give much more than you thought possible. A planned charitable gift can help you accomplish personal planning objectives in ways that may benefit you, your loved ones, and your favorite charities. So join the Living Legacy Circle – and give the gift that will last a life time.

Partner Agency Funding

(Partner agencies are those organizations that are eligible to receive funding year to year from undesignated funds.)

Agency	Program(s)	AWARD
American Red Cross	Disaster Services; Volunteer Recruitment and Training; Service to Armed Forces	\$14,125
Boy Scouts, Rocky Mountain Council	Learning for Life; Scoutreach	\$39,000
Boys and Girls Club	Sprague Center; East Side ; Avondale	\$60,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo	Home Stability	\$28,000
Cooperative Care Center	Food Sack; Medical Prescriptions; Local Transportation; Personal Hygiene	\$29,659
East Side Child Care Center	Quality Day Care on a Sliding Fee Scale	\$45,000
Pueblo Child Advocacy Center	Child Abuse Prevention- Examinations, Investigations, Support	\$25,000
Pueblo Community Health Center	Cavitron and Cavitron Dispensing System (Equipment)	\$3,341
Pueblo Suicide Prevention Center	Core Crisis - Prevention, Education & Awareness Training, Crisis Hotline, Postvention (Grief Support); Community Counseling	\$19,165
Salvation Army	Daily Meal Program; Food Pantry; Bridges to Hope	\$29,000
Southside Children's Center	Quality Day Care on a Sliding Fee Scale	\$34,000
S.R.D.A	HELP Program; Personal Care, Homemaker, Lawn Services	\$39,500
Y.W.C.A	Family Crisis Shelter; Teresa's Place; Domestic Violence Co-location; Safe Dating; Counseling	\$51,000
TOTAL		\$416,790

In Kind Donors

- Angelo's Pizza Parlor on the Riverwalk
- Bingo Burger
- Black Hills Energy
- Jeff & Paula Chostner
- iHeart Media Pueblo
 - Fox Sports AM 1350
 - KCSJ News Talk 590
 - KPHT 95.5
- Colorado Eagle, your local Budweiser distributor
- Comcast Spotlight
- Cooperative Care Center
- CSU-Pueblo Alumni Association
- CSU-Pueblo Athletics Department
- Eagleridge Mini Storage
- Express Employment Professionals
- Golden Corral Restaurant
- Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
- Hippo Productions - Tom Urdiales
- Hollydot Golf Course
- Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Judy Leonard
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Loaf 'N Jug
- Looking Glass Photography
- Lucero's Trophy Emporium
- Mister Penguin Tuxedo Rentals & Sales
- My Friend, the Printer, Inc.
- Nick Dosen
- Park East Restaurant
- PepsiCo
- pewag Traction Chain
- Pueblo's Best Carpet Cleaning
- Pueblo Convention Center
- Pueblo County Government
- Pueblo County Sheriff's Department
- Pueblo Courtyard by Marriott Pueblo Downtown
- Pueblo West Amateur Radio Group
- Pueblo West Chamber of Commerce
- Pueblo West Metropolitan District
- Pueblo West Parks and Recreation
- Pure Spa & Wellness
- Jack & Paula Quinn
- Rocky Mountain Eye Center
- Security Service Federal Credit Union
- Darrin Smith
- Snap Fitness 24/7
- Southern Colorado Small Business Development Center
- The Pueblo Chieftain
- The Martini Shot Unplugged with Andy & Ryan
- TR Toppers Inc.
- United Way Board of Trustees & Campaign Cabinet
 - John Batey, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
 - Dan Centa, Pueblo West Metropolitan District
 - John Cordova
 - Bonnie Dickerson, Vestas Towers
 - John Keilbach, Altman, Keilbach, Lytle, Parlapiano & Ware
 - Dave Galli
 - Derrick Martinez, Express Employment Professionals
 - Ted Ortiz, Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo
 - Ruben Roman, Xcel Energy
 - Michael Salardino, Security Service Investments
 - Ray Swerdfeger, K.R. Swerdfeger Construction Inc.
 - Karen Trujillo, RE/MAX Pueblo West
- US Bank
- UTC Aerospace Systems
- Xcel Energy

Many Companies Contribute to our Success

■ Security Service Federal Credit Union – Free Shred Day September 12, 2015

Security Service Federal Credit Union provided an important community service all while supporting United Way! During the 2015 Campaign, SSFCU held a Free Shred Day on which the community was invited to drop off documents to be shredded at no cost, any contributions that were received were donated to United Way of Pueblo County! Thank you, Jennifer Andrew & the SSFCU Team for safely disposing of those confidential documents and supporting United Way!

