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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. EDUCATION. HEALTH. HUMAN SERVICES.

RK Foundation: Helping to Build Better Lives

The [RK Foundation](#) (RKF) supports a variety of local nonprofits, charities and public organizations, with a specific focus on community development, education, health and human services.

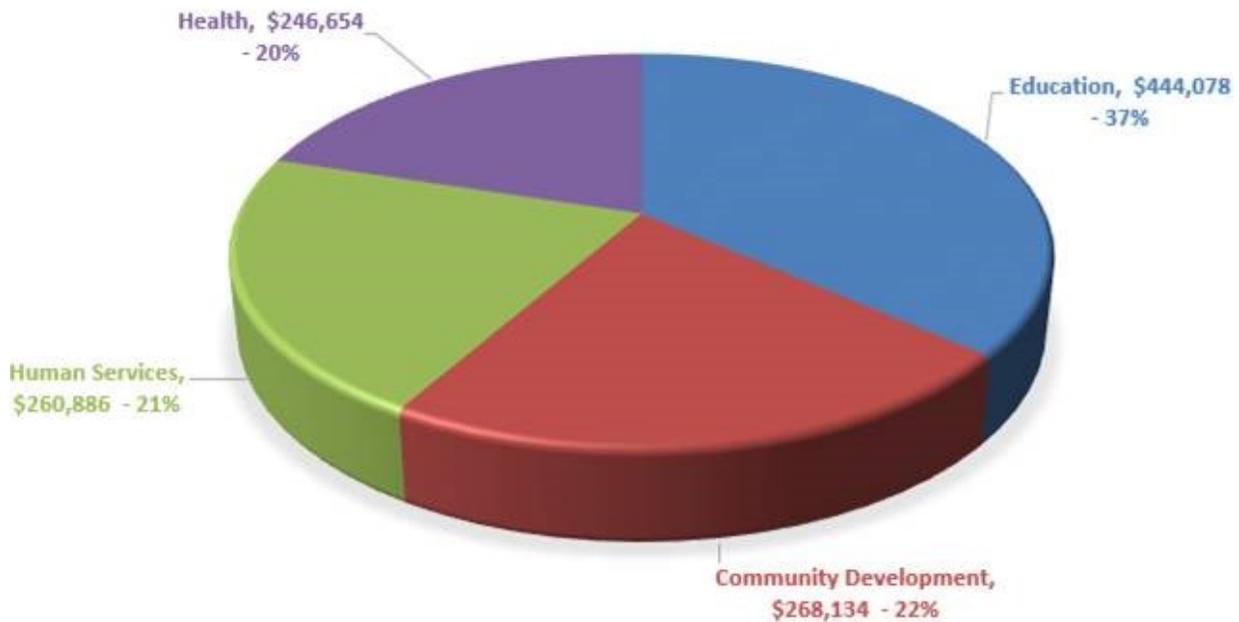
For over 50 years, [RK](#) has been dedicated to providing financial support to organizations that improve the quality of life in our community. Since 2011, we have continued our proud tradition of philanthropy through the RK Foundation.

SUMMER 2018 FUNDING AND GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RK Foundation is funded by RK's recycling efforts. All of the money earned from recycling scrap metal generated in our fabrication facilities and from our projects across RK's seven business units goes to the foundation.

The foundation has granted \$184,636 since January with a cumulative total of \$1,227,252 to date!

RK FOUNDATION
FUNDING AS OF AUGUST 2018



Each quarter, the [RKF Board of Directors](#) reviews grant applications and determines which organizations best align with our core advocacy areas and our mission to build better lives by strengthening communities and providing opportunities for those most in need.

GRANT RECIPIENTS - MAY 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 2018

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION



McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation



HEALTH



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER



HUMAN SERVICES



Mile High United Way



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEART WALK

For the fourth year, RK employees, along with their friends and family, participated in the [Denver Heart and Stroke Walk](#) this past June. Our largest group of participants turned out at this year's event at Mile High Stadium, with just over 200 walkers. The RK Foundation was pleased to once again match dollar-for-dollar donations to the [American Heart Association](#). The combined total raised by RK was \$11,500.

On September 15, RK's Salt Lake City office also joined the [Utah Heart and Stroke Walk](#). The RK Foundation will match their donations as well.

In addition, RK is recognized by the [AHA's Workplace Health Achievement Index](#) as a Gold Level employer due to the quality and success of our workplace health programs.



RK employees, friends and family pose before beginning the Denver Heart and Stroke Walk.



RK Foundation check presentation to FSDA.

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS

Colorado-based [Freedom Service Dogs of America](#) was founded in 1987. Their mission is to enhance the lives of people with disabilities by transforming shelter dogs into service dogs and custom training them for individual client needs.

In 2017, the organization officially launched the innovative [Operation Full Circle](#) pilot program. Veterans were paired with service dogs and taught the skills required for training them. Not only did the program see great success in its first year, it also provided a peer support program due to the camaraderie and shared experiences among the participating veterans. In addition, the program has provided veterans with a new level of independence in their post-combat



Cello, a shelter turned FSDA service dog.

lives and increased their overall skill development.

Last year Freedom Service Dogs moved into a new, larger facility which allowed them to expand the rescue shelter program and train more service dogs.

HEART & HAND CENTER

Founded in 2010, [Heart & Hand Center](#)'s mission is to create a nurturing community that empowers all young people to realize their potential.

The RK Foundation donation helped support the out-of-school-time programming for under-served youth in Northeast Denver. These neighborhoods statistically have high rates of poverty and unemployment.

The center provides 130 students in grades 3rd to 12th with consistent and compassionate support. They also provide vital support to their families, assisting with basic needs and helping them navigate crisis situations.

The RK Foundation visited the Heart & Hand Center's summer program to see first-hand the work the wonderful staff does with the students, setting them up for success in the upcoming school year.



RK Foundation check presentation to HHC.

Watch for our next RK Foundation newsletter highlighting fall 2018 accomplishments, donation recipients and program highlights!

[The RK Foundation Board](#)
