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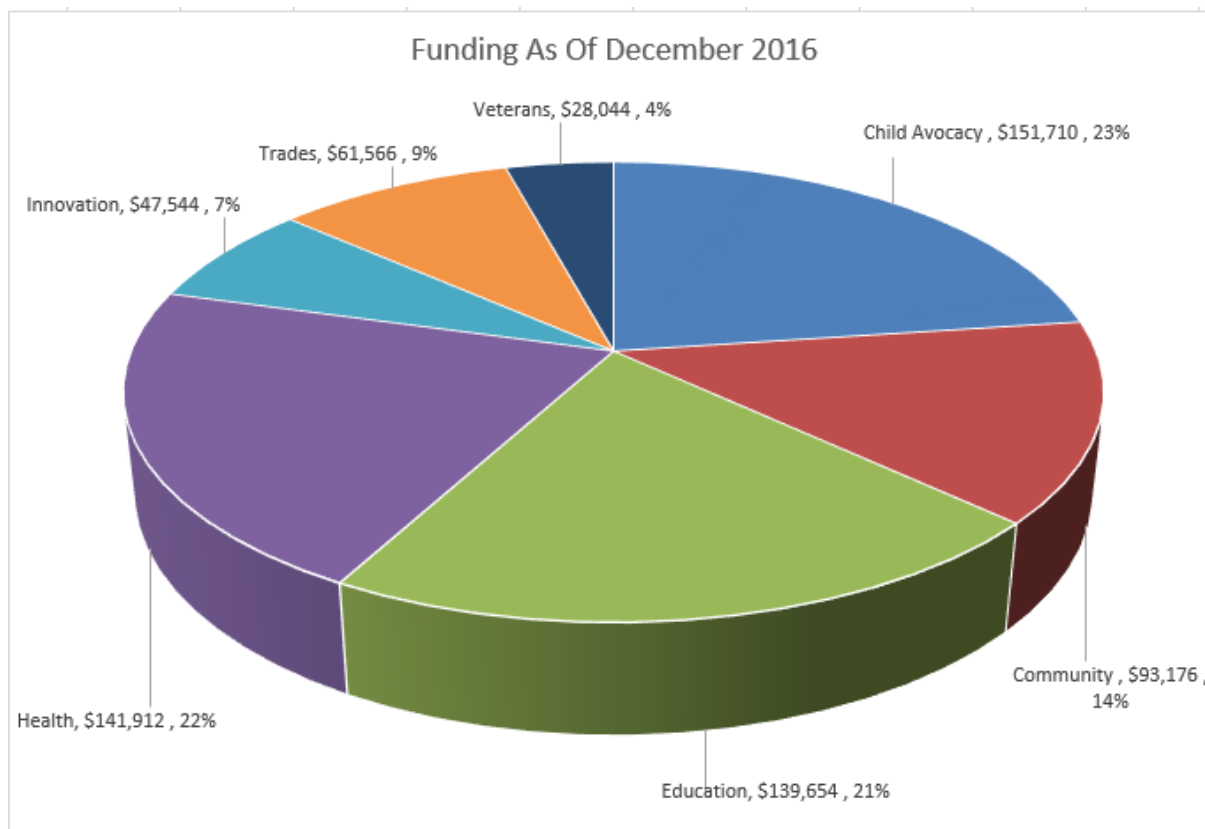
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# RK Foundation: Building Our Community

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM FALL 2016

2016 was remarkable for the [RK Foundation](#) (RKF). With donations totaling \$207,907, it was our most charitable year yet! RKF is funded creatively through recycling the scrap metal generated in our fabrication facilities and our projects across RK's seven business units. RK employees from all business units participate in RKF's giving through their attention in ensuring all recycling goes through proper channels. To date, the RKF has granted \$673,617 to regional nonprofits and public charitable causes.

Each quarter, the [RKF Board](#) reviews grant applications and determines which grants align with our mission. Approved applications are funded quarterly. Beneficiaries include nonprofits, educational and public organizations that support these advocacy areas: health, education, community, child advocacy, veterans, skilled trades and innovation.



### FALL 2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- [The Wounded Warrior Project Inc.](#) -- Veterans
- [Community College of Denver Foundation](#) -- Skilled Trades
- [Brent Eley Foundation](#) -- Health
- [The Journey Institute](#) -- Community
- [Women's Bean Project](#) -- Community

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE QUARTER

This year, during Base Camp, RK's annual all-company meeting, the RKF selected an employee who served in one of the US Military branches to pick their veterans charity of choice in celebration of Veteran's Day. The winner, Jason Wheeler, Field Service Manager for RK Service picked the [Wounded Warrior Project](#). Pictured here, Rick Kinning, Jason Wheeler and Jon Kinning hold the donation check. Jason also received a \$500 gift card for being randomly selected and for serving our great country.



*Veteran Check Presentation*

Last year, the [Community College of Denver Foundation](#) opened their [Advanced Manufacturing Center](#). This state-of-the-art facility offers certificate and degree programs in Engineering Graphics/3D Modeling, Machining and Welding. The RKF made a five-year commitment to the CCD's Advanced Manufacturing Center; this was the second grant awarded to the organization thus far.

[Brent's Place](#) provides a safe and clean housing facility for immune compromised children, patients and their families to aid in healing and recovery. RK is helping to build the second Brent's Place facility in Denver, and the RK Foundation surprised this great organization with a donation to support their important work.



*Grant Check Presented to Brent's Place*



*TEDx Event Photo*

TEDx, coordinated by [The Journey Institute](#), is a program of locally organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. The TEDxCrestmoorParkWomen event focused on raw subjects, real women and relevant stories. The sold-out event occurred late October at the Cable Center on the University of Denver campus.

## RKF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER KATIE BEDARD DELL



Katie Bedard Dell has been involved with the RK Foundation since 2012 and officially joined the board in 2017 as a board member and secretary. Katie coordinates the RKF quarterly board meetings and manages the foundation's administration organization, Foundation Source. She has worked for RK since 2010 as an Executive Assistant.

During her professional career, Katie has accumulated many years of experience in event planning and management. She is passionate about educational causes and has done a lot of charitable work with her kids' schools.

Katie coordinates group volunteer opportunities for RK employees at various organizations including [Project Angel Heart](#), [Ronald McDonald House Charities](#) and the [Heart Walk for the American Heart Association](#).

Katie serves on the [Westerly Creek Metropolitan District](#) Board of Directors, the [Denver Day of Rock](#) Committee and previously served two terms on the [Colorado State University](#), Alumni Association Board of Directors. She also volunteers with [Clothes to Kids of Denver](#) and [Project Angel Heart](#).

Watch for our next RKF newsletter highlighting our winter grant and donation recipients and highlights!

[The RK Foundation Board](#)

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