■ Park East Restaurant – October 2015

Park East owners Terra and Jeff Riggio held the most outstanding United Way Month at Park East to date in the month of October 2015. Teaming up with spectacular, competitive celebrity waiters Matt Smith, Aaron Aragon, Vern Larson, Craig Eliot, Ron, Brooke, Nicole & Luke Guarienti, Ray & Avri Swerdfeger and Ryan, Laine & Quinn Zabukovic proved to be a recipe for success. Each waiter brought a passion to support the Pueblo community, and that passion was infectious, helping them raise a grand total of over \$18,500 for United Way!

In addition to the celebrity waiter nights, throughout the month patrons visiting Park East were offered chances to win great prizes, including a Lunch or Happy Hour office party and gift cards as well the opportunity to participate in the 'Show Us Your Love' promotion. In the promotion entrants could draw their representation of a heart and explain what the heart means to them, with the chance to have their drawing made into a one of kind piece of artwork created by Ron Guarienti. Contributors also had the ability to be featured on the Park East/United Way donor wall with a minimum donation of \$50 and received a discount of \$5 or \$10 off their next visit to the restaurant. Park East also hosted a Halloween Costume Party in support of United Way. As another great display of support, during the week of October 23rd through 30th, 10% of the restaurant's profits were donated to United Way. Thank you Terra, Jeff, & Staff!

■ Little Caesars Pizza – November 2015/April 2016

Dave Feamster, owner of Little Caesars Pizza in Pueblo, La Junta and Lamar and UWPC Campaign Cabinet member, generously held United Way Month in November and allowed customers to donate to benefit the 2015 Campaign. Moving the special Appreciation Weekend to April 15 through April 17 in hopes of better weather, Dave donated \$1.00 from each Hot-N-Ready Pepperoni Pizza and offered the pizzas for just \$4.99 each! In support of those diner driven contributions, Little Caesars Pizza also took the lead by matching any gifts dollar for dollar up to \$2,000! In a great show of support, locations throughout Pueblo County were also adorned with LIVE UNITED t-shirt cutouts in honor of kindhearted donors throughout the fall and the Appreciation Weekend helped the 2015 campaign finish strong. We are always inspired by the kindness and dedication shown by Dave Feamster & his staff!

■ 30 Club Charity Ball – November 7, 2015

United Way of Pueblo County was thrilled to be the recipient of the dazzling 30 Club Charity Ball, which took place on November 7th, 2015. Hosted by 30 Club member and United Way Chairman

Matt Smith, his wife Jenny, and pals Adam Sanchez and Bri Wills, the black-tie event raised an incredible \$10,000 for United Way! 30 Club is a group of 30 men in their thirties who are civic-minded and service-oriented. Since 1933, the 30 Club has been committed to contributing to a better quality of life in Pueblo County. Many of the 30 Club members are not only the movers and shakers of our community, but are United Way Middle School Mentors, too. Many thanks to this dynamic group of leaders for choosing United Way as their charity of choice this year!

■ Latino Chamber Holiday Happy Hour & 4th Annual Festival of Trees Decorating Competition and Auction – December 10, 2015

United Way of Pueblo County is proud to partner with the Latino Chamber of Commerce for their annual Holiday Happy Hour. The event was held at the Pueblo Union Depot on December 10 with lots of cheer and enthusiasm to ring in the holidays. For the 4th year, the Happy Hour has included the Festival of Trees Decorating Competition and Auction. More than 30 decorated mini 4ft trees were auctioned with a portion of the proceeds benefitting United Way funded programs. United Way would like to thank the Latino Chamber of Commerce- Steven and his staff and all of this year's participants for helping spread the holiday cheer!

■ Snap Fitness 24/7 Pueblo West – January 2016

Matt Smith, faithful UWPC board member, campaign cabinet member, mentor and advocate for all things United Way of Pueblo County and for Pueblo, held the inaugural United Way Month at Snap Fitness in January 2016! Snap also donated a percentage of all new memberships in the month of January to benefit United Way. This new promotion has great potential for the future and we thank Matt & his staff for their continued support!

■ Angelo's Pizza Parlor on the Riverwalk – March 2016

For the fifth year in a row, Angelo's Pizza Parlor has generously held United Way Month during the month of March and offered their diners the opportunity to give directly on their bill in support of United Way and the more than 50 health and human service programs funded each year. In addition, Angelo's donated 20% on top of every dollar given! Thank you, Debby Foresta & Staff!

