



Golden Landmarks Association

Preserving Our Past, Protecting Our Future



Living Landmark Award 2015

Golden Civic Foundation

In late 1960's several Golden business leaders saw that Golden had many projects that needed to happen if Golden was to maintain its infrastructure and provide a great place for individuals and families to live and work. Those businessmen, including F.A. Foss, F.J. Pattridge, W.G. Brown, C. Goudge, and R.W. Todd, founded the Golden Civic Foundation (GCF). GCF was incorporated on April 14, 1970.

Since then, GCF has been an instrumental partner in nearly every major building project in downtown Golden, most notably, the Colorado Mountaineering Center, Table Mountain Inn, the Golden Hotel, Gateway Station, and Clear Creek Commons.

In the course of 40+ years, the GCF has invested over \$5 million into the Golden community. Guided by a volunteer board of directors, the Foundation contributes to a more vital downtown and helps attract viable new businesses.

The GCF supports existing businesses and is on the forefront of identifying businesses in need, to assist them with education and low interest loans. The funds might be used as bridge loans until permanent financing can be obtained, provide working capital, or finance building improvements or signage.

The GCF established Golden's public art program in 2000, and managed it for 13 years. In 2013, the City established a Public Arts Commission, and now holds a Commission seat. The Foundation's efforts to share art with the citizens of Golden can be seen in the many bronze statues on Golden's walking and biking trails.

The GCF has been a strong supporter of Golden's families, by conducting the capital campaign to build the Christian Action Guild's Food Bank and by providing continuing support through the Barbara Foss fund.

The GCF hosts an Annual Dinner and Auction. Generously supported by Golden merchants and other businesses, the auction raises a significant amount of money that funds the GCF's grants program. The Foundation uses their grants program to enhance the viability of schools, museums and non-profit organizations serving the greater Golden community. The Foundation also hosts a grants award luncheon at which Golden's nonprofits and K-12 public schools are awarded funds based on their submitted grant proposals.

The Golden Civic Foundation's board of directors is drawn from citizens who demonstrate a love of Golden and a profound commitment to making Golden better, stronger, and more vibrant with each passing year.