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Dedicated to our mission – focused on student success

Dear Friends,

As the challenge of operating a foundation in a daunting economic environment persists, we are delighted to report that the Front Range Community College Foundation received its largest-ever bequest for scholarships.

This gift was the catalyst for another accomplishment: a formal planned-giving program, named after the generous donors whose legacy will be felt by generations of FRCC students to come. You will read about the $150,000 endowment bequest in another section of our annual report. It is just one example of what every other donation means: More students have opportunities to succeed.

Other highlights:

- As you read this today, thanks to donations about a hundred students are attending FRCC who might not have been able to afford an education. The Foundation distributed more than $110,000 to assist these students for the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters. Our thanks go out to all our donors.
- We continue to engage the college's employees. The Power of One campaign, launched in 2008, encourages employee giving. Today, employee donations amount to the equivalent of 10 scholarships per year.
- We reached out to alumni with our first-ever direct-mail correspondence. A $10,000 challenge grant was the catalyst for an alumni-giving campaign. Other segments of this direct-mail campaign brought us 52 new donors.
- Our annual Create a Future Invitational Golf Tournament was a success, with more golfers registered and more funds raised than last year.

None of these accomplishments could happen without support from the college, hundreds of volunteers, and generous event sponsors. Nor could they have been accomplished without the work of Celeste Sikora, who served as Foundation director through July 2010. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Scholarships transform lives. Most FRCC students juggle multiple responsibilities – work, family, and career preparation. Especially in difficult times, a scholarship can make all the difference.

We depend on people like you, who care deeply about the importance of higher education. Please visit one of our campuses and meet some of the students you are supporting. When you do, you will see how even small scholarships can relieve some economic pressure so the students can focus on their academic successes. They, and we, are grateful to have your assistance. Thank you very much.

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An unselfish gift, a lasting legacy

Kenneth & Dorothy Beil
FRCC Scholarship Donors

The Front Range Community College Foundation received the largest scholarship bequest in its 15-year history in 2009-2010.

The $150,000 bequest came from the estates of Kenneth and Dorothy Beil of Fort Collins. The bequest will endow the Kenneth and Dorothy Beil Scholarship. Proceeds from the endowment will fund full scholarships for students who attend any FRCC campus and who demonstrate financial need.

The first scholarships were awarded for the fall 2010 semester. The beneficiaries are Amanda G. Whitaker, Larimer Campus; Christopher L. Irish, Boulder County Campus, and Tiana Ce Harris, Westminster Campus.

The Beils' generosity through planned giving also has been honored by the founding of the Kenneth and Dorothy Beil Legacy Society. The Foundation will work with other donors on planned gifts of any size.

"The legacy that the Beils established will make a difference in the lives of students who follow," said FRCC President Andy Dorsey. "These scholarships will provide students the opportunity to brighten their futures and change their lives."

"Dorothy and Ken had no children," said Glenn Moyer, a nephew of the Beils who lives in Pennsylvania. "They always had an interest in their extended family and the lives of their nieces and nephews. They had a keen interest in the younger generation and wanted, very much, to support and assist needy students in obtaining their postsecondary education. They were very excited that they could provide financial assistance to students who otherwise could not attend Front Range Community College."

The Beils were born and raised on farms in eastern Pennsylvania. Kenneth Beil served in the Army in the Philippines from 1945-1947. He worked for 40 years for General Electric, retiring as a supervisor. He later worked as a supervisor for Black and Decker's small appliance division. Dorothy Beil worked in production for General Electric. They were married in 1950.

The Beils moved to Colorado in 1991. A patriotic couple, Kenneth supported American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in northern Colorado and was a member of the Honor Guard. Dorothy was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and volunteered her time for VFW activities.

Kenneth died February 26, 2007. Dorothy died August 10, 2009.

Mathis Santella
FRCC Scholarship Recipient

Successful futures start with strong foundations

In 18 months, Mathis Santella went through a divorce, bankruptcy, foreclosure, a layoff, and the deaths of a family member and a friend. Yet each night, as he looked over his sleeping daughter, of whom he has custody, he found hope.

"It seemed that I had lost everything, but I had been given a gift," Mathis says. "The gift was a second chance to start my life over and do it right this time." Mathis enrolled at Front Range Community College. He wants to be an elementary school teacher, then a coach and principal.

