

InspirationField receives grant

\$30,000 given
by Boettcher
Foundation



InspirationField announced recently that it received a grant for \$30,000 from the Boettcher Foundation to support the construction of its new facility.

This new facility is important to the mission of InspirationField because it sets the physical foundation for the next 40+ years. The old building no longer met

the needs of InspirationField. Future generations of leaders no longer have to worry about the age and upkeep of a building that is now 59 years old. The new building also provides InspirationField with the opportunity to improve and expand services and supports to individuals

with developmental disabilities. The new facility includes many new rooms, including a sensory integration room, music room, computer training lab, commons area that will seat 359 people, and technology-supported meeting rooms.

"We are very grateful to

the Boettcher Foundation for supporting our new building construction costs," said Johnnie DeLeon, chief executive officer of InspirationField. DeLeon added, "Our dream of a new building has come true and with each donation received it means so much to everyone here at InspirationField."

InspirationField was providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities in an old school building built in 1954. The old building was showing its age and shortcomings in design. InspirationField

aggressively launched into fundraising to take advantage of cost savings that could be realized with substantially lower construction costs and record low interest rates. In May 2012, InspirationField closed on a \$2.9 million loan from Great Western Bank, and broke ground on a new facility on May 23, 2012. Construction on the new 34,380-square-foot building was completed in May 2013, and InspirationField celebrated the Grand Opening with 1,000+ community

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members on May 3, 2013.

The Boettcher Foundation was created in 1937 by two of Colorado's pioneering businessmen, Claude K. Boettcher and his father, Charles. It was a dream of Claude's to use his wealth to give back to his native state and its people. The two men focused the Foundation's giving on grants distributed exclusively within the state to benefit Colorado citizens and its important institutions. Today, the Boettcher Foundation continues to invest in Colorado "minds and mortar" through its Scholarship Program for Colorado high school seniors and by helping build community infrastructure through capital grants to outstanding nonprofits.

Within its new building, InspirationField will

provide individuals in service with day habilitation, job support, educational activities, case management services, and the necessary administrative supports.

If you are interested in contributing to InspirationField's Programs Fund, send your contributions in the form of check or money order to InspirationField, Attn: Caitlin Coffield, 612 Adams Avenue, La Junta, CO 81050. Any cash or in-kind donations to the programs fund will be designated as Enterprise Zone Tax Credits, which entitles the donor to as much as 25 percent in tax credits on their 2013 Colorado State tax returns.

For additional information regarding InspirationField's programs fund or services and supports, contact Caitlin Coffield, Community Relations Manager at (719) 468-9408.