



# COMMUNITY

## Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell FOUNDATION

The WTO Foundation (WTOF) was established in 2005 to provide, through charitable activities and programs, opportunities for current and former WTO lawyers, staff, and their families and friends to build a caring community and reach out to others. Since 2005, the Foundation has donated \$1,625,700 and thousands of volunteer hours to hundreds of nonprofits.

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2016, 85% of WTO personnel donated their time or funds to Foundation efforts.

**Denver Public Schools Foundation** champions public education to help every child succeed. WTOF partnered with a Denver public elementary school to tutor first graders in reading. The program connects tutors and students through an online reading skills-building curriculum.

**The Gathering Place** is Denver's only daytime shelter for women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty. WTOF volunteers cooked and served hot breakfasts to more than 100 Gathering Place clients.

**St. Francis Shelter** is a downtown day shelter for Denver's homeless and indigent population. A WTOF team painted the community room in the center to spruce it up for the shelter's clients.

“A firm can't be a first-rate institution without looking out for its community, too.”

— Michael O'Donnell, Founder  
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**Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado** funds equal access to justice for low-income Coloradans facing civil legal problems. 100% of WTO's non-partner lawyers donated, contributing \$12,125 to the annual citywide law firm associates' campaign.

**Metro Caring** operates one of the largest food pantries in Denver. WTO personnel donated \$8,150 to benefit Metro Caring in the Denver Bar Association's "Roll Out the Barrels" food drive.

**Denver Dumb Friends League** rescues, shelters, and adopts out injured, abused, and neglected animals. WTOF volunteers raised a record \$12,485 through multiple fundraisers and walked with family, friends, and pets as a team in the Furry Scurry.

**Movember Foundation** raises awareness and accelerates key outcomes in men's health issues. WTO personnel donned mustaches at our fifth annual fundraiser to benefit the Movember Foundation.

**Denver Kids Inc.** offers one-to-one counseling and mentoring to help at-risk K-12 Denver Public School students graduate from high school. WTOF reinforced its commitment to DKI by renewing its five-year donation pledge.

**Karis Community** is a transitional community for restoring basic life skills of individuals recovering from serious mental illness. WTOF volunteers assisted the Karis event team at its annual fundraiser.

**The Denver Heart Walk** raises money on behalf of the American Heart Association to save lives from the country's #1 and #5 killers – heart disease and stroke. WTOF volunteers raised more than \$5,000 for the cause and a team of 11 were among the nearly 1 million who walked in over 300 Heart Walks across the U.S.

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