



# Quality Community Foundation (QCF): 2023 Annual Update

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Chair Laura Hellewell & Vice Chair Lindy Larson



Building a Quality Community for a Lifetime



# ABOUT QCF

- Established in 2006
- Mission: Building a *Quality Community for a Lifetime* within the City of Commerce City by:
  - Attracting charitable gifts and promoting community philanthropy
  - Serving as a steward for entrusted funds directed towards programs and activities of economic, educational, social, and cultural non-profit organizations
  - Enhancing the effectiveness of the nonprofit community
  - Serving as a community resource for individuals, nonprofit agencies, and the community-at-large



# PROGRAMS

- QCF Scholarship Program:
  - QCF Community Scholarship
  - Curt Holland Police Scholarship
- Nonprofit Grants
- Recreation Scholarships

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## QCF Community Scholarship

*Awards \$4,000 over four-years to students pursuing their first post-secondary degree.*

- Attending a college, university, or vocational school in Colorado
- Resident of Commerce City
- Cumulative High School GPA of 2.0 or greater
- One scholarship is funded by the City Council & awarded as the City Council Scholarship

## Curt Holland Police Scholarship

*Awards \$8,000 over four-years to CCPD employees or their dependents pursuing their first post-secondary degree.*

- May reside anywhere
- Must be CCPD employee or dependent of CCPD employee
- May attend college, university, or vocational school in any location

# 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Year	# of Scholarship Recipients	Amount Awarded
2015	1	\$4,000
2016	1	\$4,000
2017	2	\$8,000
2018	3	\$12,000
2019	3	\$12,000
2020	3	\$12,000
2021	2	\$8,000
2022	14	\$68,000
2023	<b>15</b> 11 QCF Community Scholarships 1 City Council Scholarship 3 Curt Holland Police Scholarships	<b>\$72,000</b>

# QCF NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAMS

- Grant activities must benefit Commerce City residents
- Awardees must be a nonprofit organization with proof of 501(c)3 status and in good standing with State and Federal regulations
- Two types of grants –
  - Project/Program Grants – Awards up to \$7,500
  - General Operating Support (GOS) Grants – Awards up to \$5,000

# 2023 QCF NONPROFIT GRANTS

- Awarded 30 grants to nonprofits benefitting the Commerce City community
  - 25 Program/Project Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500
  - 5 General Operating Support (GOS) Grants of \$5,000

# 2023 NONPROFIT PROGRAM & OPERATING GRANT RECIPIENTS

- 5280 Youth Baseball, Inc.
- A Precious Child, Inc.
- ACCESS Housing of Adams County, Inc.
- Adams 14 Education Foundation
- Almost Home, Inc.
- Brothers Redevelopment Inc.
- CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties
- Catholic Charities
- Coal Creek Adult Education Center
- Cognitive Learning Center
- Commerce City Cultural Council
- Commerce City Historical Society
- Community Uplift Partnership
- Early Childhood Partnership of ADCO
- F.I.S.H. of Commerce City
- Food Bank of the Rockies
- INSPIRE
- Kids First Health Care
- Kids in Need of Dentistry
- Little Giants Learning Center
- Neurodiversity Works
- Project Angel Heart
- Ralston House
- Reaching HOPE
- Richard Lambert Foundation
- Sand Creek Regional Partnership, Inc.
- Save Our Youth
- Stout Street Foundation
- The Feline Fix
- The STEAD School



# GRANT FUNDS AWARDED

Year	Requested	Awarded
2012	\$302,205	\$120,000
2013	\$257,690	\$115,850
2014	\$226,480	\$123,500
2015	\$268,480	\$120,000
2016	\$198,800	\$120,000
2017	\$179,354	\$130,029
2018	\$198,274	\$136,326
2019	\$216,570	\$138,700
2020	\$177,980	\$123,300
2021	\$225,460	\$140,000
2022	\$167,000	\$140,000
2023	\$230,000	\$141,800



# RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Established in 2014
- Administered by PRG
- Awarded based on income qualification criteria and funds recreation programs for all ages
- Recipients receive up to 50% off classes
- Individuals must reside in Commerce City
- Granted all year as-needed



# 2023 GOALS

- 1. Increase marketing efforts to better tell the story of the QCF to recruit 3 new members.**
  - Two new members joined in Q1
- 2. Meet with 2 new City departments or external partners to develop new relationships.**
  - Partnered on 80s Prom with PRG in Q2
  - Met with Commerce City Leadership & Rotary Club
- 3. Raise \$2,500 for Recreation Scholarships, \$2,500 for General Operating Funds and \$90,000 for Post-Secondary Education Scholarships.**
  - 2023 Fundraisers have included 80s Prom and Community Nights at Commerce City restaurants



# 80S PROM

- Partnered with PRG for new fundraising effort
- QCF hosted a silent auction and sold 3 sponsorship tables to local organizations
- Raised over \$4,000!



# 2023 Golf Tournament

## 3rd Annual Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament: Friday, August 25 at Buffalo Run Golf Course

- Hosted by QCF and Commerce City Police Department
  - Golf Tournament - 144 Golfers
  - Sponsorship Opportunities
  - Silent Auction
  - Ball Drop with Fire Department
  - Raised \$80,000+ in 2022



*Still looking for 2023 sponsors &  
silent auction donations!*

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information!*





# Questions?



*2022 Curt Holland Golf Tournament*