2016 Miller Grant Awards

Arapahoe House - $5,000
Colorado’s leading nonprofit provider of affordable drug and alcohol addiction treatment. In operation for more than forty years, Arapahoe House served 364 Douglas County residents in 2015 - more than 20% of them were children and young adults.

Catholic Charities - $5,000
This program operates out of a Castle Rock based Outreach Office inside St. Francis of Assisi Church. The funding will be used to purchase King Soopers Gift certificates specifically for groceries and gas to help families struggling to get back on their feet in Douglas County.

CO Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF) - $4,000
CALF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting people of all ages and abilities to agriculture through authentic educational programs, community projects and special events. CALF provides fresh, healthy food grown at Lowell Ranch to low income families in Douglas County. In 2015, CALF hosted over 3,000 students during their Connecting Kids to Agriculture Program.

Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation - $1,000
Foundation provides financial and emotional support for State Troopers, State Patrol civilian staff, and their families in times of traumatic injury, death, or personal hardships. 2015 was a particularly difficult year for CSP as two Troopers were killed in the line of duty including Trooper Jursevics; assigned to the Castle Rock CSP office.

Doctors Care - $7,500
Through a network of volunteer physicians, the organization provides access to quality, affordable health care and services designed to reduce barriers to health for low-income people in need. In 2015, nearly 4,000 children, youth and adults received care; about 400 of whom reside in Douglas County.

Douglas County Parenting Coalition - $3,500
This program reaches parents with resources, tools, education, skills development, and encouragement before trouble happens. Their parenting resources website is one of the most comprehensive in Colorado and the group offers free parenting workshops and trainings that are widely attended by parents from all socio-economic and geographic areas of the county.

DC School District – Sources of Strength (SOS) - $ 6,000
This evidenced-based program is focused on preventing: suicide, substance abuse, bullying and school violence. During the past three years of its use in DC schools, use of the SOS program has saved five student lives from suicide. It uses a peer mentor and trusted adult strategy of prevention and intervention. The funding will go for SOS Train-the-trainer to bring the program to more schools and for Peer Leader Support activities.

DC Sheriff's Office Explorer Program - $3,600
A division of the Boy Scouts of America, Learning for Life Program, Explorer’s is designed to familiarize youth from ages 14-20 with their local law enforcement agency. It is of interest to youth interested in a law enforcement career as well as, those wanting to be involved in their community in a positive way. The funds are used for outdoor teambuilding activities and youth leadership development.
Douglas/Elbert Task Force - $25,000
The Task Force provides safety net services for residents of Douglas and Elbert Counties. The Miller funds will be targeted for utility assistance for low-income clients of the task force. In 2015, 125 households were assisted in keeping their utilities in service.

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver - $2,000
Habitat plans to use the Miller funds to offset a portion of the costs to acquire and renovate a condominium, townhome or single-family home within Douglas County for sale to a qualified low-income household.

Hide in Plain Sight (HIPS) - $3,000
A new nonprofit created in 2015, HIPS provides scholarships to homeless youth in Douglas County. HIPS also provides emergency financial assistance and food, clothing and toys for homeless families. The Miller funding will be used specifically to fund one college or vocational scholarship for a homeless youth.

Integrated Family Community Services (formerly Inter-Faith Community Service) - $12,500
IFCS is a safety net program that serves western and unincorporated Arapahoe and northern Douglas County, specifically Highlands Ranch and Lone Tree residents. IFCS provides access to food and clothing but also case management to guide clients in informed decision making and avoiding self-destructive lifestyles.

Men's Crisis Connection - $2,000
MCC is a grassroots, nonprofit that was formed to fill a perceived need for services for men in the Castle Rock and surrounding areas. Although anyone can be served, the client profile is Castle Rock area men in crisis that are willing to work, develop a plan to get out of crisis, have children in the DC schools and no addiction problems.

Parker Task Force - $30,000
29 years in existence, Parker Task Force is an all-volunteer, comprehensive, emergency assistance, safety net and self-sufficiency program. The Task Force partners with many other local organizations and has Human Services and the AD Workforce Center co-located at their new facility. Miller funds will be used for general operating expenses to serve 400+ families in Parker and Franktown plus surrounding areas.

Praying Hands Ranch - $5,000
PHR is committed to meeting the needs of mentally, emotionally, physically challenged children and adults including troubled youth in a ranch environment therapeutic center in eight week sessions. Miller funding will go for scholarships for Douglas County residents participating in this equine therapy program.

Rosie's Ranch - $5,000
This equine therapy program provides a family-centered atmosphere where children with deafness or other oral language challenges expand verbal, listening and reading skills by engaging in activities with horses and their neighborhood friends. It is unique from other equine programs due to the population served.
**Save our Youth** - $7,500
Program provides at-risk youth with skills to navigate through the struggles, temptations and often destructive environments they face through one-on-one mentoring. SOY is a well- respected program in the Denver Metro area that is expanding into Douglas County through a partnership with Legend High School. They also work with DC Human Services and the DC Youth Initiative.

**Second Wind Fund** - $10,000
SWF program connects children and youth that have no other access to care and are at risk of suicide with licensed counselors that have expertise treating this population and pays for up to 12 treatment sessions. Since 2009, SWF has served 255 students in Douglas County, including 39 in the 2014-2015 school year.

**Sky Cliff Center** - $25,000
Sky Cliff provides enriching and empowering programs and care for adults with special needs, seniors and stroke victims (victors) in a "home away from home" environment. Miller funds will be specifically used to add a modular building to increase the number of participants that can be served on a daily basis. Sky Cliff provides a unique service for Douglas County residents.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society** - $5,000
SVdP provides food and non-food necessities to low-income families and those in crisis. SVdP is the only food bank in the area that operates on Saturdays. On a typical Saturday 80 - 130 families are served.

**Wellspring Community** - $5,000
Wellspring offers innovative program for adults with special needs. Their unique business enterprises are specifically designed to give adults with special needs a sense of purpose, meaning and accomplishment. Miller funds will go toward Wellspring's newest venture, their Best Buddies Bakery and Cafe at the Emporium.

**Y.E.S.S. Suicide Prevention DCSO** - $13,000
The Youth, Education & Safety in Schools Program is a collaborative partnership between the DCSO and the DCSD. Miller funds are primarily used for both ASIST and safeTALK suicide prevention programs; both nationally recognized best practice programs for suicide prevention. ASIST and safeTALK training is offered in schools and the community to both professionals and the public.