■ Colorado Coaches for Charity – May 11, 2016

We were honored to be chosen by CSU-Pueblo Football Coach John Wristen as his Charity of Choice for the Colorado Coaches for Charity event for the third year in a row! The 2016 Colorado Coaches for Charity was held Wednesday, May 11 at Sports Authority Field. It was an amazing evening and we are so proud and grateful for all Coach Wristen does for our mentoring program, our organization, and our community!

As Coach Wristen's Charity of Choice, United Way of Pueblo County received a grant from the Fisher DeBerry Foundation and 20 percent of sponsorship and ticket proceeds from the Pueblo area. Thank you, Coach Wristen for your support and for choosing United Way of Pueblo County as your 2016 Charity of Choice! Congratulations to Ted Hernandez, who was also honored as Coach Wristen's Community MVP.

Volunteer Committees

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

- Unknown -



Allocations Committee

Chair - Doug Hayes, UTC Aerospace Systems; Argerie Hoty; Beth Bryant; Brandon Henderson, Henderson Insurance; Niki Whitaker, CSU-Pueblo; Shawn Sutton, Sunflower Bank; Stacie Shirley, Buxman, Kwitek & Ohlsen Attorneys at Law; Toni Montoya, TR Toppers; Maria Ribarich, TR Toppers

The Allocations committee is charged with oversight and monitoring funds distributed by United Way to funded programs. The committee meets monthly and more often as needed in May to review each agency's funding request. Their funding recommendations are then given to the United Way board for approval. Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month or as needed.

Campaign Cabinet

Chair - Andrew Lang, TR Toppers; Dan Centa, Pueblo West Metro District; Retired Judge Dennis Maes; Dave Feamster, Little Caesars Pizza; Jane Rawlings, The Pueblo Chieftain; Michael Salardino, Security Service Investments; Christopher Burke, Black Hills Energy; Jeff Chostner, District Attorney; Dave Aldag, Rocky Mountain Eye Center; Jack Quinn; Matt Smith, Snap Fitness; Derrick Martinez, Express Employment Professionals; Ray Swerdfeger, KR Swerdfeger Construction; Kevin McCarthy, US Bank; John Cordova; Ron Francis, pewag Traction Chain

This committee has one of the most difficult challenges charged to any committee - to develop, implement, and conduct the annual campaign. This requires developing new strategies, marketing ideas, and long range planning. Meets as needed.

El Pomar Community Problem Solving Committee

Renee Richardson, US Bank; Jay Dammann; Skip Lauray
Responsible for distributing and monitoring annual earnings from the El Pomar Endowment Fund. This committee works to ensure that these funds are carefully invested in programs that meet needs that would not be funded otherwise. Meets 3 times a year.

Finance Committee

Chair/Treasurer- Bonnie Dickerson, Vestas; Jim Duff; Jennifer Andrew, Security Service Federal Credit Union; Bob Provost, Elizabeth Rogge, Pueblo Bank & Trust; Chris Snyder, AECOM

The finance committee is charged with fiscal responsibilities for the organization, the committee meets monthly to ensure that all the financial records of the organization are in order. Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Labor Committee

Chair - Fred LaSavio, Don Difatta, Michael Guagliardo, Harvey Rodgers, Dave Kins, and Frank Romero.

This committee provides training for Labor to serve on the Board of Trustees, committees, and as campaign coordinators.

Nominating Committee

Matt Smith, Snap Fitness 24/7; Dave Galli, Colorado East Bank & Trust; Bonnie Dickerson, Vestas; Michelle Peulen, Colorado Department of Transportation

This committee is charged with identifying candidates from among the Membership - at - Large to serve on the Board of Trustees and volunteer committees.

Community Impact Grant Committee

Rick Holmes, Bechtel; Beth Byrant; Renee Richardson, US Bank; Dominic Gallina, Bank of the San Juans

This committee selects deserving programs to be funded by the United Way Community Impact Grant.

Office/Building Committee

Matt Smith, Snap Fitness 24/7; Rick Holmes, Bechtel; Rick Scholtes, Target Distribution Center; Ted Ortiviz, Housing Authority of Pueblo; Karen Trujillo, RE/MAX Pueblo West

United Way of Pueblo County Colorado Inc.
2015/2016 Annual Report
Published Annually
United Way of Pueblo County Colorado Inc.
PO Box 11566 • Pueblo, CO 81001
(719) 225-8580
www.pueblounitedway.org

