



THE PROGRESS REPORT

The Colorado Health Foundation's monthly newsletter shares the latest news on our grantmaking, policy and advocacy efforts, events and important work around the state to bring health in reach for all Coloradans.

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Philanthropic Collaborative to Offer Affordable Housing Options to Coloradans in Need



Last week, the Foundation joined a collaborative of philanthropic funders, including Gary Community Investments, Bohemian Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, The Denver Foundation, Mile High United Way and Northern Trust, to catalyze nearly \$25 million in private investment to launch [Elevation Community Land Trust \(CLT\)](#). The new CLT will foster stewardship of permanently affordable housing in neighborhoods across metro Denver and ultimately statewide.

We know that having a stable and affordable home is critical to ensuring Coloradans have what they need to be healthy.

Yet, 40 percent of Colorado's households are challenged to make ends meet, and there simply aren't enough affordable options for them. The Foundation is proud to support this innovative approach and proven model that will help bring sustainable affordable housing options in reach for Coloradans – especially those most in need.

Rather than being concentrated in a single neighborhood, Elevation CLT will use a “scattered site model” that has the flexibility to scale to any community at risk of or enduring gentrification and displacement. To further support low-income families in the communities it serves, Elevation CLT eventually aims to align itself with comprehensive supportive services programs that provide residents with increased access to health care and healthy food, early childhood education, workforce training and placement, and wealth-building opportunities. It will complement other affordable housing efforts being undertaken by public and private organizations at the local and state levels.

Elevation CLT is being established as a public-private partnership that will rely on capital subsidies and resources from a mix of sources, including the public sector. Within the next five years, Elevation CLT's stewardship will support the creation of more than 700 CLT homes via the acquisition of single-family homes in neighborhoods across metro Denver and land for the development of new construction townhomes and condos. At this scale, Elevation CLT will be

financially sustainable within its first five years, and it has the power to become a new platform that can be leveraged to support communities across Colorado.

[Learn more about Elevation CLT](#). Questions? Contact [Taryn Fort](#), Colorado Health Foundation senior director of communications, at 303-953-3666.



Colorado Open Enrollment

Open enrollment runs through Jan. 12, 2018, but to ensure coverage starts on Jan. 1, shoppers must purchase a plan by Dec. 15, 2017.

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In Good Health Blog

Our blog shares what we're learning to ensure that across Colorado each of us can say: "We have all we need to live healthy lives."

[Read...](#)



Advocacy Resources

Miss our recent Advocating for Impact workshop series? We have presentations and resources available for you online.

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Join us for the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger Release



We know that food insecurity, a condition where individuals or families lack access to sufficient food because of limited resources, is a real and pressing issue for hundreds of thousands of Colorado families. Hunger is strongly linked with poor health outcomes and higher health care costs and utilization.

Additionally, it is connected with poorer educational outcomes and more limited school readiness in children. For seniors, it dramatically impacts self-sufficiency and well-being.

The good news? We also know that hunger in Colorado is a solvable problem.

Recognizing that Colorado consistently ranks low in participation and access to child nutrition and federal food programs, and that there are opportunities to promote food security and end hunger in

every community in the state, a group of leaders has come together to develop the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger.

Join these dedicated groups as they [release the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger](#) and learn more about this critical issue and the path forward. Breakfast will be served.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018

Location: Colorado Room, History Colorado, 1200 N Broadway, Denver CO 80203

Time: Breakfast: 7:30 – 8 a.m.

Presentation: 8 – 9 a.m.

Closing remarks by Governor Hickenlooper: 9 – 9:30 a.m.

[Register now.](#)

Parking vouchers will be provided at registration for those who park in the Cultural Center Garage at 65 W. 12th Ave.

Foundation Announces New Board Member, Dietz Fry



The Colorado Health Foundation named Dietz Fry as the newest member of its Board of Directors. Managing Director at Endeavour Capital, Dietz Fry joined the investment team at Endeavour Capital in 2004 after serving with Denver-based investment banking firm, Green Manning & Bunch. Over the past 13 years, Fry focused on expanding Endeavour's presence in the Rocky Mountain Region. He has also served on the board of directors of approximately 10 of the companies Endeavour has invested in, including several health care products or services businesses. Fry has served two years on the Foundation's investment committee and will continue to serve on it moving forward.

The Foundation would also like to thank two dedicated board members who's terms end this year: Toti Cadavid, president, U-Fulfilled; and Diane H. Padalino, senior vice president, Merrill Lynch Private Bank and Investment Group.

[Learn more about Dietz Fry.](#)

The Future of Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+): Resources Now Available



Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) is low-cost public health insurance for children and pregnant women who qualify. It is for people who earn too much to qualify for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program), but not enough to pay for private health insurance. CHP+ is paid for by a combination of state and federal funding. For CHP+ to continue in Colorado, Congress must pass a law to renew federal funding for the program. If Congress does not renew federal funding, CHP+ in Colorado will end on January 31, 2018.

In response to this, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing has developed information and resources for CHP+ members and applicants, CHP+ providers, counties, eligibility partners, stakeholders and advocates. [Access resources](#) to learn about the possible end of CHP+ and what the next steps are for members.

Mark Your Calendar

[2018 Open Enrollment](#)

Nov. 1, 2017 – Jan. 12, 2018

[Next Grant Deadline](#)

Feb. 15, 2018
