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**GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$124,049 IN COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS;  
WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

GOLDEN, CO — The Golden Civic Foundation (GCF) announced the investment of \$124,049 in Community Impact Grants to 47 nonprofit organizations at its annual Grants Breakfast held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at The Buffalo Rose. This year's funding includes \$21,000 dedicated to Golden-area schools and supports projects across six key community priorities, including civic development, arts and culture, education, social services, youth, and environment.

The event brought together grantees, donors, sponsors, and community leaders to celebrate GCF's mission of investing in the economic and cultural vitality of Golden. "These grants reflect our belief that a strong community starts with supporting the organizations doing the work on the ground," said Joel Christman, GCF's new Board President. "We're proud to partner with this year's 47 grantees to help build a stronger Golden for all."

The breakfast also marked a leadership milestone with the public introduction of Catherine Withers as GCF's incoming Executive Director. Withers brings more than 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience, most recently serving as Director of Philanthropy at A Little Help. Her appointment follows the departure of Kim Mangle, whose impactful 17-month tenure as Executive Director was honored with a standing ovation during the program.

"I feel incredibly privileged to call Golden my home and to serve as the Golden Civic Foundation's new Executive Director," said Withers. "Together, with the organizations and individuals in this room, we will continue to create positive, lasting change for our community."

A special highlight of the morning was the recognition of Chad Wachs, whose visionary \$290,000 gift from AU Wireless established the new AU Wireless Tech Fund to support technology-focused grants and loans for Golden nonprofits and businesses. Wachs was

presented with a commemorative brick from the City of Golden in appreciation for his contribution.

In a rare and inspiring moment, four generations of GCF leadership came together, with Heather Schneider, Marcie Miller, Kim Mangle, and Catherine Withers in attendance—representing the Foundation’s past, present, and future.

Since 1970, the Golden Civic Foundation has invested over \$19 million in grants, loans, and civic projects to support the Golden community. The Foundation’s funding is made possible by generous community contributions and signature events such as the Golden Summer Jam (June 25, 2025) and the Annual Gala (October 18, 2025).

To learn more about the Foundation’s mission or to support future grantmaking, visit [www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org](http://www.GoldenCivicFoundation.org).

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