United Way Middle School Mentors

- Rose Ahlers, Loaf 'N Jug
- Hector Arambulo, Community Volunteer
- David Atwood, Black Hills Energy
- Cheryl Babcock, AT&T
- Justin Becker, Target Stores
- Ed Brown, Pueblo City Council
- Kryste Brown, Pure Spa and Wellness
- Michael Bryant M.D., retired Centura Health Cancer Center
- Eileen Cardenas, PROPEL CSU Pueblo
- Sandra Casaus, Pueblo West Metropolitan District
- Dan Centa, Pueblo West Metropolitan District
- Annette Sabo Charron, English Rx
- Alexander C. Chavez, pewag Traction Chain
- Angelica Chavez, HUB International Insurance Service
- Kevin Coates Jr., Target Corporation
- Michael Colucci, Pueblo Regional Building Department
- Ryan Daberkow, American Family Insurance
- Tammy Jo Dynne, Parkview Medical Center
- Dennis Diaz
- Connie Espinosa, Pueblo Youth Center-Retired
- Joseph Eunice
- Matthew Fernandez, EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel
- Reginald Figgs III, Parkview Medical Center
- Michelle Francis, Snap Fitness 24/7
- Maya Galeas, The Pueblo Chieftain
- Pam Galkowski, Parkview Medical Center
- Scott Gaskell, Farmers Insurance
- Lauren Gattis, Ingersoll Rand Trane
- Victoria Gonzales, Aquaflow Water Conditioning and Open MRI of Pueblo
- Dean Grinstead, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Angela Guerra, Security Service Federal Credit Union
- Patty Guerrero, Century Link
- Eli Hudspeth
- Vickie Kampa, Pueblo Community College
- Laura Kelly, Pueblo Community Health Center Foundation
- Lawrence Kochis, United Way of Pueblo County
- Andrew Lang, TR Toppers, Inc.
- Dan Larson, Young Life Pueblo
- Vern Larson, Major Mortgage
- Judy Leonard, Pueblo West Metro District Board
- Jim Martin, Cornerstone Roofing and Gutters
- Jocelyn Martinez, Sysco Foods of Denver
- Vanessa Martinez
- Tiffany Mayoral-Valdespino
- Jim Mertz, Salvation Army
- Dale Montoya, Trane Engineer
- Tammy Moore, Parkview Medical Center
- Stephanie Morales, Century Link
- Dan Muniz, Keller Williams Performance
- Dr. Jeffrey L. Newcom, Business Development and Strategy
- Martine Orr, Community Volunteer
- Rosanna Pacheco
- Paul Perea, UTC Aerospace Systems
- Chad Pfief, Legacy Bank
- Shirley D. Pool, EDD State of California, retired
- Jessie M. Quintana, retired Pueblo County Health Dept
- Valerie Rivera, Ent Credit Union
- Eva Rodriguez, United Health Care
- Henry C. Roman, South Central BOCES
- Valarie Ruybal-Montoya, United Way of Pueblo County
- Julie Schafer, HUB International Insurance Services
- Ryan Seddon, Professional Bull Riders
- Adria Sharon, Pine Drive Telephone Co.
- Jenny Smith, Lamar Outdoor Advertising
- Jessica Smith, Team Select Home Health Care
- Matt Smith, Snap Fitness 24/7
- Dalton Sprouse, Pueblo City Schools
- Darrin Tangeman, Pueblo West Metropolitan District
- James Trujillo, RE/MAX Associates
- Lora Ure, Parkview Medical Center
- Dimas Vigil, UTC Aerospace Systems
- Edgie Walrath
- Reid Weber, HUB International Insurance Services
- Jeffrey Young, Professional Bull Riders

Pueblo Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



A program of United Way of Pueblo County

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Leverages \$1.6 million Back into our Community

As part of our commitment to addressing key community issues, United Way is developing strategies to positively impact the financial stability of our citizens. The goal is to help move people towards greater economic self-sufficiency and away from safety net services that are used during crisis situations.

One very important initiative working toward this goal is the Pueblo Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). VITA is an IRS program that provides free tax preparation and filing for low income taxpayers, who meet the annual income cap of \$54,000 or below per household. In addition to providing free tax preparation,

VITA works to ensure everyone in the community receives all of the tax credits and deductions for which they are eligible.

Thanks to the help of highly trained volunteers, the Pueblo VITA Coalition processed 1,123 income tax forms at various geographic sites located conveniently throughout the community during the 2016 tax season. This one program leverages an impressive \$1,679,000 back into our community via monetary returns to the city and county through tax refunds, tax credits and savings of payments for private preparation fees! That's an excellent return on investment! A break-out of these figures for tax credits includes

- \$569,000 in Earned Income Tax Credits
- \$185,500 in Child Care Tax Credits
- \$17,600 in Education Tax Credits

Often times, these valuable tax credits can literally lift people out of poverty, helping them to become more self sufficient.