It's not easy. Mathis works two part-time jobs. He uses food stamps, the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Medicaid for his daughter, and the Colorado Indigent Care Program for himself. His scholarship, he says, "is priceless in the life of a single parent."

Mathis carries a 3.7 GPA and has transferred to Metropolitan State College of Denver.

"I want to be a teacher so I can help children," he says. "I want to be that person in their life who motivates them to be successful, or to just be happy with what they are given. I want to be there for my students, regardless of the circumstances in their life."

Laura Lopez
FRCC Scholarship Recipient

All journeys begin with a single step, and the journey Laura Lopez has been on started at FRCC's Center for Adult Learning. She wanted a GED. Step one – improve her reading skills. Step two – the GED. Step three – earn a certificate from FRCC's Phlebotomy Program. Step four – work toward a certificate as a medical assistant.

Scholarship assistance has been a big help for Laura, a 52-year-old single mother. Her daughter, Zoë, a senior in high school, is a talented pianist and artist. Laura has researched careers. Already a licensed aesthetician, she knows she's a "hands-on" person, so phlebotomy and medical assistant are good career fits – and a good combination of skills to set her apart from people with a single skill set. Because of her documented learning disabilities, academic accommodations such as a longer time to take tests, having a notetaker, and using books on tape and a "smart pen" that records her professor's words as she herself takes notes are all helping Laura succeed. In addition, taking one class at a time is part of her strategy. It's a formula for success. She recently earned an A in Anatomy and Physiology. Now, she is taking General Psychology I. "By taking classes one step at a time, in smaller doses, I get good grades and keep my GPA up," Laura says. "Cid (Shinsel, coordinator of disability services) says to me, 'You will have earned your degree'."

2009 awarded scholarships

Antique Automobile Club of America
Scholarship $500 – Jesus Alvarez

BCC Student
Scholarship $500 – Alyssa Weber

John and Betty Becker Vocational Technical
Scholarship $2,500 – Ryan Axtman

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Scholarship $2,500 – Mandi Clawson

Garrett R. Carpenter Education
Scholarship $500 – Andrea Petrarca

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Scholarship $1,000 – Lacy Ernst

Virginia May Clark
Scholarship $1,000 – Shana Ochsner

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Scholarship $1,000 – Susan Zimmerman

Virginia May Clark
Scholarship $600 – Tabitha Silvestri

R. Marshall Coon Vocational Technical
Scholarship $700 – Ryan Axtman

Create a Future Brighton High School
Scholarship $500 – Natalia Wehrle

Create a Future Broomfield High School
Scholarship $1,000 – Cody Roberts

Create a Future Frederick High School
Scholarship $900 – Daudi Njenga

Create a Future Harold Ferguson High School
Scholarship $2,500 – Saybel Kvande

Create a Future Horizon High School
Scholarship $1,000 – Brianne Cafiero

Create a Future Iver C. Ranum High School
Scholarship $2,500 – Janett Mendoza-Hernandez

Create a Future Legacy High School
Scholarship $2,500 – Jacenta Irlanda

Create a Future Longmont High School
Scholarship $900 – Alexis Grill

Create a Future Mountain View High School
Scholarship $2,500 – Brooke Duncan

Create a Future Rocky Mountain High School
Scholarship $900 – Hannah Rencher

Create a Future Skyline - Mapleton High School
Scholarship $2,500 – Christina Jackson

Create a Future Westminster High School
Scholarship $900 – Julieta Vital-Garay

Everitt Companies
Single Mother Scholarship $2,000 – Whitney Romero

Excellence in Mathematics
Scholarship $450 – David Conrad

Foster Child Orphan Incentive
General Scholarship $1,000 – Saybel Kvande

Foster Child Orphan Incentive
General Scholarship $800 – Jacquelyne Colacino

First Generation
General Scholarship $2,000 – Alejandra Palacios

First Generation
General Scholarship $2,000 – Jesus Alvarez

First Generation
General Scholarship $2,000 – Lesa Ketron

First Generation
General Scholarship $2,000 – Lisa Reese

First Generation
General Scholarship $2,000 – Karmen Ovchian Miandoab

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Jesus Alvarez

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Justin Stevens

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Scholarship $1,000 – Joey Simental

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Scholarship $1,000 – Whitney Romero

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Scholarship $1,000 – Melissa Patterson

