

GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION

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GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION'S 50TH ANNUAL BANDSTAND BALL RAISES \$170,000 FOR THE GOOD OF GOLDEN

\$51,000 paddle raise supports Golden High School Music Department

GOLDEN, CO – November 3, 2025 – The Golden Civic Foundation (GCF) is thrilled to announce that its **50th Annual Gala & Auction, The Bandstand Ball: Prom Night for the Young at Heart**, raised nearly **\$170,000 in net proceeds** to support the Golden community. The event was held on **October 18, 2025**, at the **Marriott Denver West**, where more than 260 of Golden's business and community leaders came together for an unforgettable evening of dinner, dancing, and giving back.

A highlight of the evening was the **Paddle Raise**, which generated **\$51,000** in funding for the **Golden High School (GHS) Music Department**, this year's *B.I.G. Grant (Big Ideas in Golden)* recipient. These funds will provide new marching band uniforms, instruments, and equipment to help rebuild the program's proud legacy and expand opportunities for Golden's student musicians.

"On behalf of the entire Golden High School community, we are profoundly grateful for this extraordinary investment in our students," said **Katharine Parker**, GHS Music Director. "The \$51,000 raised through the Gala's paddle raise does more than fund instruments and uniforms—it tells our students, 'You are seen, you are valued, and you belong.' This gift strengthens not only our music program but also the confidence and resilience our young people carry into every part of their lives."

Beyond the paddle raise, proceeds from ticket sales, sponsorships, and the live and silent auctions will support GCF's **Community Impact Grant Program**, which invests in local nonprofits, public schools, and civic projects that make Golden a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

ACKNOWLEDGING TOP SPONSORS

The Golden Civic Foundation extends heartfelt gratitude to its top-tier sponsors whose generous support made this milestone gala possible.

- **Presenting Sponsor:** Coors Brewing Co.

"As a company that has called Golden home for over 150 years, Coors Brewing Co. is proud to support the Golden Civic Foundation and the many organizations it uplifts through its work. Our longstanding commitment to this community is part of who we are—from preserving Golden's rich

history to investing in its future. As a corporate Founding Member of the Golden Legacy Fund, we're honored to help ensure the cultural and economic vitality of Golden continues to thrive for generations to come."

— *Peter J. Coors, Director of Capital Projects, Coors Brewing Co.*

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"For over 25 years, The Golden Hotel continues to be proud partner of the Golden Civic Foundation's Annual Gala. We are grateful for the work they do that creates lasting and transformational impact on the quality of life for our community of Golden."

— *From The Golden Hotel*

The Foss Family, one of Golden's founding families, has supported the Golden Civic Foundation since its inception. Heine Foss, one of GCF's original founders, helped establish the Foundation's mission of investing in the vitality of Golden—a legacy his family continues to uphold through ongoing leadership and generosity.

A full list of sponsors and donors is available at www.goldencivicfoundation.org.

ABOUT THE GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION

Founded in **1970**, the **Golden Civic Foundation (GCF)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to investing in the economic and cultural vitality of the Golden community. For over **55 years**, GCF has been a driving force behind the city's growth and vibrancy, providing **nearly \$20 million** in community investments—including grants to charitable organizations, public schools, museums, and cultural centers, and small business loans to strengthen Golden's local economy.

Funds raised through annual events such as the **Golden Summer Jam** and **Gala & Auction** make these programs possible. In **2025**, GCF provided community grant support to **47 nonprofit organizations**, ensuring that opportunity in Golden never misses a beat.

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