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**GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES**  
**NEARLY \$86,000 INVESTMENT IN GOLDEN VIA COMMUNITY GRANTS**

GOLDEN, CO, July 31, 2020 - The Golden Civic Foundation (the Foundation) today announced the recent distribution of \$85,825 in funds to Golden non-profit organizations and schools via the Foundation's annual Community Grant Program. Funds for the grants were raised at the Foundation's 44<sup>th</sup> annual Gala & Auction that took place on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Colorado School of Mines' Lockridge Arena. The Giddy Up Gala, was attended by 525 guests and received significant community support in terms of attendance, sponsorship and donations via silent and live auctions and a "paddle raise" benefitting the Community Grant Program.

The 2020 Community Grant awards are separate from the Foundation's current, on-going COVID-19-related community fundraising and relief efforts.

According to Sandra Llanes, President of the Foundation, "The Golden Civic Foundation is proud to have a long and impactful history of supporting our local Golden non-profits and schools and serving as a catalyst for many important community projects that might not happen otherwise. Now more than ever, amidst the challenging climate created by the COVID-19 pandemic, we see our role of investing in Golden's economic and cultural vitality as essential to achieving a lasting and positive impact for Golden residents."

Since 1970, the Golden Civic Foundation has invested more than \$6.4 million via the Community Grant Program for the betterment of the Golden community. 2020 Program highlights include:

- **Community Grants:** 2020 Community Grants were awarded to thirty-one Golden non-profits, including cultural, social service, clubs, schools and civic organizations. Examples of support include: the replacement of outdated firefighting helmets for the Golden Fire Department, infrastructure improvements at the Colorado Railroad Museum including upgraded restrooms and paved walkways, the creation of an online volunteer recruitment tool to be managed by the City of Golden and shared by all local non-profits, assistance to Golden residents utilizing the Family Tree Homelessness Program, and, improvements to the Golden Bike Park by the Golden Giddyup organization. For details on all grant recipients visit: <https://www.goldencivicfoundation.org/this-years-grant-recipients/>
- **Special Grants:** 2019 Special Grants were awarded to the Golden Backpack Program for Strategic Planning, support of the 2019 Olde Golden Christmas as an event Presenting Sponsor, and, to the Rotary Club of Golden's Mental Health Initiative.

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- **Long-Term Critical Needs Support:** The Foundation is honored to continue to provide annual financial support to the Christian Action Guild, a Golden-based, non-denominational, non-profit food bank and thrift store, run solely by volunteers.

“The Golden Civic Foundation would like to thank the sponsors, donors, volunteers, Board members and supporters that make the Foundation’s Community Grant Program possible,” said Heather Schneider, the Foundation’s Executive Director. “In addition to this year’s investment, we’re also excited to announce that the \$76,000 in proceeds raised during our 2018 Gala “paddle raise” has been combined with Jeffco Bond monies to support the Golden High School Community Track Renovation Project. Construction work at the school began in May 2020 and is expected to be completed just in time for the 2020-21 school year!”

*For 50 years, the Golden Civic Foundation has acted for the “Good of Golden” as a City of Golden community catalyst, responding to immediate needs and anticipating future challenges. Founded in 1970, the Foundation’s primary focus includes civic development, community-oriented small business loans and an annual Community Grant Program that has provided more than \$6.4 million of funding to charitable organizations, public schools, government, museums and cultural centers in the greater Golden area. For more information, contact Julie Bartos, Development & Communications Director, at [Julie@GoldenCivicFoundation.org](mailto:Julie@GoldenCivicFoundation.org) or (303) 653-3330, or visit [www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org](http://www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org).*

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