

NONPROFITS FOUNDATIONS
FINALISTS



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Philip F. Anschutz is a Renaissance businessman whose investments range from energy and publishing to the sports and entertainment industries. He's one of the world's wealthiest men, with a net worth estimated at \$12.6 billion as of late August, according to Forbes magazine.

Through The Anschutz Foundation, Anschutz and wife Nancy have given millions to education, community service and arts groups — including some \$106 million to the University of Colorado's health-related facilities in Aurora, collectively called the Anschutz Medical Campus. The Boy Scouts of America's Denver Area Council this year honored Anschutz as a lifetime trustee for his longtime support.



CHRISTINE BENERO

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When Christine Benero realized Mile High United Way needed a new, updated headquarters, she knew the building should be more than just bricks and mortar. It also needed to be part of the community, and that's what MHUW's Curtis Park building — the Morgridge Center for Community Change — is.

United Way shares space in its "mission-driven," \$23.5 million home with partners including Work Options for Women, Goodwill Industries of Denver and Metro Denver Homeless Initiative. Opened in 2014, the center has been "the embodiment of our mission," according to Benero, in other ways as well, including helping to stimulate needed development around it.



LAUREN CASTEEL

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The Women's Foundation of Colorado chose Lauren Casteel as its top leader in early 2015, making her the first person in the state to lead three foundations during her career. The 2014 Colorado Women's Hall of Fame inductee and social justice champion previously headed the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and Hunt Alternatives Fund. She ran The Denver Foundation's philanthropic partnerships department before going with the WFCO.

Casteel's recent efforts include teaming the WFCO with The Colorado Education Initiative and other STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) supporters to boost participation by women and girls in STEM fields and schools to "ensure gender equity," according to Casteel.



LINDA CHILDEARS

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Linda Childears celebrates 10 years as Daniels Fund chief in 2015, overseeing millions in support to nonprofits in Colorado and neighboring states. The fund, created by the late Denver cable pioneer Bill Daniels "to make a difference for people in their communities," awarded \$47.7 million in 2014 to groups in areas from education and health care to human rights. The fund's scholarship program has helped a total of 3,000-plus recipients attend college.

The Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce recognized Childears as one of its 25 Most Powerful Women of 2014, and the City Year Denver education support group named her a 2015 Red Jacket honoree.



TIM GILL

Title: Founder, co-chair
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Software entrepreneur Tim Gill and his foundation — one of the country's leading advocates for equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people — helped lay the groundwork for the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2015 ruling in favor of gay marriage. But there's more work to do, according to the group. As Gill said in a statement following the high court decision: "We must ... redouble our effort to secure state and federal protections, so that no LGBT person ever has to live in fear of discrimination."

The foundation has invested some \$277 million in equal rights efforts since its 1994 founding.



BRUCE MACINTOSH

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Bruce MacIntosh runs programming for the annual Denver Comic Con, one of the country's largest comic book conventions, as one of Pop Culture Classroom's top leaders since 2011. Convention proceeds benefit PCC, which uses comics, graphic novels and other popular media to teach kids critical thinking and other skills.

The 2015 Denver convention — featuring stars such as Lou Ferrigno of TV's "The Incredible Hulk" — attracted a record 101,500 people, up from 86,500 last year. The convention brings in millions of dollars annually from ticket sales, hotel nights, etc., that "stay right here in Colorado," MacIntosh told the Business Journal earlier this year.

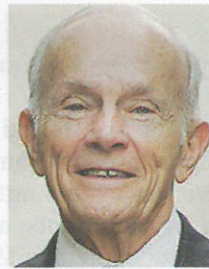


CARRIE and JOHN MORGRIDGE

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Through their family foundation, the Morgridges give millions annually to conservation, arts and health/wellness efforts, but they focus particularly on education such as computer science learning. Carrie Morgridge — whose book "Every Gift Matters" was published this year — sits on the University of Denver's board of trustees and the Colorado Mountain College Board of Overseers, and otherwise is involved with education groups.

Because of the Morgridges' generosity, their name is on National Jewish Health's K-8 school, and Mile High United Way's new \$23.5 million headquarters/community center in Denver.



DANIEL RITCHIE

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Philanthropist Dan Ritchie helps run the DCPA as board chairman, and also is active with groups from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and Colorado Concern to the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority. The University of Denver, where Ritchie was a change agent as chancellor and now is chancellor emeritus, continues to benefit from his philanthropy — including receiving funds for a new \$60 million engineering and computer science building, named for Ritchie's father and scheduled to open in fall 2016.

A Harvard University graduate and former Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. CEO, Dan Ritchie has a long list of honors including the national Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service.



MICHELLE SIE WHITTEN

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The Global Down Syndrome Foundation — founded by Michelle Sie Whitten and her philanthropist parents, John and Anna Sie — works to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome through research, medical care and advocacy.

Whitten and the foundation recently have focused on increasing the syndrome's research funding from the National Institutes of Health, whose annual support peaked at roughly \$31 million in 2010 and has been less since then. Down syndrome now is one of the least-funded genetic conditions in this country, according to the GDSF. In 2014, the foundation raised a record \$1.9 million at its fall fashion show for research.