



**Diffuse in their focus, one in their mission**



Clockwise from top left: Daphne Rice-Allen, Nora Abrams, Tammy VanCauteren, Grace Gillette, Claudia Moran-Pichardo

The arts and culture landscape surrounds us every day. It buoys and challenges our thinking. It illuminates our most sacred moments and our largest gatherings. It was built and is maintained in the Denver metro area in no small part by the passion and purpose of women.

They are the tradition keepers, the ecosystem warriors, the nurturers of our heritage and the visionaries of our path ahead. You will hear in their individual stories many common threads. They speak of work with purpose that connects their community. They talk of the core of relationship that bolsters their work and

defines their sense of self. They find meaning in their role as bridge from past to present and from old to young. They understand the role that culture plays as unifier. They have all, in their own ways, evolved into their lives and led their organizations to evolve as well.

Here are just a few of their stories, representing the thousands of women who do this work every day as creators and collaborators.

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We fund culture.

**The SCFD supports organizations that provide wonder to an average of 15,400,000 people annually**



Engage with Us

**Don't miss a chance to enjoy Boulder Arts Week**

Boulder Arts Week will feature digital and in-person arts and culture offerings, including art walks, exhibitions, performances, dance, music, theater, public art,

lectures, readings, and workshops at venues throughout the city.

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## Give back to the non-profit organizations that give to you

Coloradans can give all or part of their state income tax refund directly to one of more than 7,750 eligible nonprofits registered with the state. Through the Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit program, taxpayers can choose to directly support an eligible Colorado-registered charity with a simple designation on their state income tax return. [Learn more at ReFund Colorado.](#)

## SCFD Board of Directors news

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

- The next meeting of the SCFD Board of Directors will be held virtually at 1 p.m. on April 22. [Get more information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2021 board meetings.](#)

## Board Spotlight

To help you learn a little more about the leadership of the district, we'll be featuring a brief spotlight on each of our current members of the SCFD Board of Directors. SCFD board members represent each of the district's seven-member counties and are appointed by the county commissioners in their county. In addition, the governor appoints four members.



### Meet Ray Gonzales, Board Vice-Chair and Adams County representative

Ray Gonzales has over 22 years of experience encompassing nearly every level of government administration. After parting ways with the U.S. Peace Corps, his roles spanned increasing responsibility from the federal U.S. Department of Labor to New Mexico's

Deputy Cabinet Secretary under the leadership of Governor Richardson. Although he found great success fortifying these agencies, his heart was in his hometown. Following his passion, Raymond relocated and continues his family legacy as a third-generation resident of Adams County, Colorado. He currently serves as County Manager for Adams County. [You can read more about Ray.](#)