

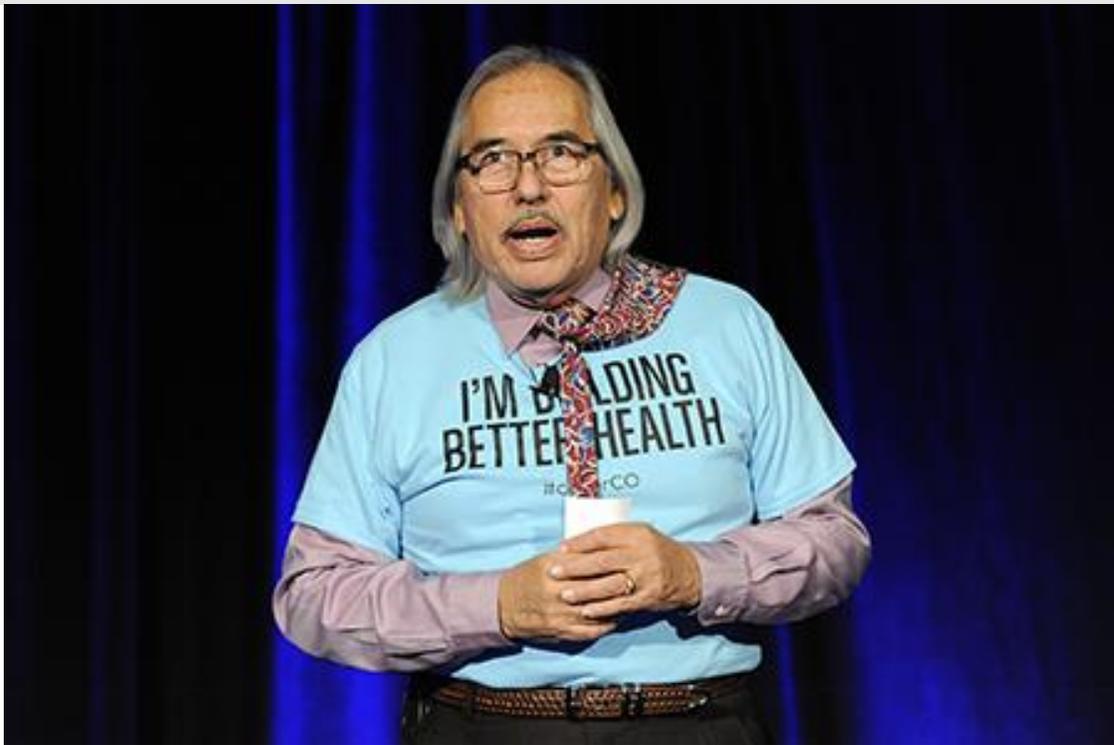


# Progress Report

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## Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award Opens for Applications Next Month

Each year, the Foundation honors on-the-ground changemakers helping Colorado communities thrive through our [Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award program](#). The award program is named after the late Dr. Virgilio Licona, a nationally recognized advocate for social justice who brought a critical voice to some of the most important conversations about how we can bring health in reach for all Coloradans. This

program looks at impassioned Coloradans finding innovative and effective solutions for overcoming health barriers faced by many across the state.

The award program opens for applications in late March and will close in late April. The award winner will be announced publicly at the annual Colorado Health Symposium in July. [Learn more about the award program and previous winners.](#)



### ***Symposium Unplugged***

Register to join our livestream for the upcoming [Symposium Unplugged](#) on Feb. 28 which will look at disrupting poverty to improve health.

[Register...](#)



### ***Investing in Community Ideas***

A [new article in Health Affairs](#) mentions the Foundation as one of several health philanthropies experimenting with a cultivation approach to grantmaking.

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## Foundation Names Mark Evans as Chief Financial Officer

The Foundation [announced](#) last week the hiring of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Mark Evans. In this role, Mark will be responsible for the oversight and management of investments, accounting, grantmaking operations, technology and facilities. He will serve as an active member of our organization's leadership, and engage as an impassioned ambassador in the Foundation's work to advance health and health equity.

Mark joins the Foundation after 10 years as CFO at University of Colorado Medicine where he managed 60 staff and oversaw a wide variety of departments and functions. He has more than 25 years of diverse experience working in Fortune 500 companies, the federal government, nonprofits and small business.

[Read the announcement](#) for more on his role at the Foundation and prior experience.

Mark will begin his new position as CFO effective April 1.



## Colorado Food Banks Saw Increased Demand During Government Shutdown

Despite a second partial government shutdown being avoided this year, [the initial 35-day closure hit Coloradans hard](#) and we will continue to feel its ramifications for the weeks and months to come.

Notably, food banks across the state experienced an uptick in demand as a result of furloughed federal government employees and those forced to work without being paid. Additionally, many of the 220,000 Coloradans who rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) made use of emergency food resources while facing a possible benefits gap as another potential shutdown loomed.

Colorado's five major food banks ramped up their outreach and food distribution during this challenging time, adding additional sites and mobile pantries. As a result, most had to dip into their reserves due to increased operating costs as well as an increased workload for staff and volunteers.

In response to this, the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger recently teamed up with Governor Jared Polis [to launch a campaign to address food insecurity](#) by helping to replenish our local food banks. If you'd like to support efforts to help feed Coloradans in need, you can [make a donation to the campaign](#).

## Mark Your Calendar

[Symposium Unplugged: Disrupting Poverty](#)

Feb. 28, 2019

[Next Grant Application Deadlines](#)

June 15, 2019

Oct. 15, 2019

Feb. 15, 2020

[Colorado Health Symposium](#)

July 24-26, 2019

## The Foundation in the News

[Longmont public safety gets grants to boost case management services for substance abuse, mental health programs](#), *Longmont Times-Call* (2/14)

['Backyard' party celebrates completion of project](#), *South Platte Sentinel* (2/12)

[Small business coaching seminar Feb. 20](#), *The Pueblo Chieftain* (2/11)

[Sunrise Community Health to open new school-based health clinic at Salida Del Sol in fall 2019](#), *Greeley Tribune* (2/6)

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