



# The Grand Reporter

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Give Where You ...

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## MISSION

The Grand Foundation is a community foundation that supports nonprofit and service organizations in Grand County providing services, activities and programs in the areas of Health & Human Services, the Environment, Education, Amateur Sports and Arts & Culture.

### Grand Foundation Receives Major Gift from the Sprout Foundation, Inc.

**A \$1.8 Million Donor Advised Fund that will benefit the Grand County Community.**  
The Grand Foundation and the Sprout Foundation are pleased to announce a new donor advised fund– the *Sprout Foundation Fund*. The Sprout Foundation was created in 2006 from funds donated by Bob and Suzanne Fanch, owners of Devil’s Thumb Ranch in Tabernash, Colorado. As part of their continual support of Grand County, Bob and Suzanne created this new donor advised fund in the amount of \$1,840,000 at the Grand Foundation.

The grant application is available on the Grand Foundation’s website [www.grandfoundation.com](http://www.grandfoundation.com). There will be a minimum of three granting cycles. Applications for the first cycle will be due May 1, 2010, the second cycle September 1, 2010 and the third cycle January 1, 2011.

The primary focus of grants given out will be to 501C-3 organizations where emphasis is on children, youth and/or the environment, as well as those organizations that beneficially impact these areas. Continuity and sustainability of the organization, and benefit to the community will be important considerations in the granting process. Grant requests should be for a minimum of \$5,000.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that has come to Grand County through the continuing and generous support of Bob and Suzanne. Questions should be directed to Megan Ledin at 970-887-3111.

## THANK YOU Corporate Partners!

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East Grand Educational Foundation Fund  
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### Save The Date!

Grand Foundation Grant Deadline  
Monday, May 3rd

Grand Gala  
Saturday, May 15th

Grand Classic Golf Tournament  
June 17th - 19th

## **Corporate Spotlight**

**Devil's Thumb Ranch (DTR)** is an innovative leader in "going green." *"We are committed to preserving the wilderness in Grand County. Of our 5000+ acres that comprise Devil's Thumb Ranch, we have built on less than 100 acres and we have also placed conservation easements on 70 acres so far. It always makes sense to conserve resources, reuse, recycle and repurpose. As the Grand Foundation continues to serve the community and focus on the environment and education, we will continue to be avid supporters,"* Bob & Suzanne Fanch, owners of Devil's Thumb Ranch.

**US Bank** works with community partners who understand the needs of individuals, families and organizations, and matches their resources with community needs. Through the bank's collaborations, families can find affordable places to call home, people can gain job skills, kids from diverse backgrounds can achieve in school, and the wealth of the arts can become more accessible to everyone. Working together, US Bank can develop creative solutions that maximize our human and financial potential. *"Grand Foundation embodies the same philosophy making our partnership with them more productive for the community,"* stated Sheri Lock, Vice President, US Bank, Granby.



**Amateur Sports** is a primary focus of the Grand Foundation grants program. On average 17% of funds are distributed to organizations like Bits N' Spurs Gymkhana, Flying Heels Arena, Fraser Valley Recreation Foundation, Grand Lake Trailgrooming, Inter-Mountain Youth Soccer Association, Middle Park Fair & Rodeo, NSCD and Winter Park Horseman's Association.

The Foundation recently funded the gymnastic floor at the new Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District Center. In previous years, gymnastic classes were held in an older warehouse located in Tabernash where the flooring consisted of strategically placed foam mats.

Also in 2009, Bits N' Spurs was granted funds to purchase safety helmets for their therapeutic riding program and NSCD was awarded scholarship money providing Grand County children access to their winter programs. Grand Foundation is proud of its investments - which in turn is building a stronger community.

## **Director's Corner**

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual mailer. The *Give Where You Live Work & Play \$15 Campaign* raised a significant \$35,000 for the Grand Foundation. We have our corporate partners and donors to thank for helping during a challenging year during which the economic downturn affected many local organizations making our grants program more important than ever.

As we start 2010, our main priority is to continue to serve our local nonprofit and charitable organizations. By attending our major fundraiser, the Grand Gala at Devil's Thumb Ranch on May 15, you can enjoy a wonderful evening while making a contribution to improve the quality of life in Grand County.

On behalf of the staff and board of directors, we are grateful for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the Grand Gala!

Warmest Regards, *Megan A. Ledin*, Executive Director

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and say hello!**

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