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News Release

Colorado Legacy Foundation Receives More Than \$900,000 in Grants

The Colorado Legacy Foundation has received grants totaling \$968,080 that will be used to support the work of teacher effectiveness and health and wellness in Colorado school districts.

Rose Community Foundation contributed \$100,000 as part of a \$250,000 grant awarded in 2008. The money will be used to support work of the Legacy Foundation in the area of teacher quality. As part of this grant, the Legacy Foundation will also publish a national white paper on teacher effectiveness in early fall. Rose Community Foundation makes grants to organizations and institutions serving the seven-county greater Denver community in the areas of aging, child and family development, education, health and Jewish life.

The second and third grants, both from the Colorado Health Foundation, for \$868,080, will be used to promote health and wellness throughout school districts in the state. The Colorado Health Foundation works to make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation by investing in grants and initiatives to health-related nonprofits that focus on increasing the number of Coloradoans with health insurance; ensuring they have access to quality, coordinated care; and encouraging healthy living.

The grants from the Colorado Health Foundation will launch a two-year health and wellness initiative at the Colorado Legacy Foundation targeted at school district policy makers and community members.

The goal of the initiative will be to assist districts with policies and plans in the area of health and wellness for students and employees. The grants will be used to plan and hold an all-day health and wellness summit, to help districts create health and wellness plans, provide incentive grant funding and technical assistance to districts to work on health and wellness policies.

The Colorado Legacy Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization created to support the Colorado Department of Education.

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