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Three Colorado Communities Receive Healthy Places Awards

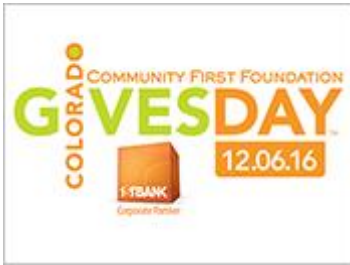


[Healthy Places: Designing an Active Colorado](#) is an initiative designed to inspire and support the development of active, healthy communities. Through community-driven processes, the initiative aims to increase physical activity by fostering a built environment where it is easier, safer and more appealing to walk, play and engage in daily activities that encourage movement, connection and fun.

The three communities selected to participate in Healthy Places, included:

- The southeast portion of Arvada (a suburb in metro Denver). Watch the [Arvada videos](#) and view the [infographic](#).
- Lamar (a small town in rural southeastern Colorado). Watch the [Lamar videos](#) and view the [infographic](#).
- Westwood (an urban neighborhood in southwest Denver). Watch the [Westwood videos](#) and view the [infographic](#).

The Foundation hosted a celebration ceremony in early November to honor all three communities for their tireless commitment to and success with the Healthy Places initiative. The event included a shuttle tour of the Westwood community, reception with live music and art, and an awards ceremony, in which each community received recognition for their work. [Learn more](#) about how these three communities have transformed into healthier places. For questions, contact [Hillary Fulton](#), senior program officer.



Colorado Gives Day

Support local nonprofits on Dec. 6 for Colorado Gives Day - the annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online donations.

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#CoverageMatters Campaign

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently launched the #CoverageMatters campaign, encouraging people nationwide to share the benefits they've seen from the Affordable Care Act.

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Healthy School Champions

The Healthy School Champions Program awards schools for creating a healthy school environment and implementing effective school health efforts. Apply by Jan. 20, 2017.

[Apply...](#)

Application Process Now Open for BUILD Health Challenge



The [BUILD Health Challenge](#) is a national awards program supporting “bold, upstream, integrated, local and data-driven” (BUILD) community health interventions in low-income, urban neighborhoods throughout the country. By strengthening partnerships between local nonprofit organizations, hospitals, health systems and local health departments, partners and communities are able to improve community health and well-being.

The initial BUILD communities are off to a great start – including three Colorado communities in [Aurora](#),

[Colorado Springs](#) and [Denver](#). In the next round, BUILD Health will continue to support the partnerships needed to forge meaningful health improvement in communities, expand the research and knowledge base for health interventions and share best practices for others to use. Learn more about [key application dates](#), the [BUILD Health Challenge](#) and participating [Colorado communities](#).

Prime Health Challenge Awards \$150,000 to Test New Health Innovations



The third annual [Prime Health Challenge](#), held Oct. 19 in Denver, offered digital health startup companies the opportunity to partner with host institutions and compete to win up to \$150,000. For the event, [Prime Health](#) convened a group of [15 host institutions](#) including hospitals, health care systems and safety net organizations to hear proposals for new health technologies and bid to pilot test the innovations.

Five of the six companies competing received offers. A panel of health care experts then evaluated the competing digital startup companies and selected the top three to receive cash prizes:

- First Place at \$75,000: [dBMEDx](#)
dBMEDX has developed a new, FDA-cleared, wireless, fully automated bladder scanner that is a simpler, faster, cost efficient and user-friendly device than what is currently available to clinicians.
- Second Place at \$50,000: [Matrix Analytics](#)
Matrix Analytics seeks to improve lung cancer survival rates through its software suite designed to optimize care coordination and patient care by registering and navigating pulmonary nodule patients.
- Third Place at \$25,000: [Preventative Technology Solutions](#)
Preventative Technology Solutions has developed an app that includes a medical assessment for high-risk sexual behavior in adolescents and instantly identifies those in need of immediate prevention and intervention services.

The Foundation funded the 2016 Prime Health Challenge for a third year as part of our efforts to invest in resources and create partnerships that will increase opportunities to improve the health of Coloradans.

Foundation Awards Projects through Community Chest Program



Twice a year, foundations across Colorado participate in [Rural Philanthropy Days](#). At these events, grantmakers engage with rural grantseekers through networking, presentations, discussions and roundtables to exchange information and search for a potential fit between funders and grantseekers.

As a way for the Foundation to engage with organizations whose projects are outside of current funding strategies, we created the Community Chest program. This program aims to provide financial support to such organizations through a one-time,

unrestricted donation. The recipients of our Community Chest dollars are projects we learned about from 2016 Rural Philanthropy Days:

- [Arkansas Valley Ambulance](#) - Run the volunteer ambulance service of the Arkansas Valley region
- [Centennial Area Health Education Center](#) - Create assessment on primary care providers for adults 55 and older in the areas of obesity, active living and cardiovascular health
- [Colorado Farm to Table](#) - Grow, harvest and distribute fresh produce at no cost to food banks, soup kitchens and pantries
- [Daybreak](#) - Provide an adult day program and respite care
- [Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County](#) - Provide a homeless shelter, transitional housing and a food pantry to the underserved community of Fremont County
- [Morgan Community College Foundation](#) - Create a high school program focusing on careers in pediatric care
- [Northeast Colorado Health Department](#) - Find a new building for this rural public health workforce that would be accessible to everyone and improve capacity
- [Town of Sedgwick](#) - Turn a historic jail into a park and museum that also hosts weekend farmer's markets
- [Town of Sterling](#) - Build 15 miles of bike trails around the city
- [Wet Mountain Saddle Club](#) - Start up a new program providing equine therapy

Foundation Coordinates Efforts on Immigrants Health Rights

The Foundation recently coordinated the efforts of an advocacy coalition working on immigrants health rights issues to [support a proposed rule](#) being considered by the Colorado Medical Services Board. The proposed rule, which was drafted by Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, helps to ensure access to full Medicaid benefits for certain categories of immigrants, namely those with refugee status. The current rule terminates full benefits for these individuals, forcing them to rely on Emergency Medicaid.

Mark Your Calendar

[Colorado Gives Day](#)

Dec. 6, 2016

[Open Enrollment](#)

Nov. 1, 2016 - Jan. 31, 2017

[Next Grant Application Deadline](#)

Feb. 15, 2017

[Colorado Health Symposium](#)

Aug. 2-4, 2017

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