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DISTRICT RESIDENTS,

Change.

There is no better word to describe what has been happening in Colorado – and especially within the seven-county SCFD district – since the district was formed in 1988.

In those 27 years, the metropolitan region's population has grown from I.8 million to 3.1 million. In 2015 alone, Colorado's population grew by 100,000.

But numbers tell only a small part of the story. The fact is the faces and lives of our state and region are becoming far more diverse than ever before—year by year, day by day.

What does that mean for SCFD? In particular, what does that mean for the organizations receiving tax dollars? Our residents are entrusting us to invest those tax dollars wisely in cultural programs that serve everyone.

SCFD organizations are offering a broad array of programs and activities that engage, inspire and reflect our diverse community.

But can we do even more? Can we improve? The answer is yes, we can. And we must.

The SCFD board is committed to working with all of our cultural partners to strengthen and expand diverse and inclusive programming. All residents of the district should have multiple opportunities to engage meaningfully in cultural programs and activities.

These opportunities should be available to all citizens regardless of physical or intellectual abilities, age, socio-economic status, gender, sexual preference or orientation, race, creed, language, ethnicity, religion or geographic location. Everyone should have the opportunity to experience cultural programming that is welcoming, engaging, and personally meaningful.

The SCFD is taking steps to encourage recipient organizations to think beyond current programming and explore ways to achieve these goals through collaboration, creation of new activities, expanding the reach of existing programs, and looking at how staff, volunteers and board members reflect the citizens of the district.

As evidenced by this 2015 report, much of this activity is already underway. Still, there is so much more we can accomplish. The SCFD has a wonderful legacy, but part of our continued success depends on recognizing and embracing the changes in our region. I believe – by working together – we can do just that.

Chairman of the Board

COVER PHOTO CREDIT: CITY & COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD, CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION Almost 1,000 residents, artists, business owners and civic leaders participated in the 2015 update to the arts and cultural master plan, Creative Broomfield.



THANK YOU County Cultural Councils

The SCFD simply could not function without the seven county cultural councils comprised of the dedicated volunteers listed below. These cultural ambassadors are the funding bodies for SCFD's community-based grants providing funding to 240 organizations in 2015. The county cultural council members are volunteer positions appointed by the county commissioners in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, and Jefferson counties, or the city councils in Broomfield and Denver.

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In 2015, the Indian Market & Powwow provided 2,323 individuals with American Indian educational opportunities about traditional and contemporary Native art, dance, and music.

















MUSIC

\$400,557.28 Central City Opera \$172,954.75 Colorado Children's Chorale \$170,901.46 Colorado Music Festival \$1,045,063.03 Colorado Symphony \$182,980.55 eTown \$248,215.33 Opera Colorado \$600,368.42 Swallow Hill Music Association



NATURAL HISTORY

\$222,791.44 Colorado Mountain Club

ART

\$124,935.30 Art Students League of Denver \$100,718.44 Cherry Creek Arts Festival \$322,233.66 Clyfford Still Museum \$544,174.28 Denver Film Society \$247,634.99 Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

ZOOLOGY

\$760,730.12 Butterfly Pavilion \$274,444.78 Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

organizations







