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## Save the Date! Colorado Health Symposium

The 2020 Colorado Health Symposium will take place July 29-31 at the Keystone Conference Center in Keystone, Colorado.

Colorado's Native, immigrant and refugee communities continue to face injustices when it

comes to their health. Why? There is a clear relationship between culture, race, national origin and the opportunity for good health and overall well-being. We know that racism, oppression and conscious or unconscious bias are key drivers of poor health.

[Bridging Ethnicity, Cultural Identity and Health](#) will shine a light on what gets in the way of Coloradans being their healthiest. We'll hear from the experts – individuals who live and work within these communities – who fight tirelessly to bring health in reach for their families and neighbors. With their voices leading the way, this year's Symposium will spark conversations on the role that history, policy and culture play in their ability to thrive. We'll explore solutions to cultivate shared understanding and prioritize the well-being of Native, immigrant and refugee communities.

Interested in learning more about the Colorado Health Symposium? Be on the lookout for the Symposium's Fellowship and Exchange Session Call for Proposal applications, which open Monday, March 9. You can also watch [recorded plenary and keynote sessions](#), and [view materials](#) from previous Symposia. Questions? [Email us](#).



***2020 Aspen Ideas:  
Health Fellowship Opportunity –  
Apply Today***

Applications for the Aspen Ideas: Health fellowship are open through Friday, March 6. The program is an opportunity for emerging Colorado health leaders to engage in crucial conversations on health.

[Apply by March 6...](#)

***In Good Health Blog Post: The  
Space Around the “Yes” and the  
“No”***

“We see our work with you as a collaboration towards achieving a shared vision of healthy, vibrant communities across the state that are abundant with affordable housing, fresh food, safe neighborhoods and more.”

[Read more...](#)



## **Deadline Approaching: Nonprofit Sabbatical Program**

The Foundation's [Nonprofit Sabbatical Program](#) is open for [applications](#) through Tuesday, March 31. This new program offers nonprofit executives the opportunity to step away from professional responsibilities and take time to rejuvenate. Ideally, the executive returns to their professional life with new ideas and a fresh sense of commitment to their work, the nonprofit sector and the health of all Coloradans.

The award is made in the form of grant – up to \$95,000 – for charitable support to a Colorado-based nonprofit organization, and includes funds for the grantee executive's hiatus, interim leadership and staff capacity building needs. The Foundation will award two sabbaticals annually.

[Learn more](#) about the program, [read our FAQs](#) and [watch an informational webinar](#) for in-depth information on the program and eligibility requirements. Questions? Contact [Brian Kellaway](#), Nonprofit Finance Fund associate director, at 617- 204-9772 ext. 303.



## **Fearlessness: Our Key 2020 Strategy**

Our President and CEO, Karen McNeil-Miller, recently visited southwestern Colorado. Inspired by the stories she heard on the ground, Karen returned to the Foundation with a bold call for our staff: To be fearless in our pursuit to bring health in reach for Coloradans.

We know it's time to move even further beyond the status quo, and to step outside what's comfortable. We know when we show up in community – not to do the talking, but to listen – we find that the realities of people's lives bring our work into focus.

The things we're hearing are calling us to be fearless. Fearless in our pursuit to better understand injustices impacting health. Fearless in our willingness to call attention to avoidable barriers. Fearless in our support of community-inspired ideas and unconventional solutions.

We need to examine for ourselves what it means to be more fearless in how we think, act, show up and use our voice. In 2020 and beyond, we are going to speak up, and be a lightning rod if needed, about inequities affecting the people we serve. We will discuss things that are considered undiscussable, and invite shared learning about the “why”

behind injustices related to health.

[Read our latest blog post](#) to learn how and why we're putting fearlessness at the center of our work this year – from our theme for July's Colorado Health Symposium to our Nonprofit Sabbatical Program to our upcoming public opinion poll.

**89,000 Colorado families use SNAP.**



## **Two New Rules Ensure Coloradans Have Vital SNAP Benefits**

The State Board of Human Services recently approved a two rule package clarifying requirements around the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) able-bodied work requirements and claims processing. The Foundation was pleased to support these changes in partnership with the Colorado Center on Law and Policy, Hunger Free Colorado and the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger. See our [joint letter of support](#) for additional details. We'd like to thank the Colorado Department of Human Services and the State Board of Human Services for helping to improve consistency and consumer-friendliness of the SNAP program.

Additionally, we'd like to thank Colorado Attorney General, Phil Weiser, for joining 20 other states and the District of Columbia in a [lawsuit](#) opposing the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s final rule to impose stricter work requirements on able-bodied adults

without dependents (ABAWD) in the SNAP program. Last year, the Foundation joined partners from around the country in submitting [comments](#) to the USDA in opposition to this rule change that is projected to cut off basic food assistance for more than [700,000 people](#) around the country living on low income. See this [fact sheet](#) from Hunger Free Colorado and the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger for additional details on the impact of the final rule in Colorado.

## Mark Your Calendar

- **March 6:** Deadline: Aspen Ideas: Health fellowship applications due
- **March 9:** Colorado Health Symposium Fellowship and Exchange Session Call for Proposals open for applications
- **March 27:** Deadline: Colorado Health Symposium Fellowship and Exchange Session Call for Proposals applications due
- **March 31:** Deadline: Nonprofit Sabbatical Program applications due
- [Next Grant Application Deadlines](#)
  - June 15, 2020
  - Oct. 15, 2020
  - Feb. 15, 2021

## The Foundation in the News

[Foundation Awards DU \\$5.1 Million in Grants to Tackle Health and Wellness Challenges](#) *University of Denver* (2/11)

[Otero receives Census 2020 donation](#) *La Junta Tribune-Democrat* (2/10)

[Salud Health opens new Trinidad dental clinic](#) *The Chronicle News* (2/6)

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