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Yvonne Moore

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Laura Lopez

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Kizzie Hernandez

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Jade Garcia

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Jacquelyne Colacino

Friends in Harmony
Scholarship $1,000 – Benjamin Rencher

Longmont Legacy
Scholarship $1,000 – Britt Fallica

Guaranty Bank and Trust Company
Scholarship $250 – Morgan Lindskog

Guaranty Bank and Trust Company
Scholarship $250 – Jordan Johann

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Scholarship $1,000 – Keri Iverson

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Scholarship $1,000 – Jacob Guenther

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Scholarship $1,000 – Sam Jones

Mapleton High School
General Scholarship $1,000 – Karla Dominguez

Mapleton High School
General Scholarship $1,000 – Cassandra Villarreal

Mapleton High School
General Scholarship $1,000 – Icy Adams

Mended Hearts Nursing/Cardiology
Scholarship $500 – Carrie Bacon

PEO Program for Continuing Education
Scholarship $500 – Heather Montejano

Phillips Single Father
Scholarship $2,400 – Mathis Santella

Freda T. Roof Memorial General
Scholarship $500 – Amanda Hanson

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General Scholarship $500 – Lesa Ketron

Freda T. Roof Memorial General
General Scholarship $500 – Carey Hebert

Freda T. Roof Memorial General
General Scholarship $500 – Lisa Reese

Single But Not Alone
Single Mother Scholarship $500 – Angai Ravisankar

John Swenson Volunteerism
Scholarship $800 – Erica Barcelon

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Thornton Technology/Metro North Chamber Business
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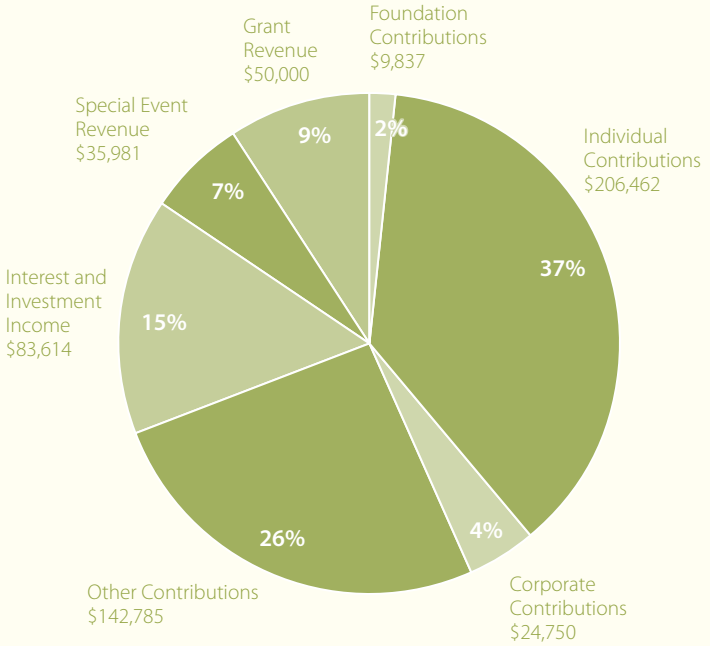

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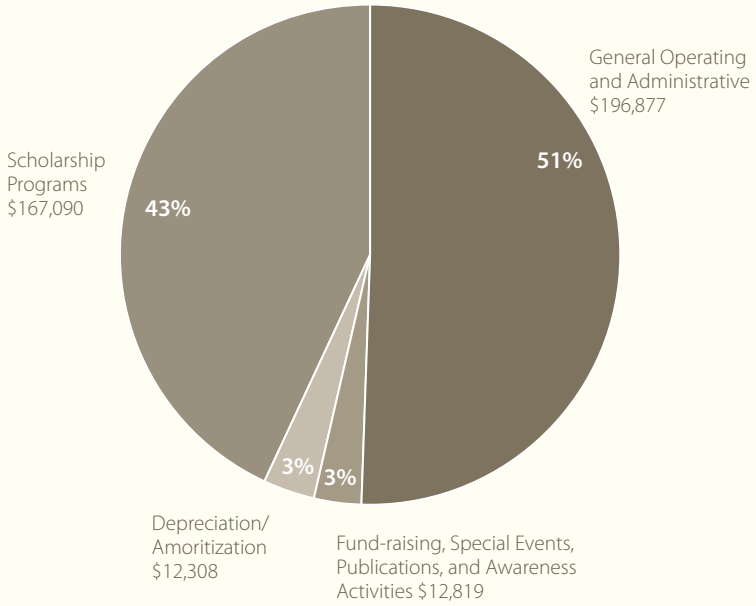

DebiSue Polsley
FRCC Scholarship Recipient

Golfers hear from scholarship recipient

The 108 golfers who took part in the 26th Annual Create A Future Golf Tournament heard a compelling story from scholarship recipient DebiSue Polsley. The golfers found out in a personal way what scholarship funds can do.

