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## Parent Pathways Receives More Than \$100,000 in Grants

*Rose, Colorado Health, Denver and Other Foundations  
Support Nonprofit That Aids Teen Families*

DENVER – July 2, 2010 –

Parent Pathways, the Denver nonprofit that helps teen parents raise healthy families, received generous grants from a number of supporters this spring, including \$60,000 from the **Rose Community Foundation** and \$50,000 from the **Colorado Health Foundation**, President and CEO Susan Carparelli announced today.

The Rose Community Foundation designated \$10,000 for the Florence Crittenton School for pregnant and parenting teens, \$40,000 for the Early Learning Center that provides early childhood education for their babies, and \$10,000 for the young fathers whom Parent Pathways serves through its Family Engagement Center.

Rose, which has given Parent Pathways \$873,000 since 1997, makes grants to organizations and institutions serving the seven-county greater metro Denver community in the areas of aging, child and family development, education, health and Jewish life.

The other grants include:

- The **Colorado Health Foundation**, as part of a \$125,000 two-year grant for “Healthy Family Services,” gave Parent Pathways \$50,000 for the school, the ELC and healthcare services. The Foundation works to make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation by increasing the number of Coloradans with health insurance, ensuring they have access to quality, coordinated care and encouraging healthy living. (<http://www.coloradohealth.org/>)
- The **Tony Gramscas Youth Services Program**, which provides funding to local organizations that target youth and their families with programs designed to reduce youth crime, violence, child abuse and neglect, gave \$27,867 to support the Florence Crittenton School and the Early Learning Center. (<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ps/tgys/index.html>)

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- The **Virginia Hill Foundation** donated \$13,000 for general operations of Parent Pathways. The Foundation has awarded \$150,000 to Parent Pathways over the last three decades.
- **The Venoco Community Partnership**, the philanthropic arm of Venoco, Inc., an independent energy company, donated \$6,000 for Parent Pathways' general operations. The Partnership targets organizations that provide services, programs and assistance to low-income, high risk, disadvantaged and underserved populations. It has given Parent Pathways a total of \$16,000 over the past three years. (<http://www.venocoinc.com/community.html>)
- **The Melvin & Elaine Wolf Foundation** donated \$5,600 to purchase car seats, strollers and diapers. The foundation, established by Sandy and Elaine Wolf, has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to local charities, educational institutions and hospitals, including \$24,000 to Parent Pathways over the past five years.
- **The Denver Foundation** through its Critical Needs Fund granted \$1,500 for Parent Pathways' emergency Food Baskets program, bringing its total donated to \$6,500 over the past two years. The mission of Colorado's oldest and largest community foundation is to inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen the community. Its Critical Needs fund meets essential community needs outside of the normal course of the foundation's grant making. (<http://www.denverfoundation.org/community/page/critical-needs-fund>)
- **The Schlessman Family Foundation** granted \$1,000 for general operations, bringing its allocations to Parent Pathways to \$13,200 over two decades. Gerald L. and Florence M. Schlessman established the Foundation in 1957 for general charitable purposes with interests in human services, civic and community projects. (<http://schlessmanfoundation.org/>)
- **Kinder Morgan**, one of the largest pipeline transportation and energy storage companies in North America, donated \$1,000 to fund Florence Crittenton Summer School in its first gift to Parent Pathways. (<http://www.kne.com/>)
- The **Zonta Club of Denver II** donated \$500 to purchase car seats for students. This volunteer group is part of a global organization of professionals working together to advance the status of women through service and advocacy. (<http://www.paintedolive.com/zonta/right.html>)

### **About Parent Pathways**

Parent Pathways is a Denver-based non-profit that empowers struggling teen families to be productive members of the community. Using a holistic and proven approach, Parent Pathways offers a spectrum of wraparound services for the entire teen family, including education, health/wellness services, career guidance and parenting training for pregnant and parenting teen mothers at the Florence Crittenton School; early childhood education for their infants and toddlers at the Qualistar-rated Early Learning Center; and counseling, education and parenting support for teen fathers and family members through the Parent Pathways' Family Engagement Center.

Learn more about the agency at [www.parentpathways.org](http://www.parentpathways.org).

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