

THOMPSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Kim Akeley-Charron

November 15, 2022

1. Loveland Rotary has accepted our reply to maintain the 1.5% management fee. Although they still feel it is a detriment to higher scholarship amounts, they acknowledge the value our scholarship process brings to their efforts and that a group of volunteers would have difficulty following up on all the steps necessary for each scholarship.
2. Lesa was able to unwind the barriers and facilitate our Colorado state charity addition on the Secretary of State's website, opening the door for us to register as a Colorado Gives nonprofit in 2023.
3. TEF's insurance policy was transferred to PFS Insurance with better coverage, total cost \$1,902 for the year.
4. In a meeting with Green Events and the Hight Plains Environmental Center, we were able to come to an agreement to share the Saturday closest to Earth Day each year in the same area and with cross promotion. The Loveland Classic is set for April 21 in 2023 and will be renamed Earth Day 5K/10 with Loveland Classic in subscript below the new name. This change will help raise awareness of the race, create consistency for time of year and align with Earth Day celebrations in the district and the community.
5. The Windows on the World (WOW) Grant application window is open and teachers can apply through Friday, January 6. There are at least four applications that have been initiated and are currently in draft form. Nick Divine, the 2022 recipient, submitted his final report and it is available as a link on the November meeting board doc page.
6. The Educator of the Year nomination forms are open through Friday, January 6. I added the Rookie of the Year and updated the application form accordingly. We have already had several submissions and more to follow as we promote regularly throughout the district and in the community.
7. The Youth Shelter project agreement with Larimer County was approved on November 8 (1.5 million) and the ARPA grant application will be available sometime before Thanksgiving (The Matthews House is writing that). The core project team met with ShopWorks, the potential architect for the project. They have expertise in the area of trauma infused buildings. I have been working with state representatives, the Boys & Girls Club of Colorado and the Colorado Children's Campaign to consider whether an expansion of the Colorado Childcare Tax Credit (increase eligible age from 12 to 18) makes sense to propose in the 2023 session.

8. A gratitude card is being mailed out to all business & individual donors (past 3 years), district leadership and BOE before the Thanksgiving holiday break.
9. The TEF offices and district administration building will be closed November 23-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no school November 21-25.