For more information on this program, or becoming a volunteer, please call United Way at 719-225-8580 or Judith Boudreaux, program coordinator at 719-296-8768.

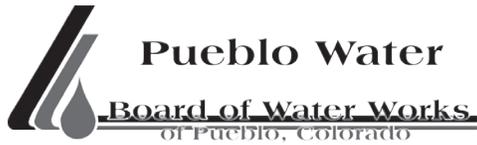
**VITA is sponsored in part by the generosity of the City of Pueblo and the County of Pueblo through CSAC (Community Services Advisory Commission).*

Income Tax Assistance Volunteers

Paul Arriaga
Carol Ann Bronko
Michael Catalano
Sharon Gaskell
Gale Hamby

Lucille Laher
Dee McCormack
Dennis Murphy
Mark Mutz
Lois Olquin

Alice Padilla
Becky Robler
Geraldyn Roland
Bernadette Salazar
Josie Salazar
Meg Scarlett
Shirley Van Riper
Catherine Zerfus



Cares Program

Out of compassion and concern for the Pueblo community, the Board of Water Works created a program to help those needing assistance with their water bill. In partnership with United Way and Catholic Charities, hundreds of people have received "a hand up" in these difficult economic times. Recipients must be screened for their eligibility and need, and can receive help up to \$125 once in a twelve month period, not to exceed three times in total. The fund was created by appropriations from the Board of Water Works, the City of Pueblo and contributions from caring individuals and businesses.

United Way thanks the Board of Water Works, already one of our most steadfast and generous partners, in stepping up in a big way to help those struggling to make ends meet. Pueblo and United Way are indeed lucky to have the leadership, generosity and compassion that the Board of Water Works provides.

Get United Way info via e-mail!

Sign up at

www.pueblounitedway.org

or email Bianca at

bianca@pueblounitedway.org

Find us on: facebook®

United Way of
Pueblo County



Community Impact Grants: Addressing Needs that Matter to Our Community!

At United Way, our volunteers look at the needs of our community. As needs change, we want to be responsive and invest your donor dollars as effectively as possible – because results matter! In response to ever-changing needs, United Way Board of Trustees have developed community impact grants, which are designed to address needs not currently funded by United Way. This year, we were able to invest new dollars into the following outstanding organizations:

- **A Caring Pregnancy Center** to provide funding for their Life Services Program, whose aim is to break the cycle of poverty that begins with unplanned teen pregnancies. This

program will impact over 600 lives, including parents and children.

The program includes classes to help parents gain financial stability, become better parents, counseling and general life support.

- **Colorado Farm to Table** to empower the organization to build capacity to plant, grow, harvest and distribute more fresh produce to partner food banks/pantries in Pueblo at no cost. Over 30, 312 lbs. was provided to help feed Pueblo's hungry with nutritious vegetables in 2015.

Thank YOU for helping us make this happen. Give. Help. Make your impact...because our community matters!

OTHER UNITED WAY FUNDING

*Other organizations receiving grants
or funding via United Way of Pueblo County are:*

- A Caring Pregnancy Center
- Adams State University Foundation
- Advocates Against Domestic Violence
- Agape Fellowship Church
- Arkansas Valley Resource Center
- Care and Share Food Bank
- CASA of Pueblo
- Center for Disabilities
- Center for Restorative Programs
- Colorado Farm to Table
- Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West
- EPIC Pueblo- Executives Partnering to Invest in Children
- Friendly Harbor Drop In Center
- Health Solutions
- Hospice del Valle
- Inspiration Field
- La Puente Homes
- Mental Health Colorado
- Mountain Park Environmental Center
- Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association
- Posada
- Pueblo City Schools
- Pueblo School District 70
- Pueblo Soup Kitchen
- Pueblo StepUp
- Sangre De Cristo Volunteers for Community
- Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre
- Tu Casa



Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Pueblo, Colorado
PERMIT NO. 105

United Way of Pueblo County Colorado Inc.
PO Box 11566
Pueblo, CO 81001
719-225-8580 / www.pueblounitedway.org

Return Service Requested

LIVE UNITED
JOIN HANDS.
OPEN YOUR HEART.
LEND YOUR MUSCLE.
FIND YOUR VOICE.
GIVE 10%. GIVE 100%.
GIVE 110%
GIVE AN HOUR. GIVE A SATURDAY.
THINK OF *WE* BEFORE *ME*.
REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND
INFLUENCE
THE CONDITION OF ALL.



Visit our website: www.pueblounitedway.org
Find us on Facebook: [unitedwayofpueblocounty](https://www.facebook.com/unitedwayofpueblocounty)