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# **RK Foundation:**

# **Strengthening Communities**

For over 50 years, RK has supported numerous non-profit and charitable organizations that improve the quality of life in our community. Since 2011, we have continued this proud tradition of philanthropy through the RK Foundation. We recycle scrap metal generated in our fabrication facilities and from projects across RK's seven business units, and all funds generated support the work of the RK Foundation.

# RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

# REED KINNING JOINS THE RK FOUNDATION AS NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

RK Foundation recently welcomed Reed Kinning to our Board of Directors. A Computer Science, Entrepreneurship and Philosophy graduate from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Reed spent many summers working at RK's headquarters in the plumbing shop and in Estimating. For the past three years, Reed has worked at a Seattle-based startup as a Software Engineer.

He is passionate about education, access to technology and micro-finance. He actively supports Kiva, an international nonprofit with a mission to connect lenders with people working to create a better future. Reed is looking forward to making a difference in his focus areas through his involvement with the RK Foundation.



Reed Kinning

# THE RKF RECOGNIZED BY CCD FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT

The <u>Community College of Denver</u> (CCD) provides opportunities to gain quality higher education and achieve personal and professional success in a supportive and inclusive environment. CCD promotes excellence in teaching, learning, and service to a diverse community and enrolls over 8,000 students each year in its Auraria and Lowry campuses and online.

The RKF was recognized by the CCD as the Sustainability Champion at the annual Breakfast of Champions for our long-standing support. For the past five years, the RKF has supported the Advanced Manufacturing Center, which has allowed the institution to develop new curriculum, hire additional instructors and diversify the training offered. The continued support from RKF has helped increase enrollment and grow the Advanced Manufacturing Center.



Marcee Kinning, Katie Dell and Kristen Mullins.

### RK FOUNDATION'S FIRST GRANT AWARDED IN UTAH

The Fisher House provides a place for veteran families to stay, free of charge, while their loved one is receiving medical treatment. Because veterans often travel long distances in order to receive medical care at the Salt Lake VA, the Fisher House helps fill a critical need in a vast geographical area that is highly rural.

The RK Foundation is proud to begin supporting charities making an impact in the Salt Lake City area. The Fisher House was selected by our Salt Lake City staff in appreciation of our military veteran employees.



**RK Heart Walk Team** 

The Fisher House

## **RK EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019** DENVER HEART AND STROKE WALK

Over 100 RK employees, their family and friends participated in the Denver Heart & Stroke Walk event this past June. The RK team raised a total of \$8,489 through donations, a new silent auction and other fundraising events. The RK Foundation again matched the donations and fundraising and \$16,978 was raised for the Southwest Chapter of the American Heart Association. This is almost \$2,000 over the initial goal!

## PUPPIES VISIT RK FOR MAXFUND ANIMAL **ADOPTION EVENT**

MaxFund Animal Adoption Center is a non-profit animal shelter location in Denver. Started in 1988, this organization provides medical care for injured pets with no known owners, and finds loving forever homes for these animals once they have recovered.

During April's National Volunteer Month, RK hosted a dog adoption event at our headquarters. RK employees generously donated food, dog beds, blankets, toys and money to MaxFund. Several dogs were adopted, making it a hugely successful day! The RK Foundation was also excited to support the great work of MaxFund with an additional monetary donation.



Check presentation at MSU Denver



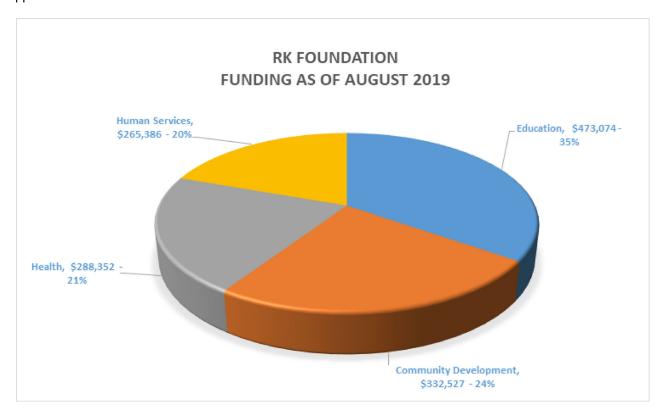
Wendy Passno, Beth Yocom, Hillary Wolden, Dan Bunce and Maxfund volunteers.

## METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS WITH **RKF GRANT**

Metropolitan State University of Denver has transformed the lives of more than 90,000 people in Denver and Colorado through affordable degree programs, innovative public-private partnerships and a commitment to diversity.

A grant from the RK Foundation will allow MSU Denver to leverage funds awarded by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) focuses on increasing post-secondary credential completion and preparedness of Colorado students to earn a livable wage, graduate with less debt and contribute to Colorado's economy.

The RK Foundation has granted \$90,581 since January 2019 with a cumulative total of \$1,380,802 to date! 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 - JANUARY 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019**

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