A brain injury in 2001 changed DebiSue's life.

"I was frustrated at tasks that I had previously been exceptional at," DebiSue says. "I questioned my ability to learn. Not just learn the simple tasks again, but learn in a way that I could truly excel again, both personally and professionally.

"I tried to change each stumbling block into a stepping stone. However, there was one nagging question – could I go to college?"

The chance reading of a magazine article changed DebiSue's life. The article stated that people who don't go back to school by the time they are 35 usually never go back.

DebiSue was 30. She took the big step. Now or never, she enrolled at FRCC.

"I was scared to death, worse than junior high," she says. "I was shaking as I walked into Holly Godfrey's Sociology 101 class."

The shaking stopped almost instantly.

"Here was a woman who seemed to want me to succeed," DebiSue says. "From day one throughout the semester, she consistently demonstrated that her goal was my success. For the first time in years, someone said 'you are smart enough, DebiSue.' As the semester went on, each professor I encountered genuinely believed in me."

DebiSue knows others believe in her, too.

"The benefactors who contributed to my scholarship are heroes. Without you, I may never have known that I was capable."

DebiSue carries a 4.0 GPA.

Providing the support students need to help them succeed.

Our sincere appreciation to the following individual, government, foundation and corporate donors who have made a generous contribution from July 2009 through June 2010. Our donors help transform lives by providing scholarship assistance to over 100 students annually. Thank you!

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FRCC Scholarship Donor

Jeff Townsend, founder and president of Townsend Retirement Specialists in Westminster, understands such financial terms as value, investment, and return. He sees those terms fulfilled in his business, which helps people plan for a successful retirement and manages retirement investments, and in his contribution for three scholarships for students studying Business at Front Range Community College. "My contact with the FRCC Foundation opened my eyes to the value and contributions FRCC makes to the community," Jeff says. "I have had the opportunity to meet some scholarship recipients. It gave me a chance to see their appreciation for an opportunity to go to college at FRCC. It's so rewarding to see these students be so enthusiastic about learning. That fires me up."

Todd Nelson
FRCC Scholarship Recipient

Back in 2002, Todd Nelson knew what he wanted – a degree in electrical engineering. He was working full time in retail electronics, home audio systems, and construction. He figured his income would support his quest for the degree, taking one course at a time, starting with evening classes at FRCC.

In 2007, Todd decided to go all out for that degree as a full-time student, but he couldn't do it without scholarship support. "It was a leap of faith financially," Todd says. "It seemed sort of impossible."

Scholarship assistance from the FRCC Foundation has changed "impossible" to "possible." Today, Todd is a senior at Colorado School of Mines – a transfer from FRCC. And his FRCC Foundation scholarship support has followed him to CSM. "The transfer agreement FRCC has with Mines worked," Todd says. "It was tailored very well for me. FRCC prepared me well enough to succeed at Mines. My scholarship has provided me an education I simply couldn't have afforded on my own," Todd says. "The financial support has been key, but maybe less obvious is the confidence I've gained knowing that my donor and the foundation believe in me and my dream. I have a sense of accountability, which has set my standards high, and I have a strong sense of moral obligation to succeed so that I'm able to provide the same opportunity to others in the future."

Todd would like to work in product development and design, or perhaps research and development in the medical-technologies field. "I'm lucky to be in electrical engineering," he says. "A degree from Mines will help me in the long run."

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Jim Prater & Vicki Volbrecht
FRCC Scholarship Donors

Several years ago, Jim Prater and Vicki Volbrecht became aware that many foster children don't have a chance to attend college. The state supports them until they are 18, but then they often are on their own. "It is difficult for foster children and orphans to attend college when they're working a job and learning to live independently without the help of parents," Jim says. "The support structure and continuity that most college students rely on is often missing when these kids graduate from high school."

Jim, an engineer, and Vicki, a professor at Colorado State University, like helping others get a good education. "We decided to help in a small way," Vicki says. "FRCC is an excellent place for new college students, and at FRCC our contribution is enough to help a student get started. I have taught or advised many students at CSU who got their start at FRCC."

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