

Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation

July 2023 Newsletter



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CPCC Survey Update

As of Labor Day weekend, fewer than 20% of local chapters in Colorado had submitted their choices on the survey regarding how to utilize the proceeds of the Chapter House sale. More results have come in since that date, and the Board expects the number to rapidly increase now that those chapters who take a break from business meetings in the summer are returning to a regular meeting schedule.

Certainly, the current flow of return surveys is manageable. A higher rate of return might be challenging, but it is the type of challenge the Board welcomes! At the annual meeting, we received the message that local chapters wanted more of a voice in the formation of the new project. The survey is your opportunity to express your point of view. Put it to use!

Chapter presidents, if you cannot find the July email that contained the survey, request another one from CPCC chair Diane Ritzdorf at dritzdorf@gmail.com.

To those chapters that have not yet responded, the board encourages answering all four questions on the survey. Responses to the first question will determine the purpose of the funds going forward: education, housing, or a combination. Responses to questions 2, 3, and 4 provide more specific directions for each purpose area. Even if your chapter's first choice is not chosen as the purpose of the funds, **your chapter still has a voice in directing the use of the money.**

The submission deadline is September 30!

AFTER THE SURVEY

Once all the survey results have been received and tabulated, the Board plans to host two Zoom webinars. These will probably be scheduled during the last two weeks in October or

the first two weeks in November. When the dates are announced, chapters will be invited to send a representative to the webinar.

During the webinars the Board will share the results of the survey and propose a new Chapter House Project based on those results. Legal and financial considerations will also be presented.

NEED MORE INFORMATION

During this survey process, several chapters have requested more information about the Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation.

Here are some suggestions:

*The CPCC name was adopted in 2012, but the 501(c)3 corporation has existed since 1949. If your chapter has a copy of Marguerite Memories, the history of the first 100 years of P.E.O. in Colorado, the chapter about the Chapter House provides the most complete history.

*The flyer which your delegate could pick up at the CPCC table at State Convention briefly explains the current operations of the CPCC.

*The most thorough explanation of all that CPCC does is in the Articles of Incorporation and the CPCC Bylaws on the state website. Click on the CPCC link on the front page. It may not be the most exciting reading, but it's the facts!

*You may also contact CPCC Board members about presenting to your chapter, either in-person or via Zoom. We're happy to present and to answer questions.

Here is the contact information for the 2023-24 CPCC Board members:

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MARGUERITE FUND

One of the most rewarding parts of serving as a Marguerite Fund Trustee is when a note from a sponsor is received and shared. These notes can be a simple ‘Thank You’. Sometimes a sponsor shares the reaction of a recipient upon getting her first check or an additional check from the Christmas Shower or the Spring Shower. It’s heartwarming to hear that a mother can now buy her child a Christmas gift or that a recipient can now afford her medication after falling into the Medicare coverage gap. We know we make a difference in someone’s life when a sponsor updates us on a recipient’s progress towards a better future.

Each recipient is unique, and their stories are as different as the women we assist. Do you know someone who’s struggling? Are you willing to be a sponsor and encourage a woman by offering assistance? Presidents: does your chapter have a committee that reports on the purpose of and the process of applying for financial assistance through the Marguerite Fund? Do your members know where to find information?

The Marguerite Fund accepts applications any time. We’ve been helping our Colorado women for 100 years. An applicant need not be a P.E.O. Please feel free to contact any of the Marguerite Fund Trustees at any time if you have questions. Our information is on the Colorado State Website: coloradopeo.org.

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FINAL REMINDER!

Unlike the Community Rewards donations to CPCC, responding to the CPCC Chapter House Project survey does not happen automatically.

Get involved in the process!

Be sure your chapter participates in the survey this month!

Spread that P.E.O. sunshine!

Diane, Janet, Ann, Judy, Jan, Lucinda and Cori
The 2023-2024 CPCC Board



Donating Made Easy!

Many Colorado P.E.O. sisters donate to CPCC every time they shop for groceries! Their generosity happens because they have connected their King Soopers or City Market credit cards to CPCC through the Community Rewards program. King Soopers sends a percentage of all the purchases made with these cards to CPCC

every quarter. The individual amounts may seem small, but together those small amounts add up!

If you already have and use a King Soopers or City Market credit card, or if you open a new credit card with the company, you can make the connection too.

Our account with Kroger/King Soopers is ES330

Make the connection online or at the service desk of your local store. Thank you!

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