



Sonya Garcia Ulibarri



Sonya Garcia-Ulibarri is executive director for YouthBiz, a Denver-based youth development agency. With a passion for community-based work and a love of fundraising, Sonya has worked in the nonprofit sector for more than ten years. After receiving degrees in political science and psychology from the University of Colorado at Denver, she spent six years with the Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training (GIFT) – working to strengthen the capacity of grassroots social justice organizations across the country. Sonya is an experienced fundraiser, trainer and consultant. Ms. Garcia Ulibarri currently serves as board member for several Denver-based organizations. She has a life-long commitment to working toward social change.

Monique Lovato

Monique Lovato has been with Xcel Energy and its predecessor, Public Service Co. of Colorado, for much of the past 18 years. As director of corporate philanthropy, she manages corporate giving across an eight-state service area. Between her stints at Xcel Energy and Public Service Co., she was at CBS NEWS4 as manager of community affairs and ran her own business, Civicom. Ms. Lovato earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Prior to coming to Denver, she worked for several public relations firms and as a professional political campaign consultant in various U.S. cities. Monique serves on the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Adams County Workforce Investment boards, and the Mile High United Way Women's Leadership Council; and was board member for Mile High Montessori for six years. She is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Denver and a 2002 graduate of the Circle of Latina Leadership.

Elaine Mariner



Elaine Mariner is executive director of the Colorado Council on the Arts (CCA), a state agency promoting the cultural, educational and economic growth of Colorado through development of its arts and cultural heritage. She has served on grant review panels for the National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Wallace Foundation. Elaine is a frequent speaker on the role of arts and culture in Colorado's economy. She has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Elaine's other current board and advisory roles include National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Colorado Tourism Office, Denver Center for the Performing Arts and Arts For Colorado.

Richard E. Martinez Jr.



Richard Martinez has held several roles within Young Americans Center for Financial Education since he joined the organization in 1999. Young Americans is home to Young Americans Bank, the world's only bank designed for young people. He became president and CEO in November 2007, having oversight of the bank and of the organization's nonprofit programs. He began his banking career in Colorado in 1990 as an intern at the Norwest Bank of Fort Collins (now Wells Fargo) while pursuing a finance degree from Colorado State University. Upon graduation in 1992, Mr. Martinez accepted a position at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Denver Branch as a bank examiner. He earned the commissioned examiner distinction in 1998. Rich holds a Masters degree in Business Administration from Regis University. Governor Bill Ritter appointed him to serve on the board of CollegenInvest, Colorado's 529 College Savings provider. Rich is on the University of Denver – Bridge Project scholarship committee.

Lydia McCoy

Lydia McCoy serves as executive director for the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition, which promotes improved access, delivery, and demand for children's vaccinations to keep Colorado healthy. Her previous experience includes capital campaign coordinator for The Gathering Place, board development for KID smart, program development for WWOZ public radio station in New Orleans, volunteer management at CASA Advocates for Children, and case management at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado. Ms. McCoy has a B.A. in Political Science from Tulane University and a Master of Nonprofit Management (MNM) from Regis University. She has served on the Strategic Planning Committee for Regis University's MNM program and the Governance Task Force for the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative. A Fellow with Social Venture Partners Denver, and president of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network (YNPN Denver), Lydia has served on the Colorado Nonprofit Association's Leadership Advisory Committee since 2009.

Frances W. Owens



Frances W. Owens became First Lady of Colorado on January 12, 1999. A native of Colorado, she spent much of her childhood in Texas, but returned to Colorado to receive a degree in Art History from the University of Colorado at Denver. As first lady, Frances volunteered her time to many charitable organizations, some of which include Anchor Center for the Blind, The Children's Hospital, Colorado Historical Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Volunteers of America. She chaired the Colorado Commemorative Quarter Advisory Commission for Colorado's quarter which was released in 2006. Ms. Owens oversaw the privately funded project of renovating and restoring the Governor's Executive Residence, originally constructed in 1908; as well as extensive renovations of the Carriage House and lower gardens. Frances began her career campaigning and working for former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong in the late 1970s as well as working for the Colorado Council on Economic Education. Currently, she is executive vice president for Galloway Group, which focuses on forging mutually beneficial partnerships between for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

Brad Young

Brad Young is currently a registered lobbyist and director of governmental affairs for Rx Plus Pharmacies, a group of independent pharmacists in eight states. Prior to his joining Rx Plus, Brad was a contract lobbyist during the 2005 legislative session. Mr. Young's legislative career, earning him numerous legislative awards, started in 1991 when he was elected as State Representative for southeastern Colorado. Throughout his career, he has served on and chaired many state committees. Brad has also spoken to legislators and other interested parties in various states about the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). He graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science and a Masters Degree in Agricultural Engineering. Brad has held various professional roles, including an independent contractor for well testing, and a field, design and irrigation engineer. He was also an independent software developer, and a math and science instructor.