Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Women and Philanthropy at CSU?

Women and Philanthropy was designed as University Advancement’s response to President Tony Frank’s 2012 charge to make Colorado State University the best place for women to work and learn. We recognize philanthropy as a vital part to the overall success of supporting this charge and the University’s land grant mission.

Women and Philanthropy’s Mission: To celebrate and elevate women’s philanthropy by inspiring and engaging a diverse group of women to create positive impacts at Colorado State University and beyond.

- Women and Philanthropy is NOT a giving club; we encourage everyone to participate and continue or begin supporting their point of passion at CSU. Through tracking this support, we will shine a light on the giving power of women, not just the gifts of treasure, but celebrating the time, talents and leadership voices of women.

How do I join Women and Philanthropy?

Please fill out the Join card that is the packet; help us to connect you to your passion by checking what is of interest to you and writing in specific interests that we might not have covered. You can also join online at: https://advancing.colostate.edu/WPJOIN

What do I have to do to become a member?

There is no giving requirement to be a member of Women & Philanthropy, all you need to do is fill out the Join card or join online.

What do I get if I join?

By joining Women and Philanthropy you will receive special event invitations, information about new programs and accomplishments, and connect with other outstanding women philanthropists in your community.

Do I have to be a woman to join?

No, we encourage anyone and everyone to join us as we celebrate and elevate women’s philanthropy at CSU and beyond!

What does my gift to the Women & Philanthropy fund support?
Gifts to the Women & Philanthropy at CSU fund help us achieve our mission to engage and inspire a diverse group of women to create positive impacts at CSU and beyond, through philanthropy. This fund supports the operational and programmatic expenses that allow the Women and Philanthropy mission to thrive.

What if I want to give to another fund at CSU?

We encourage you to give to a fund that supports your passion at CSU—these gifts will still be recognized with Women & Philanthropy as we celebrate the giving power of women. You can find information on additional funds online at: [https://giving.colostate.edu/get-involved/](https://giving.colostate.edu/get-involved/) or a University Advancement staff would be happy to help you.

What are these funds on the giving envelope, other than the Women & Philanthropy at CSU fund?

These are the funds that we’ve identified through our research that are most supported by women at Colorado State University. Descriptions of these funds are as follows:

**School is Cool Program:** The "School Is Cool" Program was initiated in 1992 as an outreach effort for Colorado State University employees to donate backpacks full of school supplies to disadvantaged students in Fort Collins' Poudre School District. The program serves as a strong community relations program for Colorado State University. While the primary focus is to provide backpacks filled with supplies, the program also provides other school supplies needed for K-12 students.

**Parents Fund:** The Parent's Fund Endowment strives to enhance the Division of Student Affairs' programs which help Colorado State University students reach academic and personal success. The benefits which this fund provides include financial assistance, support of University-wide programs and projects outside of the classroom, and enriched educational opportunities for CSU students.

**University Fund:** Gifts to the University Fund provide President Frank with the critical resources necessary to address emerging needs, support the strategic direction of the University, and take full advantage of new opportunities as they arise across all disciplines.

**Athletics Scholarship:** The Athletic Scholarship fund provides resources offsetting the rising cost of athletic student-aid. Your support ensures we provide our student-athletes a world-class experience during their time at CSU and have access to resources that create opportunity for success in competition and in the classroom.

**Rams Against Hunger:** The Rams Against Hunger program was created to alleviate stress for food-insecure students and help them find the support they need to become healthier and thrive. This initiative will help provide nutritious meals from the Colorado State University dining halls to students facing food insecurity. A gift of $33.75 can help feed a student for a week. A gift of $135 can help feed a student for a month.

What is CSU’s Love Your State Day of Giving?

An inspiring 24-hour event for alumni, students, faculty & staff, and friends to come together to support Colorado State University on April 19th. All gifts given today will be celebrated again on CSU’s Love Your State Day of Giving on April 19th as a challenge for others to join you and take their first step toward making their impact at CSU.
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